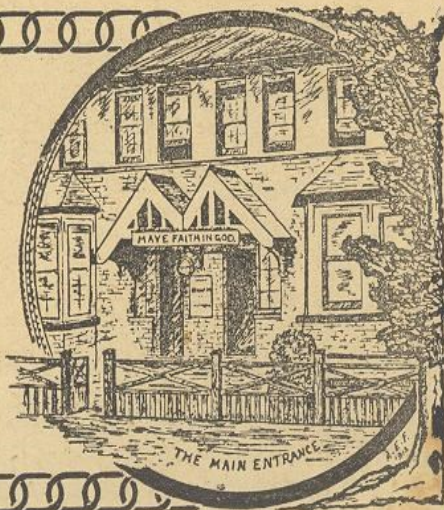


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2. To be the means in God's hands of bringing these children to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.
3. Of proving that God is able to answer prayer by appealing to Him alone for funds.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

We are glad to hear that THE LINKS have been a blessing to many of our friends and that the details given showing how God has been graciously pleased to answer our prayers day by day for the support of this His work have been the means of helping many to trust Him more faithfully and fully. Our earnest prayer is that this may increasingly continue and through the simple telling out of the great things that God hath done for us many may be led to believe what dear Mr. George Muller said, that "God is still the Living God and now, as well as thousands of years ago, He listens to the prayers of His children and helps those who trust in Him."

Our home is now full with 60 children and we would ask our readers to specially pray that God may clear the way for the work to be enlarged as, with our present accommodation, we are unable to cope with the applications we receive. There are also many improvements we are desirous of making before we take a forward step.

Our income for May, June and July (being the first quarter in our thirteenth year) was £269 3s. 5½d., and the amount received during August, September and October (the quarter just closed) was £95 6s. 1d. We seek your prayers respecting this.

Our hearts are full of thankfulness and praise to Him for enabling us to continue with the work and we look forward in confidence as we hear Him say, "I will not fail thee." We are also desirous of thanking those who have shown their practical sympathy in this work and daily pray that God may abundantly bless them.

The Workers and Children join in wishing all our friends a very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Happy New Year. "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."—Isaiah 41. 13.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.—Psalms 41. 1.



*Extracts from some of the numerous applications received:—*

(1). "Could you take some poor little children or one of them that I met out at the hop huts. They have no mother and their father has scarcely enough blankets to cover them. When hopping is over he will have no home to take them to and I fear it will mean either dragging them from place to place or stopping in a common lodging house."

(2). "I should like to ask you for particulars for getting my child into your home. I am left a widow and would like to go out and get my own living, my husband having died three months before my child was born which is now ten months old."

(3). "We have two senior scholars (sisters) who within the past year have suffered the bereavement of their father. There are at home exclusive of these two, three younger children age respectively 3, 6 and 9 years, the only means of support is these two sisters which are really quite inadequate and the struggle to keep the home intact is a very great one indeed."

*Extracts from a few of the numerous letters received from our old children:—*

"I am now writing to ask if I can have one of the 'Home' boxes and one of the last reports. I might as well let you know my prayers are for you every day, that the needs may be supplied and also for the children's health. I am trying my best by my own simple prayers and by God's help to live for Him. I want you to pray for me and I will promise to pray for you."

"I don't expect I shall see you till Boxing Day now, I must come Christmas time to the dear old home. I should be very miserable if I were not with all a little time then. I trust and pray you will have a good supply of things sent in, 'Ask and ye shall receive,' 'Trust in the Lord, with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding.' 'In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path.' Please remember me to all."

"I know you will be pleased to have a few lines from me. I am coming home to see you on Saturday. It is my brother's birthday then so I am going to ask if I can be

allowed to arrange a tea for him. I will bring the cakes, etc. I know you are always so pleased to do anything for the old children"

"I now take the opportunity of writing to you and must apologise for not writing before. I hope you are progressing favourably and all the workers are quite well. I am getting on very well indeed and have taken up signalling as my occupation. I have been chosen as a Petty Officer boy and now wear a stripe and a crown. In about three weeks' time I expect to get another badge, the crossed flags, (a signal badge) as I have passed the one hard signal examination and if I pass the second I shall get the badge. I am forwarding you my photo. It will not be long now before Christmas comes round and I shall then expect to see you all. Please ask the girls and boys to let me hear from them. I shall look forward to a letter from you soon. With best respects to all the workers and children."

"I do not forget you all in my prayers and I trust you are well. I often have to pray for strength to overcome my temper, but Jesus is always ready to help me. I do so miss you dear mother. If only I could talk with you as we did at home. Letters do not seem the same, but I love you the same and more now you are not with me, but hope on we'll meet again if not on earth in Heaven. With much love. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God. Rom. 8. 28." (From one in service in Finland.)

## DIARY.

### AUGUST.

1st. Two bags of cabbages and lettuces, 2 jars of jam, large parcel of library books. From Glos. 2s, £2 10s, 12s.

2nd. 2 jars of jam, 1 lb sweets, I.O.W. £1 19s, London £1 2s

3rd. From London £3, 10s, 7s 6d, 1s, from Alresford 3s 6d, from Woodford 3s, 4s 8d

4th. A bundle of rhubarb.

5th. 1 loaf, from Muswell Hill 4 shirts, 4 petticoats. Two friends came in to-day and took the children out for a walk which was greatly appreciated.

6th. From Camden Town 10s, London 2s 6d, Leyton 12s, I.O.W. £1 and £1, Woodford 5s



- 9th. 5s with "Please accept this for the good of the orphans from a praying friend." From London £1 10s, Shenfield 5s
- 12th. 12 lbs plums, apples
- 13th. London 2s 6d, parcel of clothes
- 14th. From Wandsworth £1
- 15th. I.O.W. 19s 6d, Folkestone £3 6s.
- 16th. London 15s, Wolverhampton 5s with "Enclosed is towards the keep of God's little ones, and may God bless you," Camden Town 7s 6d
- 17th. Chelsea 4s, a friend 2s 6d, Ilford 14s, East Ham 15s, from Leytonstone £5, with "I have been requested to forward to you as a thank offering the enclosed five pound Bank of England note. Kindly forward to me an official receipt also copy of your last report." This came as a great encouragement to us as money has been coming in very slowly during the earlier part of the month and we have sometimes gone three and four days without receiving a penny. From Woodford 9s 4d
- 19th. Lambeth 8s
- 20th. London 2s 6d
- 21st. Alresford 10s, I.O.W. £2 14s
- 22nd. 5s and 1s specially sent in payment for "Home Links."
- 24th. Woodford 6s 8d, 2 baskets of apple
- 26th. I took a party of our children to see General Booth lying-in-state at the Congress Hall, Clapton. This made an impression upon them which they will not easily forget
- 27th. London 2s 6d, quantity of apples and plums
- 28th. Camden Town 7s 6d, Clapton box holder 6s, some beef dripping (very acceptable)
- 31st. From Woodford 6s 8d, Stoke Newington 1s with "Monday if you please" presumably sent by a member of a women's meeting which I have the pleasure of speaking at the first Monday in every month. Parcel of clothes and a quantity of pears and apples from two different friends.
- SEPTEMBER.
- 2nd. Basket of apples, from Woodford 5s 6d, London 2s 6d
- 3rd. Large haddock, from London £1, Woodford 3s 4d. This was the contents of a box and was sent by the holder by one of our children on their way home from school and came just in time to supply our immediate need.
- 4th. Two baskets of apples and pears
- 5th. Some dripping, 1 pot of black currant jam
- 6th. 1 large haddock, 1 pair of new boots, from Leyton 12s
- 7th. 10 lbs damsons, 8 William pears, from Poplar 15s, East Ham 12s, Limehouse 7s 6d, Woodford 5s, 3s
- 8th. London 4s
- 9th. Two baskets of pears and apples, 8 William pears, 1 pint of milk
- 10th. London 3s, Walton 6s
- 11th. Camden Town 10s, Launceston 7d, Muswell Hill 10s
- 12th. Basket of apples and pears
- 13th. Two pails of apples
- 14th. Woodford 3s 6d, Wandsworth £1, 3 large jars of crab apple jelly
- 16th. Limehouse 7s 6d, London 3s, Anon. 3s 6d, Ilford 14s, Woodford 10s
- 17th. Lambeth 8s, Hampstead 12s, from a Harvest Festival 33 lbs bread, 2 cabbages, 10 lbs apples, 8 lbs pears, 3 lbs carrots. Parcel of second hand clothes, 1 large new rug, bag of pears, parcel of secondhand clothes.
- 18th. From Jubilee Hospital 28 lb onions, 7 cabbages, I.O.W. £2 14s, London £1, specially sent for my own private use.
- 19th. Shenfield 5s
- 20th. Puckeridge 6 pinafores, 4 shirts, 2 vests, pieces of cloth
- 22nd. London 6s
- 23rd. Limehouse 5s, City 3s, Woodford 13s 4d
- 24th. 7s, being proceeds of collection specially taken at a neighbouring P.S.A. for us. Alrestord 10s
- 24th. Anon. baby's chair. From a Harvest Festival 2 pumpkins, 2 melons, 14 tomatoes, 4 pomegranates, 2 lbs grapes, 41 bananas, 2 sacks of potatoes, 7 marrows, 28 lbs flour, 12 lbs rice, 2 lbs flaked rice, 3 lbs peas, 1 pot plum jam, 13 cabbages, 1 cauliflower, 14 beetroots, 5 lbs sugar, 8 lbs onions, 1 lb beans, 5 lbs parsnips, 5 lbs scarlet runners, 30 lbs apples. Our readers can imagine how greatly we appreciate such gifts as these and we heartily thank the churches for thinking of us at Harvest Time. 12 empty tins.
- 25th. Camden Town 10s, Walthamstow £2 12s
- 26th. 3 sacks of fruit, Chelsea 6s, £1 handed to me by a friend I met in London, Deal 10s with "My dear brother, I must say considering the big dinners of your family your box is rather small and we have had to break it open as it was too full to put any more money in. It totalled 8s 7d and am adding to make the amount even. We are thankful to see the evidence of the Lord's work through you in E—— (one of our orphans who was staying at Deal) a brand plucked from the burning. Another proof



of His wondrous Grace in saving another sinner and placing them among princes to inherit the Throne of Glory. His heart will not be satisfied with anything short of this, John 17. 'The Glory Thou has given me I have given them.' This God is our God and He will be our Guide unto Life Eternal. We want to hear how you are getting on proving the Lord's faithfulness continually—We often think and pray for you—commending you to God and the Work of His Grace to comfort and strengthen you in your pathway."

27th. Large basket of apples

28th. Woodford £2, 5s, 6s 8d Plaistow, 15s

30th. Limehouse 5s, London 5s, from a Harvest Festival 21 lbs apples, 6 lbs bread, 13 lbs potatoes, 12 bananas, 2 bundles turnips, 18 parsnips, 2 carrots, 2 cucumbers, 1 head celery, 6 melons, 18 beetroots, 16 onions, 8 cabbages, 5 lbs beans, 3 lbs tomatoes, 5 cauliflowers, 8 marrows

### OCTOBER.

1st. Tunbridge Wells £2 10s, Walton 6s, A Harvest Festival 4 marrows, 2 cucumbers, 13 cauliflowers, 30 lbs beans, 30 cabbages, 10 quarterns bread, 8 quarterns flour, 20 beetroots, sack of fruit, 2 lbs tomatoes, 20 turnips, 75 carrots, 7 parsnips, 2 melons, 38 lbs potatoes, 1 lb blackberries, 1 pot jam, 2 parcels second hand clothes, 5 umbrellas, some hats, two bags fruit

3rd. Sack of potatoes, hamper of apples. From Anstey £1 7s 10d, Richmond 10s

5th. Parcel of second hand clothes, Wanstead £2, East Ham 12s, Limehouse £1, Woodford 3s, 6s 8d

7th. I.O.W. £2 and £2 14s, London 2s 6d and contents of a box handed to me at the close of a meeting in Stoke Newington 6s 6d

8th. From a Christian Herald reader 4s 6d, Leyton 12s, 1 large loaf, 2 cabbages, 1 marrow.

9th. Parcel second hand clothes, parcel of second hand toys Camden Town 10s

11th. Alresford 10s

12th. Ilford 14s, Woodford 6s 8d, 1 cauliflower, 10 cabbages, carrots, turnips, parsnips, marrows and potatoes sent from a

country village where I have some months previously taken a mission.

14th. Wandsworth £1, London 2s 6d and 2s 6d, Woodford 2s 6d, Walton 12s

15th. Hampstead 15s, Lambeth 8s, Littlebury £1 with "I have much pleasure in sending postal order for the collection taken at our Harvest Thanksgiving service last evening, praying that God may abundantly bless your work for him." From a Harvest Festival 7 large loaves, 4 marrows, 2 lb tea, 1 lb tomatoes, 9 cabbages, 6 beetroots, quantity of carrots, turnips, onions, potatoes, apples, pears, 1 melon, 6 bananas. From another Harvest Service, 20 lbs onions, some carrots, turnips, parsnips and beetroots, 20 cabbages, 2 cauliflowers, 8 lbs jam, half pound tea, 1 artichoke, 3 small loaves, one and half quarterns bread, 1 bun.

16th. Parcel of second hand clothes

17th. Another Harvest, 2 potatoes, 13 cabbages, 1 large loaf with some carrots, turnips and onions. Tooting, parcel of second hand clothes.

19th. Woodford 6s 8d, 2s 6d, Chelsea 8s, Plaistow 10s

21st. Brentwood £1 16s, Shenfield 5s

22nd. We had to-day a visit from a party of friends living in Leytonstone who brought with them 18 pillow cases, 2 nightdresses, 11 petticoats, with some children's books and hairbrushes. These friends came in the afternoon and kindly provided a good tea for the workers and children after which giving us a very pleasant evening with short addresses, recitations etc. This time was a most enjoyable one and greatly appreciated by all concerned. The leader also left 15s 3d in cash and 5s which she had obtained as an annual subscription from a friend.

24th. From Wolverhampton 7s

26th. Camden Town 10s, I.O.W. £1 19s, Woodford 6s 8d.

28th. Walton 9s, Kilburn £1, Tunbridge Wells one pair sheets, one nightdress, one apron, one cot blanket, 4 scarfs, 2 bonnets, one hat.

30th. Leytonstone £1 10s, 3 lbs blackberry jam, 1 pair second hand boots.

31st. Bowes Park £1 1s, Plaistow 10s, Limehouse 10s, Woodford 2s 6d, Tunbridge Wells 12 yards cloth, 12 pairs stays, Woodford piece of mutton,



## The Conversion of Children.

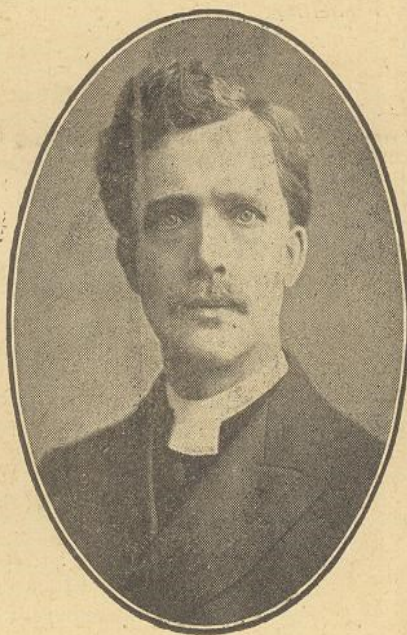
Notes of a Sermon preached at South Woodford Union Church on November 10th, 1912, by the REV. W. PERCY HICKS, Acting-Editor of the *Christian Herald*, the occasion being the Sunday School Anniversary.

Text:—"Is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well."—II Kings iv, 26.

These words occur in one of the most beautiful stories of the Old Testament. It is a story of the village of Shunem, a village beautiful for situation, surrounded on every side by hanging fruit and waving corn. Not far away stood Carmel, where Elisha, the prophet of the period, often retired for prayer. The story concerns a homely family—a farmer, his wife and little boy. The prophet often visited them, and was an honoured guest in the home. One day, at harvest time, the little boy was in the fields watching operations, when he was stricken with the heat, and fell, crying, "My head, my head!" He was carried home, and the mother, an exceedingly practical woman, immediately sets out for Carmel to find Elisha. The prophet and his servant Gehazi, were at that time on Carmel, and Elisha, seeing the woman riding towards them, instructs his servant to go and meet her, with the words of our text, "Is it well with thee? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with the child?" The answer appears to us both unexpected and surprising. She herself had come with her heart well-nigh breaking over the loss of her child. Her husband is old in years and probably getting feeble, and the child is dead, yet in answer to the three-fold question, she replies, "It is well!" Perhaps she believed even then that the prophet would restore her child. More probably she believed the child to be safe in the keeping of God, as she had consecrated him from his birth. Thus when Gehazi asked, "Is it well?" she could say, "Yes, it is well."

Naturally the question suggests itself to us with reference to our own children, "Is it possible to know that it is well?" Perhaps we have in mind a young innocent child of tender age, like the one in the story. But no child is safe on the mere ground of innocence, for we are all "born in sin and shapen in iniquity." Neither can there be any assurance because the babe has been "christened." But they can be saved on the ground of redemption, and when Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me," He also said, "For of such is the kingdom of heaven." Upon that ground all children

of tender years, should they be taken from us, surely are translated into the presence of God, whether "christened" or not "christened." But as children grow in years and reach the age of discretion, understanding the difference between right and wrong, one act of sin creates a new moral obligation, and from that point there comes the deliberate personal choice. And the earlier children can be led to a willing acceptance of Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour, and to understand the joyful experience of conscious for-



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givenness, the happier it is for them, and more glorious for the name of Christ.

The subject before us, therefore, is the conversion of children, and there are three words which naturally suggest three divisions for our consideration. First, the *possibility*; secondly, the *responsibility*; thirdly, the *urgency* of child-conversion.

It is good for us to consider sometimes the possibility of child-conversion. One of the most terrible mistakes has surely been made when the Church has doubted this fact. When children have given evidence of an



earnest desire to live the Christian life, there has been real tragedy in not accepting their sincerity. It is surely right to take for granted the real sincerity of a little child, otherwise they may be fatally hurt and discouraged. Personally I believe that many quite young children can be safely received into Church membership. It is surely not far from the truth to say that children are largely what we think they are. If they see that we take for granted their sincerity and earnestness they will instinctively seek to live according to our expectations. But if once they get the idea that their earnestness is doubted, there follows something amounting to a disaster, if not indeed a crime, against that young life. Many instances can be mentioned of some of the men whose names have lived in Church history, who were converted in their early days. Isaac Watts, the sacred singer, became a Christian at nine years of age; Jonathan Edwards, the greatest American preacher of his time, became a Christian at seven; Robert Hall, who shook Christendom with his sacred eloquence, became a Christian at twelve; and if we were to ask in any large religious gathering that all who had learned to love Christ before they were fifteen years of age, would lift up their right hand, it would be an eye-opener to many who have their doubts about juvenile conversion. A few months ago, the Rev. John McNeill, the famous Scotch evangelist publicly received his own child into Church membership at the age of twelve. To sanctified common sense, the matter is surely as plain as day-light. It is much easier to win a child than an adult. There are no old prejudices to overcome. It is easier for the youthful mind to exercise a simple faith in Christ. Spurgeon on one occasion remarked, "If you want to know what faith is, do not go to those be-muddled with the heretical jargon of the times, but go to a little child." And the inference is perfectly true, for just as a child exercises simple trust and confidence in his parents, so he can be led to trust in God. If the Christian Church were more ready to realize the possibilities underlying this great truth, I am confident that there would be less lapses at the age when young people begin to consider themselves too old for Sunday School. Dr. Duff, the great Scottish Divine, went to India and laboured for the conversion of the heathen, but with all his eloquence he confessed that his labours had been a comparative failure until he turned his attention to the children. Moreover, is it not true that those converted in

childhood make the best Christians? I sometimes wonder whether there has not been too much made of dramatic conversions of transformed drunkards and thieves and gamblers. Those are all glorious facts that should be asked for and expected, but surely prevention is better than cure, and the great work of the Church is to train young Christians. It is fine to have a Paul, but you must not forget the Timothys.

Let us also bear in mind that childhood is the standard of the kingdom. "Except ye become as little children" the Master said, and the further you are from the child-spirit, the further you have to come back to be as little children. This fact itself suggests the glorious possibilities of child conversion. There are many before us in this present congregation, quite young children, who give happy testimonies of their change of heart, and our business is to encourage them, to shield them, to pray for them. Innumerable cases have been mentioned where children, having first heard and received the truth of the Gospel, have been the means of blessing to their friends. Dr. Torrey tells the story of a drunken gambler, who resisted the approaches of Christian workers with rude insults, but they managed to get his child of ten years of age into the Sunday School. There she gave her heart to Jesus, and immediately began to work and to pray for her father's salvation. In course of time a cottage meeting was arranged to be held in his house. When the man came in in the evening, he took down his coat to go to his usual resort, the public house, but little Annie confronted him and said, "Won't you stay to the meeting, dad-da?" He answered her abruptly, "No!" Then she laid hold of his hand and said, "Won't you stay for my sake, dad-da?" The man hung up his coat without a word, and sat down. While the meeting proceeded the man looked surly and hung his head, as if he wished he were out of it. Presently they began praying, until there was a short silence. Then they heard a childish voice which thrilled them all, praying, "Lord, save my dad-da!" That simple little prayer broke the man's heart, and he there and then surrendered himself to the claims of Christ, and afterwards became a deacon in Dr. Torrey's Church. At a testimony meeting the following New Year, little Annie rose and said, "Dad-da used to drink, and mamma used to drink, and grandpa and grandma used to drink. Dad-da is a Christian now, and mamma is a Christian now, and Grandpa and Grandma are Christians now and



uncle Joe and auntie, they are Christians now. I guess we are all Christians down at our house." But it was little Annie who led the way!

Being satisfied with the possibility of child conversion, we naturally come to consider the question as to the responsibility in the matter. And in proportioning the share of responsibility, we think first, of course, of the parents. Their supreme responsibility, that which is their primary duty, is not to feed and clothe, not to give a good start in life, not to procure a position, for their children—although all of them matters of importance—but the essential thing is to secure their personal salvation. In my own humble judgment Christian parents have reason for shame if others are allowed the privilege of leading their children to Christ. No self-respecting man would leave the feeding and clothing of his children to any who came along, and surely their spiritual and moral equipment is of transcendently greater importance. Encourage them to attend the Sunday School and Church by all means, interest them in reading and studying the Scriptures, certainly, but parental responsibility is not thereby exhausted. We must pray for them and pray with them; we must show them we are sincerely anxious; and what is equally important, if not more so, our precepts and prayers and anxiety must have the backing up of a consistent life. Children are great copyists. I know the dear young people before me will understand me when I say that monkeys are not the only mimics. Mr. Moody told of a business man, starting for his office one snowy morning. Turning round, he saw his two-year old boy endeavouring to put his tiny feet into his father's footprints, and he called out, "Go on, papa, I's coming! I's coming right in your tracks!" He caught the little chap up in his arms, took him to his mother, and went on his way. His habit had been to stop at a public house for a drink, but that morning, as he reached the threshold he seemed to hear again the piping voice of his baby boy, "Go on papa! I's coming right in your tracks!" He turned away with a sob, and it marked a crisis in his life. You remember how David was well-nigh broken-hearted at the death of his wayward son, and cried, "O Absalom, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee!" It would perhaps have been better if he had lived for him.

But there is also a solemn responsibility rest-

ing upon Sunday School teachers. A large section of the children in most Sunday Schools have no Christian homes. What a privilege, and what a responsibility rests with the teachers of such children. There is no class of Christian workers for whom I have such admiration as Sunday School teachers. God bless them for their patient plodding and self-sacrificing labour of love. They will, I feel certain, agree that their chief business is not to interest, not even to instruct, only so far as that is a means to an end. The matter of primary importance is to lead them to a definite acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. When we remember the large numbers that afterwards lapse, as they grow older, from both the Sunday School and the Church, it is reasonable for us to face the problem, that many of the children must be won for Christ now, or may be lost for ever. Friends, it is a glorious thing to be a Sunday School teacher, but it is a solemn thing also. The children in our class may be standing at the cross-roads, and their whole destiny may, humanly speaking, be in our own hands.

We thus arrive at the climax of our subject, namely, the urgency of the conversion of children. May it not be said that many if not saved in childhood will never be saved at all? Boyhood and girlhood is the impressionable period of life. The young people are beginning to look earnestly into the future. Their thoughts, their outlook, their plans, are in process of formation. Every holy impulse, every high ideal, that can be brought into touch with their mind at this stage, will surely tell in the harvest of life. But is it not patent that the number lapsing would diminish just in proportion as there was an increase in the number of scholars brought into personal relationship with the living Saviour? How much the teachers need the help of God, and the sympathetic prayers of the Christian Church.

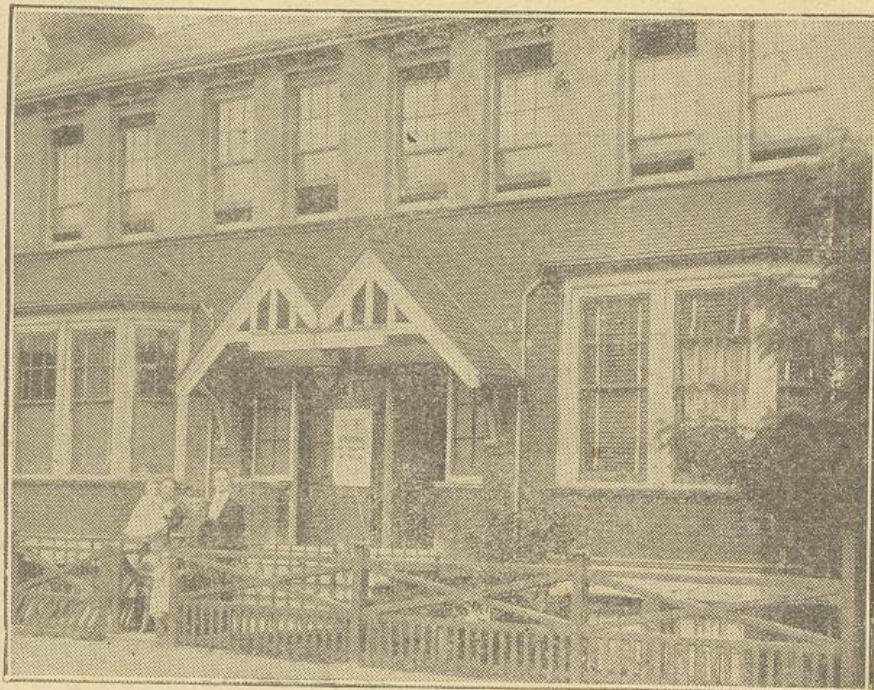
Let it never be lost sight of, further, that the majority of the human race die young. We see a grey-haired man, and we say, "He, poor man, has nearly run his course." We look at a little child, and we think there is a long life before that boy or girl. And yet we have but to visit a cemetery to be conscious of the large number of tiny graves. For one that dies between twenty and forty, there are many that die before the age of twenty. And I would that every one of us, whether parents or teachers, could but realize the solemn responsibility of the fact, that we are



moulding and training a human soul, that will be a wail of discord or a Hallelujah Chorus in the countless ages of eternity,

Thank God for the fact of child conversion, for the thousands of men and women working for Christ to-day who were won for Him in the Sunday School, and through the influence of a Christian home. As we have listened this morning to the joyous harmony of the children's voices singing their Anniversary hymns, can we not believe that that joy has been shared by the Master Himself? How He loves the little ones! How He delighted to take them in His arms and bless them! Listen to His words, "Forbid them not..... for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Any earthly home is made the happier, the jollier, by the presence of little children, but what

shall it be to be there! The children of Jerusalem sang Hosanna to Jesus, but think of the millions up yonder, with their palms of victory and their harps of music, singing in the land where nothing ever grows old. Some of these little ones before us have already begun to think that Christmas is coming. The chief joy of Christmas is to have the children around us. Some of us will never forget the Christmases of long ago when we were children, when families were re-united, and every hour was filled with joy. But what a re-union, what a welcome, what a gladness, when we all meet at home over yonder. "Is it well well with thee? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with the child?" God help us to answer, "It is well."





## NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF EVERY RECEIPT GIVEN.

No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.
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Wait on the Lord : Be of good courage and He shall strengthen thine heart.—*Ps. 27. 14.*

Praise God for—

The remarkable health of the children.  
The starting of another working party.  
The kindness of the neighbouring Churches  
in sending in the proceeds of their Har-  
vest Festivals.  
Three more boys placed out at work and  
two girls in service.

Pray for—

God to glorify Himself through the workers  
here.  
Definite results of conversion amongst the  
children here.  
The supply of ALL our needs during these  
cold winter months and this Christmas-  
tide.  
Three boys who are now ready, that suit-  
able situations may be found for them.  
The restoration of our Miss Lawrence  
that her nerves may be strengthened.

Be it ours then, while we're here,  
Him to follow without fear !  
Where he calls us, there to go,  
What He bids us, that to do.

The Monthly Prayer and Praise Meeting is held in the Home at 3 p.m. every first  
Thursday in the month. You are welcome.