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PRAYER FOR CHURCH HOMES' CIRCLES.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Who hast committed to Thy Church the care of homeless and neglected children, we pray for Thy continued blessing on our Homes. Be pleased to accept our labour of love, and grant that our efforts for the support and extension of the work of these Homes, for the benefit of many more needy children, may be crowned with success. Thus may we take our share in spreading the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask this for His sake. Amen.

THE HOMES AND THE SYNOD.

Mr. H. L. Tress, our Hon. Solicitor, introduced an ordinance to the Synod of the Diocese last week with the following title: "An Ordinance to ratify, confirm, and give full effect to an amalgamation of the Church of England Homes and the Church of England Committee for Homes and Hostels for Children under one Constitution, in the name of 'The Church of England Homes,' and for further purposes." The bill was introduced to Synod for the purpose of formally ratifying the Constitution under which the Committee is now operating.

The bill was passed through all its stages and finally adopted, and the message of Synod to the Executive Committee was, "Bless you, my children."

Now that the amalgamation is finalised, our business is to get busy with renewed vigour, and work with all our might for the maintenance and development of these Homes which stand today as an evidence of the care and love the Church has for the orphan, needy and neglected child. Will you please remember—and ever remember—that these little ones were incor-

porated into the great Brotherhood of Christ. They were baptized into the great Body of Christ. They were made members of Christ, children of God, and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven, just as you were. They are, therefore, your unfortunate little brothers and sisters, left stranded on life's highway, and to rise to the occasion and do the business of our lives we must remember St. Paul's words: "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the Law of Christ."

The burdens of Christ's unfortunate "little ones" are our business, so let us set about the business and do all in our power to give them that chance in life to which each one is entitled. If we do not give it them, then they may never get it. In that case, what answer will we give to the Master when He asks us, "What have ye done for My little ones—the poor, the needy, the neglected?" "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto Me."

VISIT TO "HAVILAH."

A number of the Committee visited the Homes at Normanhurst since our last issue, and were shown over the Homes by the Matron. They were very much impressed with the magnificent site on which the Homes stand, and the broad stretch of land attached. It is truly a magnificent site for the purpose of Home-building. The three Homes are very fine, and the children look the picture of health. The twenty-three tiny tots, between the ages of two and four years, were a wonderful attraction to the visitors, and many were the words of appreciation heard concerning the care and love bestowed upon them.

It is only by visiting the Homes and getting a first-hand knowledge of the inner work-

ings of them that the members of the Committee will be able to understand the difficulties concerning the management and maintenance of the Homes. The visitors were greatly encouraged by what they saw, and would urge other Committee women to make it convenient to pay a visit to "Havilah" also, and learn something of the extent of the work committed to their care.

AN ANONYMOUS APPEAL.

The writer received, a few days ago, a letter from a lonely and depressed woman who longs for advice and guidance. As there is neither name nor address of the sender on the letter, it makes matters rather difficult. It has been suggested that the writer of that anonymous letter might be reached by the "Pleader," and so she is now asked to be good enough to send her name and address to the editor, so that something may be done to lift the burden of loneliness from her life. Do not hesitate to write at once, c/o Church of England Homes Office, Challis House, Martin Place, Sydney. The editor can keep a secret when entrusted with one. No one will ever know who you are or what your trouble is, and God may use him as a means whereby the trouble and anxiety may be lifted, and life look bright and joyous once again.

PEOPLE ASK!

People ask of the Nation: "How can you be Christian and destroy one another in war?"

They ask Governments: "Are your laws 'Christian' in their spirit, and are your methods of enforcing them Christian?"

They ask of the great cities—London, Chicago, Paris, Sydney: "What would Jesus do if He came there?"

They ask of Industry: "Are the conditions of work in factory, workshop, and field such as Jesus would approve?"

They ask of the Churches: "Can we find Christ within your walls?"

They ask of Family Life: "Is it such as Jesus sanctioned and blessed?"

They ask of the professed followers of Jesus: "Are you like Jesus of Nazareth?"

THE BOYS' HOME.

In these days of "depression," those of us

who live and move and have our being among growing youth are fortunate. It is impossible to take a gloomy view of things amongst boys who live on the threshold of worlds to conquer—possible Bradmans, Hinklers, and Kingsford Smiths! To have the privilege of setting forth the ideal of service is no mean one. Speaking to the boys in Sunday School recently, one small boy of six, at the end of the lesson, prayed, "O God, make me a good loser."

Sports Material.—May we thank Mr. F. Johnson, the donor of white cricketing trousers and sand-shoes? We wish the giver could witness the pleasure they are giving every Saturday afternoon, when one at least, and often two teams visit us for friendly games of cricket. We have an ideal cricket ground, and boys from the city churches enjoy coming out, and our boys are pleased and proud to entertain their visitors on a cement cricket pitch with regulation mats. Last Saturday two teams from St. Gabriel's Deaf and Dumb School were here.

Intermediate Examination.—Three boys are sitting for this examination, and we wish again to thank all who are making this possible.

Christmas Camp.—Many of our friends know of the help and benefit received from the C.S.S.M. camps, which a number of boys have been privileged to attend for the past four years. It is a much-coveted treat. Will any of our friends help to make it possible again this year?

Acknowledgments.—Fruit, Mr. Small; bananas, Mr. T. Buckland; oranges, Mr. Fagan; ties, Mrs. Edgley; eggs, Mr. Davies; ferns, Mrs. Prior; gramophone records, Mr. Warren.

Needs.—A cupboard or press to hold music and Hymn Books—this is a much-needed article of furniture; summer singlets; cricket stumps and wicket-keeping gloves.

MAKING FRIENDS.

To enable them to become familiar with the new branches of the work, the Executive officers and several members of the Committee recently visited the homes—"Havilah" at Wahroonga, and "Quipolli" at Leura.

Havilah.—The Rev. R. Rook and Mrs. Rook, Mr. and Mrs. Gray visited the Havilah Home on Thursday, 9th October, and on Monday, 13th October, Mrs. Lawry, Mrs. Sapsford and Mrs. Hare were visitors at Havilah.

They were shown the various buildings by

Mrs. Clarence Read, Miss Sievers, and the Matron, seeing some of the children in the kindergarten and later some of the tiny tots having their midday meal. The Boys and Girls' Homes were then visited.

The visits of members of the Committee are always an incentive to increased interest in the work, and have always been welcomed by the various staffs, serving to remove some of the feelings of isolation and giving them the opportunity of voicing difficulties as they arise.

Quipolli.—On Saturday, 18th October, Quipolli Home, at Leura, Blue Mountains, was visited by Rev. R. Rook, Mr. Finch, Mrs. Lawry, and Mrs. Sapsford. They were received by Mrs. Mackintosh (the President of the Leura Committee), Miss Higham Hill (Secretary) and ten other members of the Committee. It was very good of these ladies to come to greet us on such a busy day as Saturday.

The Matron (Miss Clinch) also gave us a warm welcome, and on our arrival served a very acceptable cup of tea, with home-made scones and cakes.

An adjournment was then made to the staff dining-room. Mr. Rook expressed his pleasure at the presence of the ladies and his and our desire to work with them in the care of the children.

Mr. Finch spoke, also expressing pleasure in the opportunity of meeting them, and explained several matters about the future conduct of the financial side of the work.

Mrs. Mackintosh then, in a very able way, told of the many difficulties encountered in trying to arouse interest in other mountain towns, and the general state of apathy which was met.

A general discussion took place, and Mr. Finch explained how he was acting with the general housekeeping accounts of the Carlingford Homes, and also the arrangements made for the same at Havilah Home, and invited the Leura Committee to adopt the same procedure.

After a clear understanding had been arrived at on some points, it was decided to defer further discussion of details until the Leura Committee had put them to a full business meeting of their Committee.

During the discussion on ways and means, the time had drawn on, and the midday meal for the children had been set out on the glassed-in verandah, and the children taken their places.

Suddenly the soft, childish voices rose, singing their grace, and for a few moments a hush that could be felt fell on the gathering.

Suggestions as to means of interesting more residents of the Mountains were brought forward, and Mr. Rook arranged to get into touch with the Rural Dean and try to meet the Rectors, and, if possible, to visit the parishes and tell the story of the Homes from the various pulpits and point out that Quipolli is not just a Leura Home, but a Blue Mountains Home.

During the meeting some drawings were passed round the table. These were posters, the work of one of the big girls in the Home, and are to be placed in shop windows in Leura, telling of an annual egg, jam, and grocery afternoon to be held at Quipolli on Thursday, 30th October, 1930.

There are twenty-eight girls living in the Home, seven of them attend the High School at Katoomba, and the remainder the Leura school. The girl who drew the posters is very clever and has passed her Intermediate Examination, and hopes to sit for the Leaving Certificate next year, when she will be not quite sixteen years of age. It is greatly to be hoped that it will be possible for her to stay in the Home until this is accomplished.

The dormitories, gardens (flowers and vegetable) were visited and aroused much interest, especially to town-dwellers, in the sight of a bed of Lily of the Valley just showing bloom. As always, in all the Homes everything is bright and shining, and an abundance of flowers made a very charming picture.

An out-door playroom is a great help in bad weather, and much amusement was caused at the sight of a little corner outside the big room, where some toys had been left when the dinner-bell sounded, and one very nude dolly was sitting with a face in a corner, evidently undergoing punishment.

GIRLS' HOMES STALL.

The Girls' Homes stall proved to be the greatest money-maker at our annual fête on 18th September, the total takings being £73/5/6. A great deal of interest was evinced in the fine needlework and cleverly executed laces and embroideries which resulted in purchases. To Matron Jenkin and the members of the staff,

Mrs. Bode, Mrs. Bingle, and Miss Capel, belong the credit of this splendid success.

NORTH SYDNEY-NAREMBURN COMMITTEE.

The annual meeting of the North Sydney-Naremburn Committee was held on 1st October, at the residence of Mrs. N. Rutter, President of the Committee. The annual report recorded a year of fine work on the part of the members, which resulted in £100 being paid to the Building Fund, despite the difficult financial times. The money was raised by means of a dance, American tea, bridge party, street stall, tennis tournament and donations.

Owing to pressure of other duties, Mrs. G. G. Tremlett, who has acted as Hon. Secretary, was compelled to resign. The resignation was accepted with regret and the thanks and appreciation of the Committee for her work for the Homes was expressed by Mrs. Rutter. Mrs. Cecil King consented to act as Secretary pro tem.

At the conclusion of the business, Miss M. McGarvey gave a very inspiring and interesting address, telling of the work of the Homes from the early days, when women were cared for, and its growth and extension in the work of caring for children, which has characterised the work of late years. It was a real joy to the members to have Miss McGarvey amongst them, and to listen to her address, which was a great incentive to fresh efforts for the Homes. Mrs. Rutter also made an appeal to the Committee to stand together during this time of stress. In addition to the money raised for the building fund, the material for twelve mosquito nets for the Girls' Homes was provided.

RANDWICK.

The monthly meeting for October of the Randwick Committee was not held owing to the Town Hall being required for electioneering purposes. The next meeting is to be held the first week in November, when an illustrated lantern lecture will be given by the Rev. G. Polain.

"HAVILAH" AUXILIARY.

The Mosman-Cremorne-Neutral Bay Auxiliary Committee for "Havilah" has forwarded a

cheque for a Christmas treat for the children, and the remainder for the "Havilah" Kindergarten—a helpful gift and encouraging to those caring for the little ones.

"PRINCESS HERMINIE."

With much pleasure we have to acknowledge a number of copies of "Princess Herminie and the Tapestry Prince" from the authoress, Mrs. Lee Ivatt, of Bowral. The delightful fantasy is fittingly illustrated by Barbara MacDonald in black and white and charming pastel colourings. The books are to be presented to some of the children as Christmas gifts, and will be one of the most loved gifts in the Christmas stockings at Havilah, Quipolli, and Carlingford.

A TIMELY DEFINITION.

A pessimist is one who sees a difficulty in every opportunity, while an optimist is one who sees an opportunity in every difficulty.

GIRLS' HOMES.

Miss Beattie, a member of the Bjelke-Petersen School of Physical Culture, brought great joy to the girls when she commenced a physical culture class at the Homes on 30th September. Every Tuesday classes are held, and are eagerly looked forward to by the children. Miss Beattie states that she is very pleased with their eager response.

Miss Edmonds and Miss Read, two University students who are keenly interested in the work of the Homes, have been visiting the girls and teaching them how to play basket-ball. If the weather is wet, indoor games are organised, which are thoroughly enjoyed.

During the month services were conducted by the Rev. H. G. S. Begbie, Rev. H. Croft, and Mr. Bowler. The Rev. E. Colvin has been instructing the Confirmation class.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GIFTS.

Mrs. Twaddling, clothing and books; Mrs. Harris, lemons; Mrs. Clarke, mandarines; Mrs. Bode, clothing; Mrs. Frank Johnson, three white Confirmation frocks; Mrs. Cowper, material; Mrs. J. R. Simpson, butter and eggs; Miss Davies, clothing; Nancy Wyld, white frock;

parishes of St. John and St. Stephen (per Rev. S. M. Johnstone), 53 dozen eggs.

PARTY AT HENLEY.

Mrs. J. W. Forsyth, of Henley, has long been interested in the Homes, and on Saturday a party was held at her residence, which was organised by Miss Forsyth, Miss Nobb, Miss Newton, and Miss Parker. The young people spent a happy evening dancing, and the financial result will be devoted to the funds of the Homes.

DRUMMOYNE.

At the conclusion of the last meeting of the Drummoyne Committee, a happy little incident occurred when Mrs. W. Denteth was made a surprise presentation by the members of the Committee. For three years Mrs. Denteth has worked most whole-heartedly for the success of the work in Drummoyne, and the appreciation of the members was manifested in their gift and spoken tributes to the tireless efforts and always cheerful co-operation of their Secretary. When replying, Mrs. Denteth said that all her work was done with the thought of the welfare of the children in her mind, and any help which the Drummoyne Committee had been able to give the cause was in itself sufficient reward.

Mrs. Alex. Smith arranged a party at her home at Huntley's Point on 1st October, to raise funds for the centre. The sum of £6/3/- was realised. Mrs. Fountain and Mrs. C. E. Morgan also arranged parties during the month.

The Mayoress of Drummoyne (Mrs. Thompson) and the Committee have issued invitations to an American Tea to be held in the Drummoyne Hall on 29th October at 8 p.m.

YOUNGER SET.

The Mosman Younger Set for "Havilah" is arranging a series of bridge and tennis afternoons to raise funds for the annual contribution. Miss Betty Daniel is the hon. secretary.

"QUIPOLLI."

The Katoomba Girl Guides organised a very successful concert in aid of "Quipolli," the home at Leura for girls. The Home will be thrown open to inspection on 30th October,

when an egg and gift afternoon has been arranged.

HUNTER'S HILL COMMITTEE.

The Hunter's Hill Committee held a successful bridge party during the month, by which about £23 was raised for the building fund. Mrs. T. Buckland is the President of this Committee, with Mrs. Earnshaw-Tidswell as Hon. Secretary, and Miss Buckland as Hon. Treasurer.

WILLOUGHBY COMMITTEE.

The first whisper of Christmas has been sounded by our Committee at Willoughby, which recently held a very successful bridge party to raise funds for Christmas fare for the little ones in the Homes. Mrs. A. A. Lang (President), Mrs. Forsyth (Hon. Treasurer), and Miss E. Fisher (Hon. Secretary) were loyally assisted by the members of the Committee in the arrangements.

WAVERLEY COMMITTEE.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Waverley Committee will be held in the Waverley Council Chambers on 12th November, at 3 p.m. It is expected that one of the members of the Executive Committee will be present to give an address bearing on the work of the Homes.

OUR ANNUAL REPORTS.

As the necessity for drastic economy is so great at the present time, we have been compelled to watch every opportunity where a saving can be effected. The postage of our annual reports each year is a very considerable item, so that we have decided not to send them by mail, but to ask the secretaries of our suburban committees if they would assist us in the matter by calling at the office whenever convenient to them and obtain a number of them for their members.

This applies also to any of our subscribers who would care for a copy, either of the Church of England Homes, Glebe Point and Carlingford, or the Church of England Homes and

Hostels, which were printed prior to the amalgamation.

CARRY ON!

The question was asked at one of the meetings of the Executive Committee, "Now that the Amalgamation has taken place, what is the position of the various auxiliaries which have been doing such good work in the past?" The answer was, "Their position is just what it has always been," and the request from the Executive Committee is "Carry on!"

We urge the auxiliaries to get to work with renewed energy and organise on a more extensive scale, for the finances need augmenting if we are to make both ends meet this year.

SALE OF WORK.

The Parramatta District Working Committee of the Church of England Homes, Carlingford.

A Sale of Work

will be held in the
Town Hall, Parramatta

on

FRIDAY, 31st OCTOBER

at 3 p.m.

The opening ceremony will be performed by
Mrs. H. W. LLOYD.

The sale will remain open till 10 p.m.

The proceeds are to be devoted to the Comforts Fund.

I. Blaxland, President; W. P. Noller, Hon. Treasurer; M. Davies, Hon. Secretary.

We hope our friends will rally round the Committee and make this effort better than any past effort. The Comforts Fund Committee has done wonderful work for the children.

THE BELLINGHAM MEMORIAL.

Shortly after the death of the late Canon Bellingham, a meeting of some of his friends was held, and it was decided that something should be done to perpetuate his memory at the Church of England Homes. A committee

was appointed, with Canon Begbie as chairman, Mrs. Newell as hon. secretary, and Mr. F. P. J. Gray as treasurer, and a considerable amount was raised for the proposed memorial. It has now been decided to close the fund and to get on with the work.

A suggestion has been made—and has been taken up enthusiastically by the Committee—that a pair of gates be erected at the main entrance at the Mary McGarvey Home at Carlingford, and plans are now in course of preparation to carry out this suggestion. The Canon was a very keen supporter of the Church Homes, and always saw to it that a deputation went to St. Philip's once a year, and when the preacher went into the pulpit his work was very simple. The people had been carefully prepared for what was coming, for on the previous Sunday the Canon would have had his say about the work of the Homes. The congregations were often very small, but the response to the appeal would be anything between £25 and £40; once or twice it amounted to £45. He was always a lover of the work carried on by the Committee of the Homes, and always generous in his prayers and practical interest.

Next month we hope to be able to give the final decision of the Committee and announce the decision to go on with the work. In the meantime the Treasurer (Mr. F. P. J. Gray) would gladly receive subscriptions from any of the Canon's friends who have not yet subscribed. Donations may be sent to Mr. Gray at the Diocesan Church House, George Street, Sydney.

WANTED—A SCHOOL BUILDING.

The grounds at the McGarvey Home have been wonderfully improved, and help to set off the beautiful Home; but oh! we do want a school building badly. One walks through the Homes and sees rooms taken up for school purposes which ought to be converted into dormitories for the needy little ones who are knocking at the doors and asking for admission. The site lies there at Carlingford, and all that is wanted is a man or a woman of God to rise to the occasion and place the school-rooms on it. Do not talk depression and say this is not the time to ask people for money for school-rooms. This is the time. It is the time for the men and women of God who have the means to come

forward and share the honours with God in the training of these little ones for the great life which lies before them, and fit them for the responsibilities of life. This is the time to respond to a call such as this. If you keep those reserves—and you have them, you know—till you die, the State will step in and take with both hands the death duties that are due; whereas, if you build this school you will be doing a work the value of which cannot be estimated on this side of life.

Come, think this out, you man, you woman of God, and do a big and a noble thing for God before your time of probation passes here. Then will you carry with you to the fuller life and the fuller service for God and His Christ the memory of what you have done here for Christ's needy little ones.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

A SNAPSHOT FROM "HAVILAH."

It was a cloudy, stormy looking day at Havilah, it was also the morning of the eagerly looked-for picnic to the sea, annually provided by some friends of the children.

All the staff were grieving over the possible disappointment of the children. What could be done? One small boy, entirely on his own initiative, gathered the rest of the youngsters together by something resembling a bell, together they knelt in the middle of the room together they asked the Father for a fine day for their picnic, together they rose from their knees to find the sun breaking through the clouds and the beginning of what turned out to be a cloudless, perfect day.

E.M.S.

Hear us, Immanuel; hear our prayer;
We wait to feel Thy touch;
Deep-wounded souls to Thee repair;
And, Saviour, we are such.
Our faith is feeble, we confess;
We faintly trust Thy word,
But wilt thou pity us the less?
Be that from Thee, Lord.

Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief—
"Lord, I believe!" with tears he cried;
"O help my unbelief!"
She too, who touched Thee in the press,
And healing virtue stole,
Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace;
Thy faith hath made thee whole."

Concealed amid the gathering throng,
She would have shunned Thy view;
And if her faith was firm and strong,
Had strong misgivings, too.
Like her, with hopes and fears we come,
To touch Thee, if we may,
O, send us not despairing home,
Send none unhealed away.

REMEMBER WHAT CHRIST'S WORDS ARE:

"Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." What can the words mean if not that children and all who resemble them, all who possess the essential qualities of childhood, are members of that Kingdom. If I were to point to these roses and say, "Of such as these is the floral kingdom composed," what would you think of the good sense of a man, however wise he looked, if he should go away and affirm that what I meant was that all flowers like roses were in the floral kingdom, but that roses themselves were not? Or if I were speaking of angels, and said, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven," what sort of commentator would he be who should argue from my words that no angel was in that kingdom, that they were all outside it? And when our Lord, speaking of children, says, "Of such is the Kingdom of God," what can we think of those who argue from his words that children themselves are not in God's Kingdom.

THE HOMES—WHERE THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY STAND FOR.

Carlíngford—(1) Three Homes for Girls: (1) The Mary McGarvey Home, Tres Manning, and Strathmore. In the three Homes there are 147 girls, who have come from all parts of the State, and who are being taught and trained for the life that lies before them. Teachers are attached to these Homes, and the curriculum is the same as that which obtains in the public schools of the State. In the absence of separate school-rooms, a number of dormitories, which could be used for extra children who are waiting admission, are in use for school purposes. We hope this will be remedied in the near

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future by the erection of suitable buildings. The girls are trained in domestic duties, plain and fancy sewing, lacework, etc., and positions are found for them when they attain the leaving age. The age for admission is about four years. Through the kindness of Messrs. Bjelke-Petersen Bros., an expert in physical culture visits the Homes weekly, and gives the girls instruction. Basket-ball and other sports are engaged in.

(2) **Three Homes for Boys.** The central Home was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Buckland, in memory of a son who made the supreme sacrifice at the Great War. This Home provides accommodation for forty boys, and is magnificently equipped for the purpose. On either side of the Buckland Home there is a cottage Home, in each of which thirty boys live. The boys attend the public school which is close by and give a good account of themselves, quite a number of them passing the examinations which give them the right of entrance to the High Schools of the State; several have passed through the Parramatta High School with distinction, and others are at present students there. A Bjelke-Petersen expert looks after the physical exercises of the lads, for which the Executive are truly grateful. Cricket and football, naturally, are played, and friends at Christmas and other holiday times take many of the lads away camping for a few days.

(3) Close by these Homes there stands the old Rectory, which has been presented to the Committee for a Hostel for the elder boys, for whom situations have been found, the idea being that for the first twelve or eighteen months they should still enjoy the influence of the life at the Homes. This Hostel is the gift of Mrs. James Stuart, and it is expected that in the very near future the transfer to the Church Property Fund of the diocese will be completed. Many of the lads who have left the Homes are engaged in responsible positions in the city and country, others have chosen "the land" for their future operations, and are giving every satisfaction to the employers to whom they have been sent.

Rosebank.—Situated at Glebe Point. This Home was originally known as the Sydney Female Refuge, but when it was felt by the authorities, who were responsible for its management that it was impossible to carry on under their Articles of Association, it was handed over

to the Committee of the Church Homes, Glebe Point, and is now being used as a "Twilight Home" for old ladies. There are about twenty-three of these old people in residence at the present time, and it is filling a long-felt want in the social activities of the Church.

(To be continued.)

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