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Our 18th Annual Gathering was held on Friday, the 31st May, at 7.15 in the Woodford Baptist Church kindly lent for the occasion. The Church was well filled including the gallery with friends who had come to wish us "many happy returns" and it certainly was a great encouragement and joy to meet so many from "near and far."

Messages were also received from quite a number who could not attend including Mr. Geo. Goodman, Mr. V. G. Levett, Rev. Barnardo Green, Mr. & Mrs. Aylott, etc., etc.

Our Hon. Medical Officer, Dr. Flegg,

wrote, " Dear Mr. White,-

"Thank you very much for your kind letter and for reminding me of the Annual Meeting. I wish I could be with you all on that occasion, but am sorry to say that my duties prevent me from doing so. I heartily wish you a happy and successful meetingwith every blessing."

" I often wonder how you manage to feed so many little mouths, especially now that food is so dear, but then I realize how you make everything a matter of prayer, and look to the right source for all your needs and then patiently and with confidence wait for the answer.

"With kind regards and best wishes to all, Very Sincerely Yours,

F. A. MARTIN FLEGG, Capt., R.A.M.C." Our children sang several pieces (conducted by Mr. W. G. Fisher) including two solos by a girl and boy, and during the evening special prayers were offered for "Our Country and Home" Mr. W. H. Turner, of Lewisham, Mr. Geo. Conyer, Mr. Jas. Stokes, and the Rev. John Haydon

taking part.

Most helpful and inspiring addresses were delivered by Charles Linder Esq. J.P. (who again kindly occupied the chair) the Rev. Dr. Ewing, Mrs. Florence Barclay, and Miss Hutchin and our only regret is, on account of paper and other difficulties, that we are quite unable to include these in our Links. Those who were present were without doubt greatly helped and we feel that our gracious God will richly bless those who rendered us such service.

Mr. Herbert White read the following

In presenting our 18th Annual Report our hearts are full of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for thus permitting us to "Carry on" during this another year, although it is the fourth time that we have met in this way since the great war broke out. Everything outside and around seems to be filled with difficulty and darkness and yet we must and do remember that "God is and is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." May we as a nation, as well as individuals, take the advice of Admiral Beatty when he said, that victory would be ours when England gets on her knees. We have come together at this 18th Birthday gathering—this 18th milestone in the history of our work, with 18 years of experience behind us, knowing full well the wonderful path through which we have been led, face to face with many a difficulty, but proving, the greater the difficulty, the greater the deliverance when it comes, and more sure than ever that we have been called to do this work for Him whom our hearts love. We feel we can join here to-night with the psalmist of old when he said, "Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed. Oh thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come." The cause of the children is one, we are sure, which is very dear to our Saviour, and especially those who need our sympathy and help, and as His Ambassadors we want to serve Him by thinking of those less fortunate than ourselves.

Some while ago I had the privilege of helping a mission in one of the hop fields in Kent. One morning, whilst we were having breakfast in our tent, a poor little ragged boy peeped in at the entrance, and when asked what he wanted, said, "Nut'n Sir." On being further asked whether he would like a piece of plum pie, said, "Not half Sir." This was duly handed to him on a plate, with sugar, and the boy was told to go under a tree ' for shade' and eat same, but as he went, he kept on looking first at the pie, and then at us. Presently he returned, "What's the matter, Tommie, don't you like it?" "Yus Sir, but can I give my baby sister a bit?" He was told to eat that and we would give him more for his baby sister.

This work stands for that,

We have assisted, including the children at present with us, 242 cases, most of the children remaining a good many years. Our boys leave us as soon as possible after 14 years, and the girls are started out at 16 years of age; the following are a sample of the cases we have received during the year.

A man writes: -

"I have been left with four children, my wife being run over by a motor bus and killed, and I would like you to have the care of two of them. Boy aged 8, and girl 12. My other boy is in a reformatory and girl away at work. I have tried to get someone to look after them, but cannot do so. I am away all day at work, and of course cannot look after them or get them food."

A mother writes: -

"I do hope you will be able to receive my boys. It is a great worry to have to go out and leave them alone. My health prevents me earning enough to have them cared for while at work, and, as they get older, to provide for them properly. I do hope you will be able to have my boys soon." (This mother has fits.)

Another case: -

A man left with three girls. Is away all day. Relative who had done what she could for them since mother died, finds she cannot help them any longer, as she has five children of her own.

Another case: -

A man left with three children, no one to look after them. We took the two girls. The vicar of the parish wrote later saying:—
"The man was highly delighted with his girls when he called on Saturday, and the manner in which they are cared for. He regretted not being able to see you, but was told that there may shortly be a chance of your receiving his little boy also, which I hope will be the case, as it is a great struggle to get some one who will properly care for him and continue to do so. The two girls appear to him quite happy. I wish I could pay you a visit some day."

A friend writes: -

"We have three motherless children living near here and the father would join up if a home could be found for them. I should be so glad if you could see your way to take charge of them. We are allowing them some relief from the parish to keep them going, as they are destitute." We were able to take two at the time, the younger one going into the Union, but during the past few months have admitted the third, so that they are now united.

Another case: -

A mother left with 4 little ones and in delicate state of health herself. Two have been with us for two years and we admitted the third twelve months ago.

The following case we helped temporarily "A family who used to live in Woodford, but was now in — Herts, I was told whilst preaching near by were in great need. I called and found the Father waiting to go into Hospital, having lost the use of his legs, etc. Mother waiting to enter a Sanitorioum

and the 3rd child already in Hospital. Boy and girl both born in Woodford in fairly good health. After returning I wrote saying we would receive these last two in so as to leave them free to do all they could to be cured."

Father's 1st. letter: -

"Many thanks for your kind letter to hand this morning. Both my wife and myself at present are in bad health and our chief concern is for the two elder children (our youngest is in hospital with spinal trouble). They are girl aged 8 and boy 7. We should like to get them provided for until such a time, if the Lord wills, that we can get our health back again, and we have no relatives of our own who can take them. I am going into hospital to-morrow (Thursday) and I am hoping that they may be able to do something to help me get the use of my limbs again, and my wife has the promise of another turn at a sanatorium as soon as I am settled, so you see it would be a great help to us to get them fixed up at an early date. But we are also in an unfortunate position financially. I have been anticipating a sick benefit of 22s. weekly, but the society into which I have been paying is now...... owing to war conditions and I am reduced to the state insurance only 10s, (and even this my doctor informs me he expects will be witheld whilst I am in the hospital). So you see I am personally unable to make you any offer of payment at present, but I hope we shall be able to keep them in clothes. We are grateful to you for your prayers and good wishes. God's people have been good to us and we are hoping and praying that He will bless the means used, both at the hospital and sanitorium to restore to us such a measure of health and strength as shall enable us to take up the responsibilities of life again. Please accept our heartfelt thanks....."

Father's last letter: — (written just before he died).

"I am writing a few lines now, because I expect to be operated upon soon, and I understand it will then be impossible for me to use my hands for some long time, and I am enclosing a little letter to my dear little ones. My heart goes out in gratitude to you for your great kindness in taking them in and thus easing the great anxiety both my wife and I had been feeling for some time. Although I felt certain that "somehow or other the Lord would provide" as He has always done. I am praying for you, and I

know I need not ask for your help at the Throne of Grace in regard to my own and my wife's sad trials. Wishing you every blessing."

Since Father's death a relative and triend have kindly come forward and consented to care for these children.

Our friends, we feel, will agree that these are cases worth assisting and will praise God with us for this opportunity of caring for these needy ones in His name. It is no unusual experience for us to keep the children nine, ten and even more years, and we are thankful to say, that when they have left us for service and work, we do not lose sight of each other as the following extracts from their letters will show.

An old girl writes :-

" I am not writing because I have any special news to tell you, but just to show you that I think of those who have been so kind to me and are still looking after my brother and sister. I am sure you will be pleased to hear I am getting on nicely... There are times when I feel a bit lonely, and miss those who have been so good to me, but then I turn to Him who is always with us and ready to help, and I feel I have somebody here with me who was with me at the Home. With heaps of love......"

An old boy writes :-

Somewhere in France. "Don't think I have forgotten you all. you are often in my thoughts...... can quite realise what an awful time you have experienced with all those wretched air raids, but I am so glad to hear God has preserved and taken care of you. We have a great deal to thank God for I'm sure. No doubt you have seen the papers and have an idea what we been going through out here, and it is with every sincerity that I thank God for his watch over me. Your prayers for me have been answered I feel sure. " More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of "......Kind regards to all. One of your boys.

From a boy in the Merchant service :-

"Thank you very much for your nice letter I shall never forget the dear home in which I spent many a happy day and especially Christmas time. I am sorry to say I don't think I shall be able to be with you this Christmas, but I shall think of you if I am spared."

An old girl writes: -

"I want to know if you could send me one of your money boxes so that I can put a little in each week. I thank you very much for what you have done for me in the past years, and if it were not for you I should not be such a strong, healthy girl as I am now. I hope to come to Woodford soon. Much love to all."

An old girl writes : -

"Just a line to let you know that I am getting on quite all right. I am doing my best to get on. Thank you very much for what you have done for me."

From a boy in France:-

"Just a line to let you know I am in the pink.......I hope your Annual Meeting proves a great success as it must be terrible for you all at the Home in these hard times. I am always thinking of you all and of the times I spent in the Home. I quite appreciate the training and knowledge I received.....I would like to tell you more, but the censor's eyes alas! are very keen. Yours sincerely.

An old boy writes:-

"I was so delighted to receive your nice letter on Christmas also a parcel which came as a great surprise. please accept my very best thanks for your kind remembrance. Am pleased to say I am quite well and still safe, thanks to your kind remembrance in your prayers. We have been in some very rough corners out here but thanks to God's good care and watch over me I have come out alright.......I was very sorry to hear of poor Bertram's death, but he has gone to be with Jesus I feel sure.......I am expecting to get leave soon and am longing to visit Woodford again."

An old boy writes :-

"I received your letter yesterday and cannot express how sorry I am to hear about poor Bertram; knowing as I do the love and interest you have shown to all the boys I can understand a little your sorrow at such sad news, but you have a little consolation in knowing that by giving up your lives to the work of showing us all how to live in Christ, you know that Bertram has found his rest in Christ. I don't know whether I shall be able to see you again before Christmas or not, but I shall certainly be over then."

From a boy in the Navy:-

" Just a line to let you know I am quite well........ Write soon, as I am longing for a letter."

From a boy in Italy :-

"I am very glad you have got my name on your Roll of Honour. I hope God will bless your good work, as He has done in days gone by.......I would like you to pray for me very hard, as I am afraid I am not the boy I used to be, and still have my nasty temper. God bless you. One of your old boys" With fond love.

From a boy in the Navy : -

"Just a few lines hoping you are well..... I have passed my recent examination and have been rated able seamen. It won't be long now before we shall be home, as our three years' commission will be up in June. I shall come down to see you all, and expect I shall find a few new faces.....An old boy.

A boy in business: -

"Perhaps you will think me very ungrateful for not writing you for such a long period. I hope you will forgive me....... I fervently hope you find enough to supply the boys and girls with, and that you are all in the best of health. I hope to be down to see you soon. Best love."

An old girl writes : -

"I am getting on nicely. I was very lonely the first two or three days....... I shall never forget all the things I have learnt in the Home and never forget you in my prayers. God bless you until we meet."

An old girl writes : -

" At last I can manage to squeeze in time to write you a line, but when one is a mother there is plenty to do....... shall soon be able to pay you all a visit which I am greatly looking forward to. It is just twelve months to-day since I saw you, my wedding day. How I should love to, come to your Annual Meeting. I shall be thinking of you all and wishing I was with you. Is Mrs. Barclay going to be there. Oh, how I always used to enjoy our great day at the dear old Home. I often look backon the good old times I spent there and would not mind having them all over again. We hope to come and spend a weekend with you as soon as possible Yours lovingly."

An old boy writes: -

"I am wondering whether you would come and conduct my wedding service which I am trying to arrange to take place in five weeks time at.....I should be jolly pleased if you would let me know as soon as possible and how and what to arrange, as not having been married before I don't know quite how to go about it......Your loving and grateful son, W." (This I gladly consented to do. The wedding took place last March in the Round Chapel Clapton).

"Yorkshire"

"I know you will be surprised to hear I am in Blighty again, but this time not on leave as the address will show. Please don't be alarmed, but when in the trenches last Friday week a gas shell came remarkably near me and this is the result. How thankful I am to God for bringing me back again for really I thought my time had come. I was blind for 5 days and in such pain and I lost my voice, but things are much brighter now although my eyes are still very weak."

From an Officers' Steward: -

"Just a few lines to let you know that I am still alive and kicking.......Things are pretty hard to get now in the way of food and clothes for the children I suppose. I have often thought of the different things you told me when I was younger, and my only wish is that I could be with you once again. Lots of things you said would happen, especially when you told me my tongue would lead me into trouble one day. Well it has, on more than one occasion, but thanks to God He has preserved me from all danger. I forgot to mention that since I left Woodford I have saved a large amount of money, and of course its all in the P.O. Bank. I think that was No. I lesson, Thrift."

Twenty four of our old boys have joined His Majesty's Forces. One has been killed in action, five wounded. One of these a prisoner in Nurnberg for 16 months, now home again having been exchanged. As you have seen from the previous copy of our "Links" Bertram Mc. Gahey was killed in Egypt on the 17th of last October. He was with us for 12 years and was much loved by all. The following is an extract from a letter received from his chaplin " I well remember many weeks ago a raid on the Turkish trenches in which young Mc. Gabey took an active part. All objectives were attained, but our young friend was mortally wounded He was a dear lad and held in high esteem by Officers and men in the battalion and is sorely missed, for he was dearly loved by the comrades of his platoon. He knew not fear and was quite cool and collected, though in the midst of grave

danger, in his own quiet way he was a tower of strength to his comrades. He has laid down his life for a noble cause and surely not in vain."

We do and are still "waiting to praise God in Zion for the continued good health of our children. Dr. E.M. Goldie who is taking the place of our friend Dr. Flegg, still with the Forces, sends the following report."

28th May, 1918.

"I am pleased to be again able to report that the Home has been singularly free from illness during the past 12 months. There has not been a single case of notifiable disease. There was one serious case, namely, a boy with mastoid abcess. He was promptly removed to the London Hospital, where he was operated upon and made a good recovery. E.M. Goldie M.D. "Temp. Hon. Medical Officer."

Our Hon. Dentist, Mr. A. W. Willis also reports "During the past year it has been a real pleasure to do any hon work (dental) and to give advice for the welfare and the care of the little ones who are in your charge."

Friends will be interested to know that 34 children entered for the Sunday School Union Scripture Examination this year. We took one prize, 7 1st. with honours, 5 1st class certificates, 17 2nd class. Our grateful thanks are due to Mr. Haydon, the minister of this church who coached the children for this examination.

Time and space forbid us adding anything like details respecting the gifts in money and kind received during the past year, but you will be glad to see in the "Links" which we will send you in due course, the way the Lord has daily supplied our needs. We have received in cash a total of £970 6s. 5½ d or £222 8s. 11d more than last year. The extra cost of living etc. has of course swallowed this up and our audited account shows we carried forward to the New Year £2 17s 6¼d Praise is due to-night in the fact that we have been enabled to meet all our liabilities. Our balance is small, but we have the same God and we will once again

"Praise Him for all that is past, And trust Him for all that's to come."

We were face to face with a trying ordeal one day last week and God again graciously answered and delivered, confirming what He had done by touching someone's heart to send us a cheque for £50.

We have been also greatly delighted by hte sterling help of our working parties.—The Seven Kings Sewing Meeting, Anstey, Highbury Vale, Muswell Hill, Lansdowne Sewing Circle, Leyton Bible Reading. Also one at Cann Hall Baptist inaugurated during the past year.

Our Woodford and Walthamstow Boot Clubs are still rendering us good assist-

ance

We should like to thank all our friends who have organised Pound Days, Pleasant Evenings, Sales of Work, those who have helped in the menial tasks of the Home and Garden. Those who have sent money or food, clothes and boots, new and old and the dear friends who remember us daily in their devotions.

EXTRACTS FROM DIARY.

NOVEMBER.

2nd. Westcliff, 5 S. H. nurses' frocks, 1 apron etc.

3rd. East Ham, 8s.

5th. Woodford, Parcel of S. H. clothes

and pair shoes.

7th. Deal, "The Lord has laid upon our hearts to send you a little thankoffering (£1.) for His great love toward us, keeping us in peace and safety. We feel the best antidote for the distracting influences around is to send you the Apostle's prayer, Ephesians iii. 16 to 21. May it be your rich portion to enjoy, and yours with you. This portion is ours, as united to Him who now sits at God's right hand. "London, five guineas. Woodford, 13s. Woodford, 61lbs home made jam, parcel of S. H. clothes.

8th. Puckeridge Working Party, 3 sleeping suits, 2 white nightdresses, 6 pairs knickers, 10 pinafores, 44 handkerchiefs, 1 cap, 2 muffs, 4 boas, 3 petticoats, 3 bodices, bundle of stocking legs for footing, 1 muffler, 1 scarf, 7 odd lengths new calico, 2 pieces pinafore cotton, some odd pieces, pincushion and 3s. 6d. Leytonstone, £20, 12s. being proceeds from a Garden Sale kindly held by a lady on our behalf. Ealing, "This is once more my birthday and this is what I have received from friends for the fund. It is with much joy I send you £2 1s. 6d. O taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the man that trusteth in Him, Behold we count them happy which endure."

9th. Anon, L.B.R. Member 10s.

10th. Anon. 4s. Woodford, bath of pears.

12th. Anstey, £2.

13th. Seven Kings Working Party, 29 flannel vest for boys. Anstey, 1 lb butter, 8 eggs. Worcester, "Will you please accept this mite (£1.) as from the Lord. I wish it was more. May God richly bless you in your work amongst the children. We are living in dark days, but God is still on the Throne and He will provide."

14th. Woodford, basket of pears. Churcham, hamper of apples.

15th. Woodford, 5s.

16th. New Southgate, "Please accept the 10s. from your aged friend, with prayers for your welfare and work."

17th. Woodford, Parcel of S. H. clothes,

18th. Woodford, 2 hats. Walthamstow, 4 nightdresses, 3 chemises, 9 prs. knickers, 4 petticoats, 8 prs. combinations, 8 scarfs, 3 skirts, 2 dresses. Leytonstone, £1.

20th. Hove, £1. 10s. "I have pleasure in sending a little contribution for the young ones. I hope you have been, amidst all these times of trial, kept under the sheltering wings of our Almighty Father and rejoicing in His care and provision. To me it is just wonderful what rest and peace He gives all the way along. "Dursley, "Will you kindly use the enclosed £1 note for your orphans as the Lord may lead? Surely we can still sing:"

"How good is the God we adore, Our faithful, unchangeable friend, His Love is as great as His power, And knows neither measure nor end."

"Praise His name. He still reigns, dear brother. Look up, and may we ever remember that He is before us in all things and leading and guiding, notwithstanding the dark and difficult days we are living in, Matt. xiv. 27. Be of good cheer, It is I, be not afraid, and as the days grow darker and darker around us may we know more and still more of His precious company and fellowship, until He takes us Home to be with Himself for ever, and then shall we experience John xvii. 24. The Lord give you the needed grace and strength day by day is the prayer of "yours, in our Coming Lord." This dear Brother has since departed to be with the Lord.

21st. Worcester, £5.

24th. New Southgate, Parcel of S. H. clothes, 4 shirts, 1 vest. London, 82lbs Brawn, 5 tins pineapple.

26th. Leytonstone, "I saw a table over your way that I wanted, but have since bought practically the same thing at a lower price. This is the first letter I am writing upon it, and enclosed is our small offering (5s.)..... 'Be present at our table Lord' And at yours, dear brother, especially when the dear children gather around it with you at every accustomed hour." Bow, 10s, Westcliff, One guinea (for Home Cot) New Southgate, £3. for H. C. specially for extras needed just now. " Edinburgh, 5s.

29th. Woodford, 3s. (contents of box)

Wanstead, 5s.

DECEMBER.

3rd. Buckhurst Hill, £2.

4th. Wanstead, £2.

8th. Eastbourne, £5.
11th. Seven Kings,"At our work meeting it was decided to send as our Xmas gift to the Home the sum of £3, instead of the usual parcel of stockings. Please accept the same with the united prayers of the ladies that God's blessing will be vouchsafed to you and all the dear children, and that they may have as happy an Xmas, as possible under the circumstances. " Andover, 10s, " I enclose a little crumb in the name of the Lord for His Dickie birds." Whittington, "Will you please accept the enclosed £1. 6s. 1d., from the congregation of W. Chapel, for your work. It is the proceeds of collections taken in Chapel yesterday for your Home." Hackney, "We have opened the box we have for the Home, the contents were 14s. 10d. I have made up the balance 5s. 2d. to make £1, which I enclose. Kindly accept this small amount for your Xmas collection."

12th. Anstey, "I enclose cheque £2.7s. 1d. The offerings taken on Sunday towards your work were £1.6s, 1d. and my husband has sent one guinea. With every good wish for Christmas and the coming Year."

13th. Bournemouth, "Am sending you my Annual Subscription of £5. Christmas will not be a very happy time this year, but it must be made as bright as possible for the children.

14th. Walthamstow, 3s. with "please accept the enclosed. God has been so good in sparing my boy through this dreadful war. I cannot praise Him enough, so am sending this mite as a thankoffering. Knowing your family are needing bread every day, thought it would buy you a few loaves. May many hearts be opened to give to all who are in need. Your Heavenly Father knows your need and He only can supply them."

15th. Woodford, 10s.

17th. Whittington, 1s. Sturry 6s. (contents of box). Woodford, 7lbs jam.

18th. Standon, (Anon) £2. Clacton, £1. Leytonstone, "We have made our usual ' Pound Day ' collection for your Homes and have over 100 lbs weight of goods beside some cash. Wishing you a very Happy Christmas: 6 petticoats,2 games,26½lbs rice, 1 lb sago, 1 lb oatmeal, 3lbs haricots 1 lb tea, 1 lb maize meal, 3 boxes matches, 2lb oatmeal, 7lbs Quaker Oats, 1 lb semolina, 4 grtns flour, 2lbs flaked rice, 33lbs cocoa, 2lbs jam, 3lbs sugar, 1 lb nut butter, 1 lb lentils, 1 box Sunlight soap, 2 bars Primrose soap 2lbs sugar, 1 lb flaked rice, 3 lbs lentils, 12 qrtns flour, 2lbs haricot beans, 1 lb cocoa, 1 lb sago, 1 lb oatmeal, 1 lb butter beans, 13lbs jam. Woodford, 4lbs Quaker Oats.

19th. Stoke Newington, 3s. Plumstead, " I am thinking of your dear little children this severe weather and am sending a little help for them, 2s. 6d. enclosed." Woodford, "At Teachers meeting tonight they unanimously voted a gift of £1.from School funds to your work, particularly that Christmas being near it may do something to brighten the lives of the boys and girls, and in some small measure bring relief to your ever present anxieties on their behalf. I am also to request you to accept our expression of sympathy with you in your work, and our prayers that God will richly bless you in it." London, "I send enclosed with the very best of good wishes for the Home, and only wish as the prices increase, so I could increase my gift; but please accept this £10. with all the loving greeting it comes with, to the children, I have thought so much of all during the raid to-night and pray God on harm came to any near and dear to you and yours Still under the shelter of His wings we are safe: and if only we stay where He has placed us, all must be well-and whatever He wills is best : so I am sure, with perfect courage and calm you and all can go forward, with kindest and best of good wishes to all at the Home. " London, one guinea, Forest Gate, 10s Streatham, 10s. "The Lord will provide. " Woodford, £1. 6s. 6d.

21st. Chelsea, 5s. London, 2 tins brawn, 4 tins fish, 1 tin pineapple, 1 lb tea, 1 tin tomatoes, North Cam, Ripon, "We often think of you and remember you at the Throne of Grace. I enclose 5s. to help a little. I know you will praise the Lord when I tell you the Lord has richly blessed the work since last I saw you. Souls are being saved all the time, lads have come out boldly before their comrades to confess the Lord Jesus as their

Saviour. Praise the Lord, to Him be all the glory. " Westcliff, Parcel of S. H. clothes. Woodford, 1 lb maccaroni. Dublin, 2s. 6d. Stoke Newington, "Our Women's Meeting is smaller than it used to be, so many go out to work. They have collected £2 during the year to which I am adding 7s. 6d. which please accept with every good wish for Xmas." Leytonstone, "The girls of my class and I are always keenly interested in and have a warm admiration for the very fine work you and your belpers are doing for God among the boys and girls in your Home at Woodford. We are sending you a very small gift (£1), praying that God will continue to bless your efforts and grant as a result that many godly men and women shall go from the shelter of your Home, whose influence shall tell in the world, to the conversion of many other souls." Anon. L.B.R. 10s. Buckhurst Hill £1. Westcliff, "This afternoon a friend called to see me and incidently told me that she had found a 10s, note in the street the other day. As she could not find the owner, she felt she would like to give it to some good work. I mentioned your work and she wishes me to forward it to you to use just as is most needed." Forest Gate, 15s. Woodford £1.

22nd. Hackney, £1. Crewe, £1. 10s. Leytonstone, 7s.6d. Wanstead 5s. Walthamstow, Boot Club, £2. Walthamstow, 5s. Wanstead, 10s. Woodford, £5. Leytonstone, 1 dress, 6 nightdresses, 3 prs. stockings, 3 prs. socks. Crewe, 6 shirts, Alexandra Park, parcel of clothes, 2 shirts. Woodford 1 turkey, 10s. worth of cakes. Leytonstone, 2 parcels of toys. Woodford, I sack potatoes. Stratford, 1 bushel appels. Cubitt Town, load of wood. Leytonstone, Parcel of toys, 2 hats. Landsdowne Sewing Circle, 24 knitted vests, 12 colored pinafores, 9 white, 3 petticoats 1 sheet, 12 boys shirts, 6 chemises, 6 prs. knickers, 1 pr. boys knickers, 1 cap, 10s. donation. Walthamstow, 5s, parcel of books and puzzles. Royston, £1. London, 15s. Doncaster, two old girls, 5s. Forest Gate, 5s.

24th. Seven Kings, 60 pennies for the children. Buckhurst Hill, 10s. New Southgate, "Please accept enclosed £5 towards the feeding of your large family. We often wonder how you manage to get all you need, but our needs shall be supplied." Muswell Hill, £1. Woodford, A little girl sent 4s, 5s, contents of box 3s. 6d. London, £5. Buntingford, 2s. 6d. Woodford, Cartload of wood, 32 lbs beef, 4 lbs sausages, 4 lbs suet, 3 lbs sausage meat. A friend from Walthamstow brought 60 pennies for the children, 14 lbs rice, 2lbs tea, 7lbs split peas, 7lbs haricot

beans 7lbs rolled eats, 7lbs tapioca, 1 lb cocoa, 9lbs oatmeal 7 lbs pearl barley, 7 lbs cornflour, 7 lbs lentils, 21 lbs jam.

25th. An old boy, two boxes bon bons, An old girl, 2 lbs margarine, 1 lb tea, 1 quart milk, 5s. worth sweets. An old boy, sweets. A friend called and left 5s. An old boy, 10s. Barnes. "I am often thinking of your large family during these trying times. Will you accept the enclosed two guineas as a little Xmas gift. It is a thankoffering for God's continued goodness in so mercifully preserving the lives of my two dear boys during times of very great danger." Anon. 10s. Redhill, 15s. Hove. two guineas. Brighton, " Enclosed please find cheque 10s. to help forward your noble work for God in caring for His little ones. May He richly bless you and yours in all your work for Him are my daily prayers to Him, which I note by your magazine He is richly answering. Wishing you all a real happy New Year. "Worcester, 7s. 6d. London Bridge, one guinea. An old boy, £1. Anon. H. 10s. Buckhurst Hill, 5s. A friend called, bringing gilts from four different friends-£1,£1,5s.,2s.6d.Walthamstow Boot Club, £2. 4s. Walthamstow, 10s. Also 5s. "A drop to swell the river of faith." 3s. 7d. contents of of box. Plumstead, 10s. 8d. Ilford, 10s. L.B.R. Meeting, two guineas. Leytonstone, "I have much pleasure in forwarding enclosed £1, the result of my farthing a week subscriptions since the commencement of June last. I pray God's blessing to rest upon your work of faith and labour of love. " London, one guinea. Leytonstone " As we are not able to get over and have now completed our small " Pound Day "collection, am enclosing you a cheque for the balance of the cash £4. Wishing you much blessing in your work."

28th. Parcel of clothes, Forest Gate. 29th. Richmond, 8s. Leyton, 5s. Woodford, £2. (for coal). Walthamstow, 2s.

Aberdour, "Looking round on all our happy little family at home, makes one think of other families and among them yours, I am sending a £1 note from the children at H—with every good wish for you and yours and the Home in the coming year." A friend

called and left 10s.

30th. Woodford, From two little girls, £2. Barkway, "Please find enclosed £1 10s 7d, result of pence collection." Colchester, 15s. Ilford, 10s.

JANUARY.

1st. Birmingham. 5s, London, Three guineas. Enfield, £1. Dursley, "Will you please use the enclosed £1 for the orphans, from a few Believers here meeting in the

name of the Lord, trusting you may still be used of Him among the dear children and in the salvation of precious souls around. Time is short, the Lord is at hand, listen for the Shout." Leytonstone, 5s. Plumstead, 2s 6d with "God bless you in your work is the earnest prayer of an old friend."

2nd. Guisley, 10s. Brighton, Anon. £1. Finsbury Park, 10s Walthamstow, 5s.

Leyton, contents of box, 3s 1d.

3rd. Brighton, 4 bed covers, 2 petticoats, 3 vests, 1 shirt, 44 pocket handkerchiefs, 5 prs. stays, some pieces cretonne.

5th. Three guineas. with " I now enclose a little token of good-will, with best wishes."

"All is of God that is, and is to be, And God is good.
Let this suffice us still,
Resting in childlike trust upon His will, Who moves to His great end, Unthwarted by the ill."

Woodford, £1. Hounslow, £1. Surbiton, Parcel of toys. Seven Kings Sewing Meeting, 29 flannel shirts,

6th. Woodford, 2s 6d.

Jan. 7th. Soldier's thankoffering, 10s. Devonshire, 5s. Woodford, £1 (for coal). Surbiton, Parcel of toys. Seven Kings Sewing Meeting, 29 flannel shirts.

8th. Woodford, C.E., 3 bags of cakes, 2

eggs, 1 chop.

9th. Liverpool, £5. Woodford, 2 lbs nut butter for "Home Cot," "The Light shineth in the darkness," No thanks." Leytonstone, 5s.

10th. Plumstead, 2s 6d. Woodford, 40

12th. Ealing, 7s. Woodford Boot Club, £1, also 10s from Woodford, Woodford, 2s 6d, Parcel of S.H. clothes. Stratford, 10s 6d. Buntingford, 8s. Woodford, (contents of a little gir's box), 4s 5d.

Tarvin, "Enclosed please find P.O. 13th. for 10s" which I am sending as a thankoffering for answered prayer. Surely, we can say with Solomon "There hath not failed one word of all His good promises," and, what is more, each time we prove the truth of this it strengthens our faith and encourages us to bring larger petitions still; and why should we not, when we have such a rich and all-powerful God to approach in such a worthy name as Jesus Christ; for He who spared not His only Son will He not with Him freely give us all things. Surely we all have much to praise and thank God for in the way in which He has kept us and provided for our temporal needs throughout the past year, when so many have been compelled to suffer privation and want. With christian love to you all, and

assuring you of my prayers for blessing on your work among the little ones."

15th. Leytonstone, "I enclose cheque £2. A Mr. B......came and entertained our children on two occasions. In the ordinary way his fee would be 10s 6d. He promised to come if we would send a donation to you, hence the enclosed cheque." Catford, "I have the happy privilege of enclosing one guinea from the teachers and scholars of the above Sunday School. We are happy to hear that your little ones enjoyed such good health during the trying weather of last spring, and trust that He is still keeping them and that you are being blessed both physically and spiritually during these very strenuous times. I know I am voicing the whole school when I say, May God bless you and prosper you in your great work for Him."

18th. "I have sent you to-day a 60 lb tin of honey which I know you will find useful just now, with best wishes." Bournemouth, "I have much pleasure in sending you a cheque for £10 as a help in your good work. I was very glad on reading the last copy of your "Links" to find you had been able to carry on so well in these difficult times, and hope sincerely you will always have sufficient for all your needs, and that you will enjoy good health."

19th. Walthamstow Boot Club, 9s.

21st. Buckhurst Hill, "I am enclosing note for 10s. This is a thankoffering for God's goodness to us. My brother has been reported missing for the past two months and last Sunday we heard from him. We do, indeed, praise God for His love and we give Him all the tnanks." Wood Green, 10s.

25th. Walthamstow, 10s. 26th. Tottenham, 30s. Leytonstone, From a little boy "Enclosed £1 is a small thank-

offering collected by us.

28th. "Cheshunt," Please find enclosed 10s as a small donation for your home trusting that you will have all things needful for your good work and that you and yours may be protected from all dangers. It is so great a thing in these days to have God's promises to rely on and to know that our Lord Jesus is the same yesterday, to day and for ever." Ilford, "Will you please accept the enclosed 5s, a small gift which I send with my best wishes for the Home. My husband is a prisoner of war and it will be a comfort to me if you will remember us in prayer at your next weekly prayer meeting."

FEBRUARY.

1st. Teddington, "I have much pleasure in forwarding the enclosed 12s 6d as a thankoffering for God's great goodness and mercy to us in this time of great trouble. I am thankful to see that God has, as He ever will, supplied all your need. I only wish it

was in my power to help more."

3rd. A Leytonstone Sunday School Class, 20 petticoats, 5 woolien vests. Southgate, 1 bonnet, 1 pair socks, 1 sheet, 2 petticoats, 2 nightdresses, 1 dress, 2 pinafores, cards and sundry S.H. articles; also £1. "Without God, without all. With God, enough." S. Norwood, 10s, Woodford Bridge, "I have pleasure to enclose £1 towards your good cause and trust you are still flourishing—like a green bay tree."

6th. Merton £2 10s 0d.

8th. A friend called and left £1.

9th. "New Southgate, Just a gift for your good work (10s), for mercies received, from your aged friend. Shall be 84 next month if He tarry. Please pray for my eye to be spared me, I've only one." Stroud Green 2s 6d.

11th. Woodford, 3 qrtns. flour. Anon.

7 lbs rice.

13th. Brighton "I enclose P.O. 6s, being a small contribution towards your most useful work. I should like it to be more, but alas, that is out of the question." Deal, "Our God is faithful and still supplies all our needs and even a little overflow for His own. Please find enclosed P.O. 7s 6d. We often speak of what a testing time it must be for you, who are in the foremost ranks of assault, but bless the Lord, we know we are on the overcoming side, because of the Great Overcomer who trod all the way before us.

Assuring you of our prayers."

16th. Ctofton Park, "Do hope you are getting on all right. We sent a parcel of clothes off to you last week and hope you will find same useful. The days are hastening on. Our Lord is on the way back for His own. All trials and troubles will be over then and a great Open Air Meeting in the sky. Hallelujah! Keep praising brother. Psalm 37 is all right for guidance and the promises are still Yea and Amen." Teddington, Parcel of S.H. clothes. Woodford 2 lbs beans, 2 lbs rice. A friend sends us 10 sacks of vegetables. These came as a special token from the Lord as we had to-day come to the end of our vegetables. Praise Him.

19th. From a Walthamstow Sunday School, 10s 6d. Plumstead, 2s 6d, An old girl 10s, Leyton Bible Reading Working Party, 19 petticoats. Woodford, A large number of books.

23rd. From Twickenham B.C. 10s 6d. Woodford 5s. (contents of box). An old Sirl, 5s.

25th. A friend called and left 7 lbs jam.
26th. Brighton, "Doubtless you will be surprised to hear from me, but my husband wishes me to send you the enclosed £1 as a thankoffering to God for deliverance from a great anxiety. I only wish it were more. Our path hasn't been exactly a bed of roses since we saw you. My dear husband crossed over to France the end of March......Our little baby girl died two days after her daddy arrived in France..........How wonderfully God sends the needed grace."

27th. London, "Enclosed please find £10 for the good work." An old girl 5s. Given to one of our old girls for the Home 2s 6d.

MARCH

1st. Barnes, Parcel of S.H. clothes.

2nd. Woodford, 5s, From an old boy, 1½ lb blakeys (This boy knowing we have a difficulty in obtaining these now, bought

them and brought them along).

4th. Bushey 10s, with "Do hope you are keeping up in these most trying days. I often think of you and the prayer goes up for you all........You too are following in the footsteps of the Father of the Faithful in that you are the Blessed of so many young and precious lives, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least, ye have done it unto me." Royston £2, 15s, 10s, £1, 5s. These amounts were handed to me by friends when preaching in Royston on the Sabbath.

5th. Waltnamstow, $27\frac{1}{2}$ quarterns bread 6th. An old girl 5s, Woodford £2.

7th. Woodford, Parcel of clothes, also pair of boots. Wanstead, parcel of clothes. Woodford Green, "You will readily understand the difficulty of providing for parties uuder the present circumstances although our intention was to invite your young people up to our Hall for a tea and entertainment, we thought that the money would be much more acceptable to you, as you could spend it in the way you deem best, so instead of the Treat I have pleasure in enclosing a cheque for £4 5s 0d from the choir friends of C.H., the proceeds of their Carol singing during Xmas time. God bless you, with our united love." Woodford, 11s 43d (contents of box). New Southgate, £1, London, 10 lbs fish.

9th. Westcliff, 10s. Muswell Hill, 2s 6d. Muswell Hill, 6 shirts. A friend called and

left 1 lb cake.

10th. Walthamstow Boot Club, 5s.

14th. Richmond, "Please accept the enclosed 10s as another thankoffering to my Heavenly Father for His gracious protection from danger close at hand. How true to His

promise "Call upon me, I will answer." These are wonderful times through which we are passing-May it be God's will to speedily put forth His hand and make bare His arm on our behalf and show England the true spirit of humble, earnest prayerwhile there is any hope. With much kind thought and prayer for you and your large family." Woodford, 10s. From an old boy, £1. Plumstead, 2s 6d. London, 20 bass, 20 kippers, 5 large plaice.

15th. Walthamstow, Parcel of S.H.

clothes.

16th. Woodford, 10s. London, 2 ibs steak.

19th. Perham Down Camp, "I enclose 10s from the boys. I told them your Annual was soon, and just before that date, the well might be getting dry, so they very soon dropped their pennies into the box."

20th. New Southgate. £1. From a

Mothers' Meeting.

21st. 9 lbs cod. London.

22nd. Woodford, 10s. Walthamstow, 19

quarterns bread.

23rd. Redletts, Parcel of S.H. clothes. "Walthamstow, "The members of...... Scripture Union arrange an annual concert on behalf of As we have raised a little more money this year, we thought we should like to send you a small donation. I herewith enclose 10s with best wishes from us all." Leytonstone, 3s 6d.

25th. Walthamstow, from a Boys' Bible Class, "I am enclosing 5s, to aid you in your good work. May God help you to "carry on" and bless you in every way. Walthamstow, 5s, Also 10s, Wanstead, for Miss

Hutchin, 10s.

26th. 1 lb tea "For Home Cot." Walthamstow, Parcel of clothes, hoops etc.

27th. Woodford, contents of box, £1 4s 8½d. London, Parcel of S.H. clothes. Woodford, 1 coat and hat. London, A large tin of apricot pulp. Woodford, Parcel of clothes.

30th. The Lansdowne Sewing Circle, 9 coloured pinatores, 6 white, 6 dresses, 6 chemises, 8 prs. knickers, 6 petticoats, 3 shirts, 3 large overall aprons, I boy's coat and knickers, 1 jersey. (50 in all). Seven Kings Sewing Meeting, 14 nightshirts.

APRIL.

2nd. Anon. (Herts), £1.

3rd. London, 1 babys cot, bed and pillow, some books. Hertford, "I rejoice to be able to send you a cheque for six guineas with all good wishes for your excellent work from the L B.R." Brighton, (Anon) £1 10s 0d.

4th. Woodford, 19 plates, 2 dishes, Parcel of S.H. clothes. London, 2 cod, 6 bass.

5th. Woodford, 10s.

8th. £4 3s 9d. Being our share of amount "willed" by our 'dear lad' who fell in action in Egypt.

9th. From an old girl.

11th. London, 5 lbs plaice. From an

old girl 2s 6d.

12th. N. Wales, "Will you please accept the enclosed £2 from Col. and myself towards your work amongst the children. With

every good wish."

13th. New Southgate, "Enclosed 10s is a trifle for your good work as a thankoffering for my continued sight, I feel someone is praying with me about it. Will you continue to do so? Psaim 91."

13th. Woodford, Half a barrel of salt

herrings. London, 2 tins sardines.

15th. Woodford, 5s. Muswell Hill £1, and £1 10s 0d handed to me after taking the

Sunday services.

16th. Plumstead, "I am now sending you another trifle for your good work. I have no doubt you have a fair share of encouragement in these saddening times, when I fear many of the Lord's people have grown cold and lukewarm, but He is ever the same. We change, but He changeth not. Bless His name. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

18th. Sturry, 6s. London, 91 lbs plaice. London, "I will try and be present on the 31st......Trust you are happily settled and in spite of almost overwhelming work are being upheld. I enclose a fiver for the work. Yours in His love."

20th. From a Military Hospital, parcel of S.H. clothes. Woodford, I coat and

parcel of S.H. clothes.

22nd. From a friend, 8 sacks of vegetables. Woodford, from two friends, 5s and 2s 6d. Leytonstone C.E., 5s.

24th. An old girl, 12s. 25th. London, 33 fresh herrings, 2 large haddocks. Woodford, 2 qrts. milk.

27th. An old girl, £2 10s 0d. An old boy, 10s 6d.

29th. A friend called bringing the con-

tents of her collecting box £2 14s 4d.
30th. Muswell Hill, 7s 6d. Brighton, "Though not able to enjoy your fellowship in person, yet we often remember your work and yourself in prayer. We live in strange days. There is only One who does not alter, with whom is no shadow of turning. How wonderful He is." 10s enclosed. Woodford, contents of box, 41d. An old girl, 10s. Woodford, contents of box, 13s 6d.

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Statement of Receipts and Payments from 1st May 1917 to 30th April, 1918.

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

ALBERT WILLMOTT,

Chartered Accountant. (Honorary Auditor).

14, Old Jewry Chambers, London, E.C. May 30th, 1918, Hon. Workers:

Mr. HERBERT W. WHITE. (Supt.)

Miss R. A. HUTCHIN (Mother). Mrs. EDITH H. WHITE (Sec). Miss F. HUTCHIN,

Miss FLORRIE HATCHARD.

Hon. Medical Officer:

Dr. F. A. MARTIN FLEGG, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A., Southdene, George Lane. Hon. Auditor:

Mr. ALBERT WILLMOTT, F.C.A., Chartered Accountant, 14, Old Jewry Chambers, London, E.C.

Hon. Dentist:

MR. A. W. WILLIS, George Lane (Opposite G.E.R. Station).

Hon. Musical Instructor: Mr. W. G. FISHER,

Hon Dvill Instructresses:

Girls—Miss M. HUTCHINGS. Infants—Miss G. Le VIERGE.

Working Parties inaugurated by friends to make gasments for our children:

Seven Kings' Sewing Meeting:

Seven Kings' Sewing Meeting: Secretary— Mrs. B. Fuller, 3, Airthrie Road, Goodmayes.

Anstey Sewing Meeting:

Secretary—Miss CATON, Anstey, Herts.
Highbury Vale Sewing Meeting:

Secretary—Miss E. SANDERS, 45, Elwood Street, Highbury.
Muswell Hill Sewing Meeting:

Secretary—Mrs. HALES, Halesmere, Wetherill Road, New Southgate.

LANSDOWNE SEWING CIRCLE, SEVEN KINGS:

Secretary—Mrs. BROWNE, 106, Lansdowne Road, Seven Kings.

LEYTON BIBLE READING SEWING MEETING:

Secretary—Mrs. BURDEN, 32, Leybourne Road, Leytonstone.

CANN HALL BAPTIST:

Secretary-

WOODFORD BOOT CLUB.
Secretary—Mrs. SUCKLING, 2, Albert Villas, Peel Road, Woodford.

Walthamstow Boot Club.
Secretary—Mr. W. BARNES, 65, Mersey Road, Walthamstow.



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