

Fanling Babies Home celebrates its twentieth birthday

The Christian Children's Fund Babies' Home at Fanling celebrated its 20th birthday yesterday.

When sudden rain caught the guests and children on the lawn they moved into the covered auditorium where a three-tiered birthday cake was cut.

Gifts brought by over 150 guests were distributed among the 143 orphans which the Home tends.

The children entertained the guests with songs, dances, and plays.

ADOPTIONS

A play ("Ah Soh ... The Stupid One") and a sketch "The Toy Shop" were enthusiastically applauded.

The celebrations opened with a prayer by Lt-Colonel E. F. Jewkes (Officer Commanding the Salvation Army, Hongkong). Scripture was read by Mr G. T. Padgett, after which the Superintendent of the Home, Miss L. P. Clay, made her report.

Miss Clay said that at this time last year the Home had a "family" of 149. Since then 20

new babies had been admitted; six of the older children had left for outside work; three boys were transferred to the Wai Kwong Orphanage to join boys of their own age and be trained by men teachers, and 15 babies were adopted. Two more children had been adopted and were expected to leave before the end of the year, one for Hawaii and one for America.

Miss Clay said the health of "the large family" had been excellent. This she attributed to the balanced diet they had through the kindness of the Church World Service, CARE, and others who had made generous gift of food.

The Home's triplets—now 15 months old—had reached the 30-pound mark, Miss Clay reported.