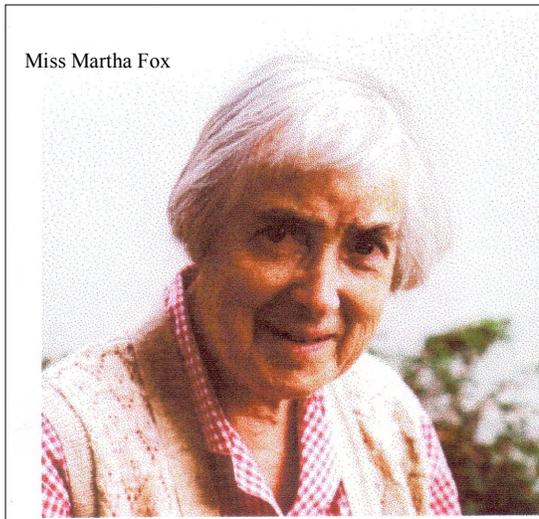


# A Grand Old Lady from Norfolk

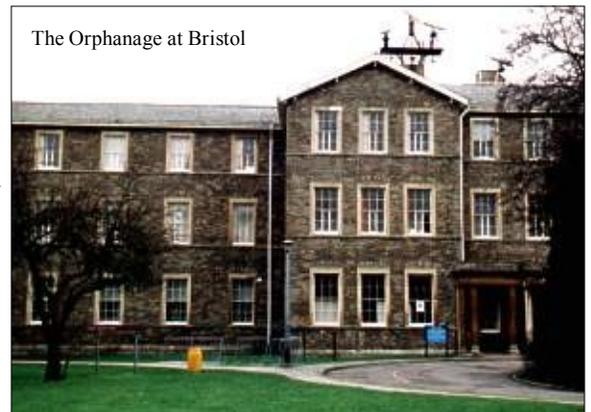


This is the true story of a lady we met when we were in Norfolk just two weeks ago. When she was still very little, her mother died, and her father, who worked on the land, could not look after all the children in the family so she had to go over 200 miles away from her home, to Bristol and live in a children's home there.

The home where she lived was a Christian home set up by a man called George Muller. There she was taught about the Bible and the Lord Jesus Christ. One day, when she was 11½ years old, a man came to speak to the children. His text was Ecclesiastes 12 v 1 **'Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth'**. As the man spoke that day, God spoke to the young girl, and she came to realise that she needed to remember her Creator herself, and so that very day, while she was still a young girl, she came to repent of her sin, and trust in the Saviour.

As a young girl she had not been very healthy. In fact when she was still quite young, she was very poorly and nearly died—but God kept her alive, because He had set His love upon her.

She stayed in the children's home until she was 17 years old. On the day she left, the principal of the home called her into his office and gave her this text from Hebrews 11 v 5 **'and be content with such things as ye have; for He hath said, 'I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.'** That was a very good verse for that young lady, because she never had very much. She went back to Norfolk and lived at home, looking after the house for her father, and then for her older sister. She did not have much of this world's goods, but she was content with the fact that she was a child of God, and that she had treasure in heaven.



The young lady grew up and has been in the same church for nearly 70 years. She has seen lots of people come and go. She has seen children grow up and get married. She has seen lots of ministers come and go, and has prayed for them all. Each one has been thankful for her prayers, and only eternity will tell what those quiet prayers have accomplished.

She has been a believer for 75 years, and is an example to children everywhere. ....  
Think of those two verses....

## Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.'

Martha was still very young when she came to remember her Creator and to trust in the Saviour. Have you remembered the God who made you, and come to trust in Him and in His Son Jesus Christ?

The other verse (Hebrews 11 v 5) says that we should be content with what we have. You are growing up in a world which says you must always have more, but we must be content with this—to know God. Only knowing Him will bring true contentment.