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A NARRATIVE OF FACTS
RELATIVE TO WORK DONE FOR CHRIST,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND,
DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S EMIGRATION HOMES,
AND
CITY HOME AND MISSION, GLASGOW,
FOR NINTH YEAR, ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1880,

BY
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ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND,
BRIDGE-OF-WEIR,
RENFREWSHIRE.

CITY ORPHAN HOME,
WORKING BOYS' HOME,
CHILDREN'S NIGHT REFUGE,
YOUNG WOMEN'S SHELTER,
AND
MISSION HALL,
JAMES MORRISON STREET,
GLASGOW.



"Naked, and ye clothed me."

TRAINING HOMES FOR CANADA:

BOYS' HOME,
CESSNOCK HOUSE,
GOVAN ROAD.

GIRLS' HOME,
ELMPARK,
GOVAN ROAD.

CANADIAN DISTRIBUTING HOME,
MARCHMONT, BELLEVILLE,
ONT., CANADA.

GLASGOW:
GEORGE GALLIE & SON, 99 BUCHANAN STREET.
AIRD & COGHILL, 263 ARGYLE STREET.

PRICE THREEPENCE.



Jessie M. When taken in had so many wounds on her body that the doctor said he never had seen a child so shamefully illused. The cruel stepmother only got three months' imprisonment for it.

EXPECT
GREAT THINGS
FROM GOD: ATTEMPT
GREAT THINGS
FOR HIM.



Jessie M. as sent to Canada and stopped in a good home there.

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GLASGOW.

NARRATIVE OF FACTS.

1880.

MY DEAR FELLOW-HELPERS,—Another year has gone with all its cares, fears, and temptations, and our hearts are overflowing in thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for all He has done. "Sing unto the Lord a new song, for He hath done marvellous things, His right hand and His holy arm hath gotten Him the victory." "O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works unto the children of men." In view of the greatness of the field of labour, the Lord has placed us in and the many short-comings of even our best efforts we feel constrained to say, as He commanded us: "We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do." When the year commenced there was much to discourage and lead us to doubt if God would do more for us than He had done before. In every direction there was the complaint of failing resources. Churches, missionary enterprises, institutions calling out, and many of our helpers not able to give as they were wont to do. Realising our own weakness and inability, we remembered the words of the apostle James, "Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth brought forth her fruit." If God commanded the ravens to feed Elijah, and when the brook dried up, the widow to care for him, will He not also provide for His own little ones? "But," some will say, "Elijah was a prophet and God had a purpose to accomplish by him." And has He not a purpose with us, His redeemed children? He has said: "We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." God hath given to every man his work, and it is our duty to find out and do that which will be most pleasing to Him. All cannot be preachers of the gospel, or missionaries, or superintendents of Homes, but there is other work quite as necessary and as acceptable to God. We can give a cup of cold water, or minister to the sick, or give of our substance, or encourage others in the field by our personal help and prayers, and God will accept of it if our motive be His glory and the desire to serve Him, whose we are.

For the sake of those who may be strangers to the work, I would here state that, after praying for ten years for money from my business to help the poor children of the streets, sixteen years ago I began public work among them by the formation of the Shoeblack Brigade. At the same time I felt that something more should be done, and nine years ago the Lord led me to commence the work of the Homes in dependence upon Him. I resolved that no one should be called on for subscriptions, no names of donors published, no committee formed, but that everything should be committed to God in prayer, we using the

means and the wisdom which He gave for His glory, and also that no business or family claims should interfere with the carrying out of this purpose. While I have been led to this course of action, I would not advise any one else to it, unless they are fully persuaded that the Lord is calling them.

During this year the Lord has sent, in answer to prayer, £10,252: and throughout the nine years the Homes have been in operation, £58,864, besides many articles of clothing, provisions, &c. Upwards of 1400 children and young people have been rescued and placed in the way of helping themselves. 2000 children and others have been casually helped. Hundreds of thousands of tracts have been circulated among the poor and in low lodging-houses. Tens of thousands have had the gospel preached to them, and the Lord has blessed His own word to the conversion of many. The City Home, which is one of the finest buildings for the purpose anywhere, has been built at a cost of £8000. Forty acres of land at Bridge-of-Weir have been purchased, and eight houses erected thereon at a cost of £21,160, and the Orphan Homes of Scotland are in every way worthy of the land whose name they bear.

The year of which this narrative speaks began on the 1st of November, 1879, and closed on the 31st of October, 1880. At the beginning of the year there were 247 children in the Homes, and with others being added daily to the number, and we had on hand for their keep £325, subject to rents of the Govan Road Homes £60, and the ground annual for the City Home of £78, payable on the 11th, and also emigration expenses. With these deductions we had about a week's supply on hand, and throughout the year the balance has remained somewhat the same. The following extracts from my diary will give friends some idea of how the Lord has supplied, in answer to prayer, our daily wants for the children, and the money needed for emigration, and also shew the class of children we help and how they come to us.

Nov. 1, from a Bible Class at Buckhaven, Fife, £2, the only donation on this the first day of our new year. We bless God for it and take it as an earnest of the whole.—Nov. 3. No money has been sent to-day.—Nov. 4, From a Sabbath School in Broughty Ferry, £1 18s. 2d.—Nov. 6, from Croydon, £5; from Glasgow, £5. These friends have helped us in the past, and we rejoice they are still able to do so.—Nov. 10, from "A Well-wisher," "praying our Father to bless you and yours," £1.—Nov. 11. No money to-day. Took in two young women—one from Kilmarnock, who had been in Glasgow for four weeks in search of work; the other's father is dead, and mother has two delicate children to keep. A little tramp, J. R., 7 years old, from Greenock, taken in until enquiry is made.—Nov. 12, Belfast, £1; from Mearns, £3; and from an old helper, 10s., which is all we have received to-day, and nothing yesterday. Our expenses are about £15 a day, and so our balance is getting less. Two friends from the East of Scotland called to-day, and said it had been laid on their hearts to build a cottage, and promised to send the money. This has greatly cheered us, for, being human, we need encouragement, and we bless God for the promised help.

Nov. 13, from Largs, £1; from Tighnabruich, 10s. Took in a little girl, 5 years old; mother an invalid, takes fits, and is unable to work. Also a boy whose mother is in prison. This boy was in the Home before, and was enticed to run away by his mother, who is his worst enemy. Helped a number of other needy ones.—Nov. 14, from Aberfeldy, £5, with the following letter: "Will you kindly add to your Orphan and Destitute Children's Fund the little sum I am now enabled to send you, along with my best wishes and sincere prayer for success in all your noble work of rescue."—Nov. 17. Annual Meeting was held to-day in the City Home. In the absence of Dr. Cameron, Principal Douglas took the chair. Amongst those present were Rev. Drs. Joseph Brown, James Culross, and A. N. Somerville; Rev. Messrs. Andrew and Howie; Messrs. Biggart, Templeton, John Brown, R. H. Hunter, John Robertson, Alex. Thomson, W. J. Stewart, &c. At the close of the meeting Mr. M'Dougall, American Consul in Dundee, rose and said that while in Canada he heard of a little boy who had been adopted by friends in the Far West. He took spine disease, from which he died. Before his death he said to his father, "I've had three homes in this world; one with my mother before she died, another with dear Mr. Quarrier, and, third, with you; but I'm going away to my home with Jesus, and it's better than them all." This voluntary testimony to the spiritual work among the children greatly encouraged us. These annual gatherings are opportunities for testifying to the outside world of God's faithfulness to His promises, and His interest in the fatherless and the orphan. We look to Him to bless them. Received in various sums £4 3s. to-day, still our eyes are unto the Lord.—Nov. 18. From an old helper, £100, for alterations at City Home: a most acceptable gift.

Nov. 19. From Tillicoultry, £10. From Edinburgh, £1. Took in a little boy, and also three children whose father is in the Infirmary and mother is going to the hospital. The gratitude of this poor woman at finding a refuge for her children was most touching.—Nov. 20. From Edinburgh, £3, with the following letter:—"I send a cheque for £3 for your Arabs, your Homes, and your Young Women's Shelter. With every good wish for the blessing of God on you and your work." From Glasgow, £2, with the following:—"Herewith I send my usual donation towards the work you have so earnestly undertaken, trusting you may be long spared to go on with it. Accept my kindly sympathy for your untiring efforts to rescue the wanderer."—Nov. 21. From the Antipodes, £10.—Nov. 22. From Perth, £10. From one who wishes to share the burden, £10. How blessed it is to fulfil the injunction, "Bear ye one another's burdens."—Nov. 24. From one who wishes it were in her power to give one thousand times as much, 5s. in stamps. The Lord requireth only what we have, not according to what we have not. Still the wish to do more is pleasing to Him who accepts of the widow's mite, and says, "She hath done more than they all." Took in a little boy, and dealt with about twelve other cases in various stages of destitution.—Nov. 25. From London, £3. From "a Little Help," £10. This unknown friend is known to Him who rewards openly. Took in two brothers, also another boy whom we helped before. We hope he

will have learned by sad experience to do better.—Nov. 26. From Argyllshire, £1. From Glasgow, £1. This is all to-day, but we bless God for it, and are looking for more. Took in a girl whose mother is dead, and her father was killed in a coal-pit some time ago.

Nov. 27. From Glasgow, £50. From Whiting Bay, 10s., with best wishes. From Bothwell, £2 with the following note, "I have great thankfulness of heart that the Lord makes me a free giver, and am glad of heart to help you in so far as little makes muckles. Do with the enclosed as you need most." We praise God for the continued sympathy of old friends, and trust the Friend who never changes may be more precious to them and to us during the coming year. Took in a boy who has been sleeping out for the past 3 months.—Nov. 28, from Wick, £1; from Helensburgh, £1; from Glasgow, £5. Took in two boys and two girls to-day.—Nov. 29, from Gartmore, £1 towards the £1000 for extra evangelistic work. It has been laid on our hearts for some time that we should have in connection with the Mission, tried evangelists who would be ready to go to any part of the city or country where they might be useful without any anxiety regarding means. We have asked the Lord for £1000 to make a beginning, and this is the earnest. We believe if He wants us to do the work, He will supply the rest. It will be seen from the above, the variety of places from which the Lord sends us supplies for our daily needs. Thus the first month of our ninth year has closed with many tokens of the Lord's goodness and the loving sympathy of friends. The balance on hand is somewhat less than at the beginning of the month, still our hope is in Him who knoweth our need and has promised to supply it.

Dec. 1, from Edinburgh, £5, with request for prayer for the donor. We do not cease to give thanks to God for all who assist in our work, and pray that He may supply all their need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Took in two girls to-day.—Dec. 3, from Bridge-of-Allan, 10s. 6d. This is all that has come in to-day, and there has not been much for the past week. We are glad to be able to help some new case every day, and to know that the balance is still on the right side of the books.—Dec. 4, from Port-Glasgow, 2s. 6d.; from Gareloch, £30, with the following letter:—"More hope with the young than reclaiming those whose evil habits have begun. May a blessing from on high attend the effort." This friend's gift has much cheered us as there has been so little sent in the past few days. We believe with her that there is more hope beginning young, and we pray that many of the children may be brought to the Saviour. From Sheffield, £3, with the following letter:—"Although so long in writing, I do not forget you nor the God-like work you have in hand. I am sorry somewhat to reduce the amount previously sent, but the year so near its end has been to me a trying one with many mercies." May the Lord more and more bless this aged servant of His. From Dundee £5, with the wish, "May you have the great privilege of seeing many more of them born again—children of God by faith in Jesus."—Dec. 6, from Devonshire £1 10s., with the following letter:—"I have much pleasure in forwarding the enclosed thankoffering for your great and good work that our Heavenly Father is employing you in, with the earnest prayer that God's best bless-

ing may rest upon the work; that your faith may be still more and more strengthened, and in the last you may gather in your sheaves with joy; that many, many souls may be given you for your hire, and that our beloved Saviour may be glorified in the salvation of many yet of the great number that in the providence of God you have been enabled to rescue from the miserable condition in which you found them." 'Tis a blessed privilege the Lord affords us to feed, clothe, and educate the children; but as our work increases we are more and more impressed with the importance of their souls' salvation, and are constantly looking to the Lord to reveal His Son in them the hope of glory. We trust that every one who gives may also pray that this may be the result.

Dec. 9, from Hillhead £5. This dear friend's help has strengthened us in the past, and we praise God for her practical sympathy at this time. We are expecting the Lord to do great things for us. Took in two boys to-day and helped other needy cases.—Dec. 10, from Newcastleton, £2; from Glasgow, £10. Took in two boys and a girl and helped others.—Dec. 11, from Larbert, £1; from Paisley, £1. £3 10s. is all that has come to-day, and our balance on hand is growing less, still the Lord knoweth what things we are in need of.—Dec. 15, from Glasgow, £11 4s.; from Helensburgh, £5, "wishing you God speed." How we do rejoice in these good wishes, which lead us to the throne of grace to thank God in behalf of the wishers. We have received to-day enough for to-day's need, for which we thank our Father. Took in a girl.—Dec. 16, from Greenock, £1. This is all that has come to-day.—Dec. 17, from Dunfermline, £5. This unknown friend's gift is very refreshing to us in these trying times. From Cupar-Fife, 11s., with the following letter:—"With pleasure I enclose P.O.O. for the above. Thanks for the reports so kindly sent. Your last year's one is more than ever interesting, shewing as it does so fully the greatness and importance of the work in which you are engaged, and also testifying to the continued favour and faithfulness of Jehovah, proving Him to be, in spite of all the scepticism of men, the living God, and the Hearer and Answerer of prayer. May you be long spared and strengthened to go forward in the glorious work." Took in a girl to-day and helped others.—Dec. 19, from Rothesay, £1, with the following letter:—"Your Heavenly Father knoweth that you have need of these things; 'whatsoever ye shall ask in faith ye shall receive.' May the Saviour ever be with you to guide, strengthen, and comfort you in this work of feeding the lambs." From Kinnie, £3. This is one who desires to remain unknown, yet, in as much as it is done for the Lord's sake, she shall in no wise lose her reward.—Dec. 20, from Grangemouth, £2, and from Hurlford, £1, which is all that has come to-day.

Dec. 23, from Stornoway, £1. From same place anonymous, £1. From Helensburgh, 10s.; "a drop in the bucket, indeed, trusting you may have much encouragement in the coming year." In addition to helping a number of cases to-day, we took in a little boy eight years old, the son of a poor but decent widow, whose husband died 2½ years ago. Since then she has struggled on endeavouring to keep the house, but now she has had to part with everything. Through failing health she has not been able to pay her rent, and was turned out of her house. It was a

great privilege to us to be able to help her.—Dec. 24, a thankoffering for increased business, £5. This is one of the ways the Lord takes to lay the wants of the little ones on the hearts of His stewards. We pray that He may give them manifold more. Our old anonymous friend has sent us his usual gift of £100. How we bless God for these renewed tokens of His interest. Took in three children, whose father was convicted and sentenced at the Circuit Court to 12 months' imprisonment. The marriage seems to have been an unhappy one, and, from what the mother said to me, I gather that she wishes to have nothing more to do with husband or children.—Dec. 25, from Edinburgh, £3, with the following letter:—I have lately received one or two of your papers. They are deeply interesting. I trust you may be long spared to carry on your labours of love, and that our Heavenly Father will open the hearts of the rich to aid you with their means. From Fifeshire £1; also £2 with best wishes. Took in two little boys whose father was sentenced to fourteen days for not sending them to school. Mother is dead. It was sad to see the neglected state in which those poor children were. The elder of the two, when given a jacket to put on came and asked how he was to do it, as he had never had one like it before.—December 26, from a Missionary Box, £3 3s; from Rutherglen, £2. Although little has come to-day for the daily needs our hearts have been gladdened by the gift of £1300 for the Washington Home, from a Scotchman. Took in two orphan boys whose mother died some years ago, and father a fortnight since. May the Father of the fatherless who has provided a shelter for them, bless the lads.

December 27, from Prestwick £1; from Edinburgh 10s; £3 10s in all to-day, which is only one fourth of our needs, yet we have not lacked, and the fountain source is ever flowing. December 30, from London £5, with the following letter. "I enclose cheque for £5 for your good work in Glasgow. I have read with great interest the account of all you saw in Canada, and I feel more convinced than ever that there is no other work amongst the same class which bears such encouraging fruit." From Stirling, £20; from Aberdeen, £5; from Manitoba, £2 10s; part of the Lord's portion, 3s. Thus from many different sources the Lord supplies. We do praise His name.—December 31, from Paisley, £10, with the following: "Enclosed find two halves five pound Bank of England notes, being £10 to send a boy to Canada. I have read with pleasure from time to time of the success of your efforts in this direction. That so many boys have turned out well is very gratifying and encouraging, and I sincerely wish that your efforts may be more and more blessed." From Bathgate, 10s; from Port-Glasgow, £25. Thus the year closes with manifold mercies that fill our hearts with thanksgiving.

January 1, from Edinburgh, 5s; from Jedburgh, 1s; from Girvan, £1. Also £18 from various other places. Thus has come the earnest of the New Year on which we have entered. May it be one of more service for the Master. New Year's day is a bright one in many homes, but in none more so than in ours. The ninety children from the Emigration Homes on the Govan Road, and the one hundred in the City Home all assembled in the large Hall of the Home, at two o'clock, and sat down to

dinner, which consisted of—roast beef, turkey, potatoes, and plum pudding. At four o'clock they reassembled in another room, and two large Christmas trees, laden with all manner of fruits, were unstripped, to the great delight of the young folks. At six o'clock a special tea was provided, when the children and their friends contributed towards the evening's enjoyment. The large hall was beautifully decorated with evergreens and mottoes, also the boys' dormitories and other rooms. The rooms, which were done by the boys, presented quite a novel and fairy-like appearance. Altogether the whole day was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were there. The treat was provided for through gifts sent in by friends for it specially.—Jan. 2, from Aberdeen, £6 5s.; from one of our old helpers, whose sympathy has strengthened us many a time. May the Lord abundantly bless her in her old age. From Kincardine, £10, to take a child to Canada, "with best wishes that the Lord may bless your good work and labour of love;" from Glasgow, £15, to reclaim a street Arab. How we yearn to rescue more of these waifs and strays who are going fast to ruin on our streets. As we could not be at the City Home and the Cottage Homes on the same day, the children at Bridge-of-Weir had their New-Year's treat to-day, which they greatly enjoyed. It was very refreshing to see the delight of the little ones at receiving gifts from the Christmas tree.—Jan. 3, from Swansea, 5s.; from a Servant, 10s.; from Argyshire, £20, to be applied as we think best. This renewed gift from our fellow-helper is most encouraging. May the Lord enable us to use it for Him.

Jan. 4, 4s. with the following:—"Permit me to enclose you the small sum of 4s. from a very poor friend. She has a hard struggle to get the necessities of life, and has little to spare. But, being much touched through reading one of your 'narratives,' she felt it would be a privilege to offer her mite." The mites given to Jesus are not forgotten by Him. Took in an orphan boy from Edinburgh. His mother's life was shortened by the ill-usage of the father, who died in the hospital a few days ago. Also a little girl of 6, whose mother is so debased she could not tell the number of times she had been in prison. We rejoice in being able to shelter this little one, and hope we shall be able to keep her from the influence of such a mother.—Jan. 6, from a Sabbath School in Rothesay, £1; from Two Sabbath Schools in Glasgow, £1 each. We praise God for these, and pray that He may bless both teachers and scholars. Took in a little orphan boy of 6 years.—Jan. 8, from Cheltenham, £5, in memory of little ones safe in the "Home over there." We praise God for these remembrances, and pray that He may fill the bereaved hearts with His own peace and give them more assurance of meeting again. From Wigtown, £1; from Uddingston, £1; with the words, "May the future of your grand work be a blessing as it has been in the past;" from Dumbartonshire, £200 to furnish No. 4 Home.

Thus the Lord supplies our returning wants by small and large gifts. To Him be all the praise. Took in two boys and a girl.—Jan. 9, from Hamilton, £1; and from Falkirk, 10s; with "best wishes for continuation of our Lord's blessing on your labours for the dear bairns' spiritual as well as temporal welfare."—Jan. 10, from Auchterarder, £2; first-fruits, 2s. 6d.; with the words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one

of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."—Jan. 12, from Helensburgh, £2; from Greenock, 2s. 6d.; from Moffat, £2 13s. Took in an orphan boy, also a girl whose father was sent home from the Crimea and died some years ago in the poorhouse.—Jan. 13, from Kilmarnock, £1; from Glasgow, £10, to take a child to Canada.—Jan. 14, from Port-Glasgow, 15s.; from Kilmarnock, £1. We have only received £3 15s. to-day, still we have the unfailing source to go to.

Jan. 15, from Isle of Wight, £10; from a dear old helper, £26, which she has got from a number of her own friends. Her practical interest in our work during many years has been a great strength to me, and leads me to bless God on her behalf. From Kirriemuir, £1, with the following letter:—"I have been forgetful of you in one way for a long time, and now enclose you £1, which you will please accept for your work as a small thankoffering for great mercies received in a time of severe trial. My weak faith stands rebuked before God. I trust your work is prospering. May the Master graciously smile on you." Took in a little girl to-day and helped others.—Jan. 16, from London, two interest warrants amounting to £7 16s. 8d. This is one of the many ways in which the Lord supplies our daily needs. Took in three children to-day.

Jan. 17, from Orkney, £1, with the following letter:—"My wife and I join in sending you the enclosed £1 note as a new year's offering and small donation to the funds of one or any of your good works in which you are engaged. I have read a few paragraphs of your report in our Sabbath School, and latterly I sent for a few copies for distribution among the older scholars, so as to interest them in the work; whether you will receive any money from us I know not."—Jan. 19, from Stranraer, 10s., as the result of reading to the Sabbath School children "My letter to young people." From Largs, £10 10s. A working man out of employment with two children came for help to-day. He said he had tasted no food that day and that it would be better to end his days with his children than to keep them in the misery they were in. The variety of cases that come to us for help is very great, and it needs no small amount of discernment to know what to do some times.

Jan. 20, from Somersetshire, £1; from Paisley, 6s.; and from a little boy, 10s. This is all that has come for the general work to-day, but we received from a friend in the East of Scotland £1300 to build a cottage to be called the "Ebenezer" Home. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us indeed.—Jan. 23, from various places, £5 17s. to-day. The annual treat for street children took place this evening. For the last sixteen years I have been trying to get our authorities to secure legal power whereby the children who make a living on our streets would be controlled so as to prevent them from doing injury to themselves or the community—that is to say, that no child should be allowed to make a living on the streets unless under the supervision of a responsible committee. If such a law were in force 50 per cent. of juvenile crime would be prevented, and those who do rise out of street life would be greatly helped. The Workshop and Factory Act, as carried out by the School Board, helps a little; but until something further is done, the road to ruin for the children will be open. The annual treat aims at getting

them to see that we are interested in their welfare, and trying to induce them to leave the life of the streets. The smallness of the number who responded to our invitation shows the liking the children themselves have to the streets. The following, from *N.B. Daily Mail*, giving an account of the meeting, will be read with interest:—

STREET CHILDREN AT SUPPER.

On Thursday evening last the annual treat was given to the youthful street vendors of this city. About 600 tickets of invitation were issued, and we suppose not less than 900 or 1000 boys and girls turned up seeking admission. Provision was made for 700. After every bag of bread was disposed of many of the youngsters remained outside for the simple reason that the hall could hold no more. It was thought the bolts would yield to the pressure of the surging mob. They rang the bell as if they wished to waken the dead; they climbed up and looked in at the windows, like so many evil spirits determined to invade us; they petitioned most lustily and emphatically to get in, but all this with the utmost good nature. It was evidently a gala night with them, and they had made up their minds to enjoy themselves. One lad of about 15, with an honest and intelligent look about his face, tried to get in without a ticket. "Can't get in without a ticket," said the worker on sentry. He hung his head and gave a sob which was evidently genuine. The worker was touched. "Why did you not get a ticket yesterday?" "Please, sir, I was at the Caledonian Railway trying to get parcels to carry." A ticket was got for him, and he joyfully took his place among the others in the hall. The thought forced itself upon one: if all that energy in their after-life be spent by these children trying to obtain by dishonest means what they consider the good things of this world—as most probably two-thirds of them will do—society will certainly suffer. When a boy or girl accustomed to make their living by selling articles on the street grows up to manhood or womanhood, they become ashamed of their occupation. But what can they do? They know no trade and are not accustomed to either restraint or to hard work; it is therefore almost a necessity for them to take to dishonest practices.

As far as can be judged the number on the streets is fully 30 per cent. more than last year, which is an evidence of the hard times through which we have been passing. After the 700 were seated one thing was evident: nearly all had at least made an attempt at washing their faces; but while the girls had as a rule combed their hair, not a boy could be seen whose head bore the slightest trace of ever having had the benefit of comb or brush. The treat consisted of a substantial bag of bread, with plenty of tea served at 7.15 p.m.; then some hymns. After this a few words from Mr. Quarrier and others; at 8.15, magic lantern views, illustrating Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress;" at 9.30, supper, in the shape of a good large pie, and some fruit after it, and as they departed, about 10, each got a Christmas card and a little book. To look on the outside all seemed happy and jolly, as if they had not a care in the world, and had never felt the pinch of hunger or of cold. But did we know each case as our Father in Heaven knows it—did we follow each one home—some to sleep out at the limekilns, some in closes, some with drunken parents more brutal far than the Zulus, whom we call uncivilised heathens—how many bleeding little hearts would we find beating beneath these rags?

It may be that some may fancy there is no hope for such children; but the time and money spent upon their reclamation is very far from being wasted—it is positively saved. Let them grow up as they are, how many policemen will it take to watch them? how many jails will it take to punish them in? Already they are lawless and headstrong; they cannot bear order, method, or cleanliness; they feel these things terribly irksome, especially those about 12 or 13, but every year makes it worse. The only chance is to get hold of them while yet young. This annual meeting is intended as a step in this direction. When there they are spoken to strongly about the evils of street life, and all who wish to leave it are invited to come into the Home. On Thursday, when Mr. Quarrier asked if any were willing to leave the streets, there was quite a chorus of affirmatives. After

the meeting, the case of each willing to enter the "Homes" is inquired into, and, if found suitable, they are there received. Besides this, there is an idea in many of their minds that the "Home" is a kind of prison, and they would rather starve than enter. By taking tea in the hall, they become to some extent acquainted with the workers and the place, and their prejudices are thus removed. Upon the whole, considering all things, the behaviour of the children on Thursday evening was remarkably good. There was plenty of noise and fun, but they were kept fairly under control. When the large dinner bell was rung as a hint that more quietness was desired, it was generally attended to; and when the gas was screwed down and the lantern was got under weigh, there was little or no skylarking, as many expected there would be. Altogether it was both a pleasant and profitable meeting. At the close, 18 waited to be taken in, and were dealt with.

January 24, from Campbeltown, £1; a little sick girl, 7d. This is all that has come to-day, and our needs are increasing. "God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think."—January 26, from Dalkeith, £9; from Helensburgh, £20; from Kilmarnock, £3; from Glasgow, £5 4s.; from Kirkcaldy, £2, with the following letter:—"I trust you will be enabled to carry on and extend your institutions, and that the blessing of the Lord will rest upon all your labours. I don't want my name to appear in any list. 'Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth.'" We praise God for these gifts, and all the more so that there has been so little sent in for the past few days. Our eyes are unto the Lord, whose are the silver and the gold. Took in one boy and two girls to-day.—January 29, from Glasgow, £2, which is all that has come to-day, and there was only £5 the two days previous. Not half a day's keep in three days. God who saveth in time of trouble is able to supply all our need. Took in four orphan children to-day.—January 30, from Alloa, £1 1s.; and from Glasgow, £2 only. Took in five children. One a little orphan girl that an old Highlandman (in whose house the parents died) brought to us. He and his wife had tried their best to keep the child, but the wife died lately, and the old man himself is destitute and needing help. He was very much overcome at leaving the little girl.—January 31, from Glasgow, £1 11s. Another month has closed, and our balance on hand for keep of the children is somewhat less than at the beginning, yet we are able to meet all our obligations, and owe no man anything.

Feb. 2, from Braemar, £2; from Fife, £1.—Feb. 3, from Glasgow, £2 13s. 11d. and £1 7s. Took in two girls and one boy to-day, and gave help to other cases.—Feb. 5, from Hamilton, £5; from unknown friends, £50. For a week past very little has been sent in, and this gift has greatly encouraged us. The Lord knoweth that we have need of these things. May He bless the givers with His abiding peace. Took in a little boy, whose father died before the child was born. The mother has had a hard struggle to bring him up, and an uncle was setting the child a bad example by drinking, &c.—Feb. 10, from Edinburgh, £1; from Kent, £1 5s. Took in a little boy whose father is dead, and the mother is going into the Infirmary. Since her husband's death she has buried three children and her old mother, 80 years of age, and now she has no friends or home. Also another little fellow, an orphan in a miserable condition, dirty and ragged. Said he didn't know where God lives. We esteem it a great privilege to help such cases, but we are wondering why so little is coming in to enable us to do so.

Feb. 11, from Glasgow, £2; from Edinburgh, £1. Took in a girl whose father is dead and the mother dying. She is anxious to have her child under our care before she is called away.—Feb. 12, from Annan, 5s.; from Auchencairn, 10s., with the following: "In the long-suffering of God I am permitted to write to you again and send a Post-office order for 10s. from J. C. for the good work in which you are engaged, heartily wishing the Lord may prosper and bless it and you His servant."—Feb. 14, from Glasgow, £25; from a Sabbath school, £2 19s.; from a friend, £10; and from another, £5. These sums have greatly cheered us to-day. The Lord is good. He will not fail any who put their trust in Him.—Feb. 16, from London, £30, to rescue two children. We do praise God for this encouraging gift. Took in two children and helped others.—Feb. 17, from Glasgow, £50. This has greatly cheered us to-day. Took in a little orphan girl—"Nobody's Child"—ragged and filthy; father died two years ago, and the mother a few months since under an operation in the infirmary.—Feb. 19, from Aberdeen, £10, with the prayer that we may be long spared and made a blessing. The good wishes of our friends are a great stimulus to us. From Glasgow, £5. Took in three children who, along with their mother, were sent from the poorhouse to Ireland, from which they returned three weeks ago, and have not slept in a bed since; they were in a miserable condition.

Feb. 20, from Paisley, £2, with the following letter:—"I consider you are doing a grand work, and hope you may be long spared to carry it on with that discretion and success you have done during the past." The Lord gives us the wisdom, and we ascribe all the praise to Him. A little girl from the infirmary, and another from the police office, were taken in to-day.—Feb. 24, from Busby, £2; and from Glasgow, £2. Took in a little girl of ten years, who had been very badly used by a drunken couple who adopted her. Also, a little boy of nine years, who was adopted by a lady who has now lost all her means through the City Bank failure, and is not able to keep the child. A little girl of three years, starved and naked; and a young woman once in comfortable circumstances, but now without a home.—Feb. 28, from Cupar Fife, £1, with the words—"I will praise Thee, O Lord, for Thou art great, good, gracious, glorious. Our earnest and hearty prayer for you and yours is that the God of all grace may bless you with every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus." At the close of this month our balance on hand is somewhat less than at the beginning, while our numbers have increased, and also our responsibilities.

March 1, from Glasgow, £10, to take a child to Canada; from Port-Glasgow, £1 5s. 10d. Took in four orphans, three boys and one girl, whose father died some time since, and mother was found drowned in the canal three weeks ago. To-day we have been looking at the number of children we hope to be able to send to Canada early in May, and we have resolved to send 100. We have received up to date £360 for this special object, but we will need before the day of sailing £640 of the £1000 which it takes at £10 per head for passage and outfit to send 100. We have no doubt the Lord will supply it as He has done in past years.—March 2, from an Anonymous Friend in London, £10, with 2nd Cor. ix. 8, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye,

always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." From Glasgow, £10 to take a child to Canada.—March 4, from an unknown Friend, £1, with the words, "Trust in Him at all times." How appropriate are these words to-day, in view of all that lies before us. Took in a boy and a girl for Canada to-day.—March 5, from Paisley, £50, £30 of it to take three children to Canada; from Edinburgh, £2, from Falkirk, £1, with the following letter:—"I wish you much success though I cannot render very much assistance. I think my wife would have been sending you a little by this time had she been still with me, for she had a living interest in your work. It gives me pleasure to do what she would have done had not God in His mysterious providence removed her to the Eternal Home." Took in two children to-day, and helped others.

March 8, from Glasgow, £100, to take ten children to Canada. This gift has greatly cheered us to-day, and we praise our Father for it. From Paisley, 10s. as a thank-offering for the birth of a son. We pray that he may be long spared, and that the mother may see in him the fruits of the second birth. Took in three children, and helped a number of other applicants.—March 11, from Glasgow, £10, saved from house-keeping, to take a child to Canada. May many more follow this friend's example. Took in three boys to-day.—March 12, from Edinburgh, £10 to take a child to Canada; from Coatbridge, £5. This friend says we need not thank him for the gift, as he has to conquer his own selfishness to give, but thanks God for being permitted to help in such a work. Took in two boys, and helped others.—Mar. 16, from Tillicoultry, £100. How we bless God for this gift to-day, which will pay for ten more children to Canada. May the giver realise that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and may he see the fruit of his labour. Took in a boy.

March 22, from Dunoon, £25 to take two children to Canada, and to provide gospels and almanacs, &c. This friend says, "I wish, instead of sending you an extra £5 at this time, I could send you £500, for I know no more hopeful or nobler work than the one to which you are devoting yourself so earnestly. With kind regards, and praying that the Lord will bless and prosper you beyond your expectations, and perfect that which concerneth you." From "Leather," £10, to take a child to Canada. May this friend realise the promise, "Thy shoes shall be iron and brass, and as thy days so shall thy strength be."—March 23, no money to-day, and our wants are increasing. Took in two children, a boy and a girl; father dead, and mother married to a drunken man, who has put her out of her business and home.—March 24, from Cupar-Fife, 10s.; from Belfast, £3. Took in five orphan children; father died in November of fever; mother died last Friday. The landlord turned them out of the house to-day, taking the little furniture they had for the rent that was owing. Their poor starved faces were pitiful to see.—March 25, no money to-day. Took in three children, whose father is in the Lunatic Asylum, and the mother, when dying with consumption, asked us, six weeks ago, to take the children when she died. She died yesterday, and so the children have found a shelter with us.—March 31, the month closes with our balance on hand somewhat increased. A

number of children have been paid for to Canada, and we believe the Lord will supply all the rest.

Apr. 7, from Edinburgh, £10, for a child to Canada; and from Wooler, £10, for the same purpose.—Apr. 8, no money and our wants are manifold. The money comes so regularly that we feel disappointed if a day pass without anything being received. "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance."—Apr. 16, from Glasgow, £20, for two children to Canada. This has greatly strengthened our hearts. May the Lord bless the giver and his household.—Apr. 20, from Aberdeen, 5s, with the following letter:—"I send you 5s of stamps knowing you will need a little more at this time. Wishing you a successful voyage with your large family. It will be a mite to help you along. May the Father guide the helm."—Apr. 21, from Glasgow, £10, for the Working Boys' Home. This friend says—"I pray you will have much success in leading working youths to a decision for Christ. The more fully we lose our own lives the more fully will His life manifest in us its power and holiness."—Apr. 23, from an old helper in Renton, £10, to take a child to Canada. Took in a little girl to-day.—Apr. 30, The Lord has supplied all our daily needs during the past month. Ninety-six children have been paid for to Canada, leaving 4 of the 100 we intended to send. We hope now to be able to send 5 or 10 more.

May 1, from Glasgow, £30, to take three children to Canada; and from Brighton, £10, for the same purpose.—May 3, from Glasgow, £15, for keep of a boy. Took in two orphan children whose father died in January and mother last week. Before her death she expressed her desire to have them placed in the Home.—May 6, from Glasgow, £10, for emigration. Took in a girl for Canada and helped other cases.—May 10, from Servia, £100. We praise God for this remembrance from a far-off land. May the Lord bless the giver in his own work.—May 11, To day our parting meeting was held. The good wishes and hearty sympathy of our friends have greatly cheered us in again going forth with our large party.—May 13, leave for Canada to-day in S.S. Buenos Ayrean (Capt. McLean), with a party of 117 children—Mrs. Quarrier, my daughter Mary, and Mr. Campbell accompanying me. The Lord has been good to us in supplying all the means needed for taking this large party. To Him be praise. May He go before us and be the breaker up of our way. Mr. R. H. Hunter will take charge of the work here, and we have no doubt the Lord will supply all the need, although we are away. The work is the Lord's and He is not dependent on any instrument, as He can raise up others to do the work. The following will show how the Lord supplied our fellow-helpers while we were in Canada:—May 17, took in two boys whose mother is dead. Father was in the army, but is now disabled by rheumatism and not able to keep them.—May 18, from Tighnabruaich, 10s.—May 19, from Craignish, £1; from Fife, 14s. Took in a boy of nine years.—May 25, from Hamilton, £5.—May 28, from a servant, 5s; from Glasgow, £1. Took in a little boy of eight years, mother dead, father a drunken careless fellow.—May 31, after paying all the emigration expenses and other accounts at the end of this month, we have only £7 6s. on hand for the

City Home Refuge and Mission work, and £196 16s. for the Govan Road and Cottage Homes—in all, £204 2s. We have also a building contract of £130 for Cessnock House on hand, which leaves but a very small balance for the keep of the children.

June 2, from Glasgow, £50. There has been very little sent in for some days, and this gift is most encouraging.—June 7, from Dunse, £10, for a boy to Canada. Legacy of the late Allan Reddoch, Esq., £200. This legacy is most acceptable, and comes in to supply the lack of others.—June 17, from a friend, 5s., with the words "We give thanks to God always for you, always making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of God and our Father."—June 25, from Glasgow, £1; from Cambuslang, £1. Took in two boys of 7 and 8 years.—June 30, another month has closed and we have still a week's supply on hand. How good our Father is in remembering the needs of His little ones.

July 1, a working man, £2; a friend, £1; also, 5s. This is all to-day, still the Lord is our helper, and He will not fail us.—July 5, from two friends, £100, which is most acceptable. May the Lord bless the givers.—July 6, a poor woman, 6d. Took in a little boy of 8 years, father dead, and mother in bad health, is unable to keep him.—July 12, from Eyemouth, £20.—July 26, arrived home from Canada to-night, thanking the Lord for all the way He led and kept us. May He be with us still.—July 30, "Thanks," £10, this is from friends who find, after stock-taking, that they can send it to the Lord. While they have the ability to give, we praise God that He has given them a heart to do it. Took in to-day a little boy of 9, father dead and mother not well-doing, has other five children, four of whom with herself sleep on the floor of a house in Anderston; also a little boy of 5, whose father is in prison, and two young women.—July 31, from Ayrshire, £10, in remembrance of our safe return from Canada. (The dear friend who gave this has since been called "home to the Father's house." We will miss his kindly greeting and help. May the Lord comfort and sustain the bereaved one.) Another month closed, and again we praise our Father for His goodness and faithfulness. He has fully supplied all our need.

Aug. 2, only 12s. to-day, and our wants are many. Took in a little boy of eight years, whose father was killed twelve months ago. Mother has been struggling on since with three children (one of whom has died), and she is to-day losing her house through want of money to pay the rent. One shilling which we gave her on Friday was all she had to keep her till to-day (Monday). How true it is that one half the world does not know how the other half lives! The Lord make us grateful for His mercies to us.—Aug. 3, from Wigtown, £1. Took in a little girl whose father died suddenly last week. Mother has other three children, one with spinal disease, and she is not able to keep them; also a girl of 16, mother dead, father a drunkard, and the girl homeless. A number of other cases were dealt with.—Aug. 4, from Dumbarton, £100. This was needed, and has greatly cheered us. A registered letter brings £2 from X. May the Lord reward the unknown giver!

Took in two little boys, one, father a drunkard, mother dead. Boy sleeps out, and is sadly neglected.—Aug. 6, in remembrance of "one who died in the Lord," £4. Took in two boys of 11 and 9 years. Father dead, mother left with 11 of a family, only three of whom earn anything. Five of them and the mother sleep on the floor of their room at Bridgeton.

Aug. 12, from two friends, £2; also, 5s., which is all we received to-day. Took in four orphan children, two boys and two girls. Father died four years ago, leaving the mother to struggle for their maintenance. Her health failed her, and last week she died, worn out by privation and toil. The pinched and sad faces of the three elder children tell a tale of want and misery, the memory of which we hope a happy future will obliterate.—Aug. 18, from Bob, 10s., and from Largs, £6 10s. Took in a little destitute boy of four years; also a girl of six, whose mother is dead and father has not been heard of for some time.—Aug. 23, only 16s. to-day. The Lord knoweth our need. Took in two boys of 12 and 7 years, and gave advice and help to about a dozen other applicants.

August 24, from Mitchell, Cowan, & Johnstone, Writers, £50, being compromise for property left to the Homes by the late Mrs. J. A. This dear friend when alive took a great interest in the work among the children. She was life-rented in the estate of her husband and son, who pre-deceased her. Forty years ago she built the property in which she resided, and a few years before her death bequeathed it to the Homes. As there were no documents to show that what she paid for it was her own private money, the trustees of her son and daughter, who are both dead, put in a claim for it. The property was worth about £500, but had we gone to law about it we might have lost more than its value. Rather than do that we agreed to accept the compromise, the giving of which proves that we had a lawful claim to the property. This is another case which shows that it is far better to give in one's lifetime, when it is possible to have all doubts removed, and the gift should be made so sure that there would be no trouble or expense in proving the claim.

Aug. 27, from Dalkeith, £8, and from Dunfermline, £2 12s. Took in a boy and a girl whose father is dead and the mother houseless and unable to keep them. The poor children were in a miserable condition, the boy's body being covered with sores. What a privilege to be able to act the part of the "good Samaritan" to those little ones whose lot is, in many instances, worse than that of the man who "fell among thieves."

Aug. 30, from Matlock, £1. Took in a boy of 13 years in rags. Mother unable to keep him, as she has other children. Gave assistance to 8 or 9 other applicants.—Aug. 31, from Greenock, £7 4s. 3d., £2 4s. 3d. of which is from a Sabbath school. The sender says—"I don't know any Christian work that ought to appeal so powerfully to Sabbath schools as this. The Lord bless the children, and give you to see His work amongst them prosper in your hands." Our balance on hand at the close of this month is a little over a week's supply. Our numbers are increasing, and our responsibilities along with them.

Aug. 28, we have to-day received from the executors of the late Mr. Thomas Corbett, London (who passed away on the 1st of April last), £1000, a bequest left under his will in the following terms:—"I bequeath to Mr. William Quarrier, of the city of Glasgow, of the Orphan Homes of Scotland, the sum of one thousand pounds, to be applied by him in paying the passage monies of orphans, or destitute children, from Glasgow to Canada or other British colonies, leaving other persons to pay for the outfits of such orphans or destitute children." Nine years ago, when I was in perplexity as to whether I should do more than I was then doing, and enter upon the work of the Homes, I asked the Lord to direct me by sending £2000 if He wished me to do it. Our dear friend Mr. Thomas Corbett was the instrument He used in sending the money. Up till that time I had been praying for money from my business to help orphan children, but since then I have looked to the Lord for the daily supply, which has been sufficient, and as His resources are infinite, there is no fear of failure. May the Lord sustain and comfort the bereaved widow and family, and give them more than ever to realize the presence of Him who is "the Husband of the widow," as well as the "Father of the fatherless." During the year a number of our old friends have passed away to their rest and reward, and their removal reminds us, as well as all our helpers, that whatsoever our hands find to do we should do with all our might. Our time here is short, and it behoves us to fill it up with work for the Master, so that at the close we may receive the "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Sept. 1, from Broughty-Ferry, £1. Took in two children whose mother was found dead on a stair about a year ago. Father is a drunkard, and takes nothing to do with his children.—Sept. 3, from Glasgow, £7 0s. 3d. for emigration. Took in a little neglected girl, 10 years, and another of 15, out of work, and dealt with a number of other cases.—Sept. 6, from Gourock, £30.—Sept. 10, from Glasgow, 10s. 5d.; also, 10s. This is all that has come in to-day. Still "the Lord is faithful, who will not suffer us to be tempted above that which we are able to bear." Took in two girls to-day.—Sept. 13, received £3, one-fifth of a day's supply. Took in a little girl of 8 years. Father died last May, and mother is unable to support her child.—Sept. 14, £14 12s., to-day supply. The Lord is mindful of us. May He make us more grateful. Took in two girls whose father is hopelessly insane in the Asylum. Mother has been lodging with a woman, but had to sleep on the floor, and very often had not a bite to eat.

Sept. 20, from Bedford, £10, to take a child to Canada. Took in three children, 11, 6, and 2 years. Mother died a month ago of consumption. Father, hopelessly so, is going into the Infirmary. (Father died about three weeks after.) Sept. 22, from Glasgow, £1 10s., and from Alloa, 10s. Took in two children whose father is dead. The mother has had a hard struggle to keep them.—Sept. 24, from Glasgow, £25. May the Lord strengthen the giver, and be with him at all times. Took in an orphan girl, and dealt with a number of other cases.—Sept. 29, a friend

sends 10s., as part of a thank-offering for the recovery of a dear husband. How often we forget to return thanks for mercies received, and yet the Lord continues to bestow them on us.—Sept. 30, from Glasgow, £3. Took in two boys whose father died a year ago, and mother is unable to support them; also other two, who were destitute. The month closes with our balance on hand much the same as at the beginning. A good many children have been added to our family.

Oct. 1, from Glasgow, £5. Took in a little boy whose mother is dead and father in poorhouse. The boy has been sleeping out on stairs, &c., for the last three months.—Oct. 4, from Wigtown, £1. We do praise God for this friend's remembrance of us throughout the year. May the Lord reward him. From Montrose, 5s.; from Glasgow, £10. Took in a little boy of six years whose mother is in prison, also a young woman whose stepmother would have nothing to do with her.—Oct. 6, from Fifeshire, £4, which is all that has come to-day. Took in two children, father dead and mother in very bad health and quite unable to do anything for them.—Oct. 8, from Glasgow, £10 and £1. We praise the Lord for both these gifts from old friends. Took in three children whose mother is dead and father going into hospital.—Oct. 18, from Ayrshire, £15. There has not been much received for some days, and this gift has greatly encouraged us, coming as it does from one who has helped us many times in the past. May the Lord prosper and reward him.

Oct. 19, from Barrhead, 2s., with the following note:—"I enclose 2s. worth of postage stamps, my Maggie's first earnings, I would give more if I could, yet, perhaps God will bless it, for He knows how I would like to give more." The Lord accepts according to what we have, and anything done for Him will in nowise lose its reward.—Oct. 22, from Paisley, £5; and from Glasgow, £1. Took in a little girl of six years and another of eight, whose father is dead and mother not well doing. The grandmother, who has brought up the child is scarcely able to support herself now. Also a boy of 11, and helped a number of others.—Oct. 27, from Glasgow, £5, "Hoping the Master whom you serve, as He has blessed you in the past may continue to bless you still more abundantly."—Oct. 28, from Glasgow, £10; and from Edinburgh, £5; enough for to-day's supply, for which we thank our Father. Took in a young woman whose stepmother will not allow her to remain in the house; also two boys 10 and 7 years whose father died three years ago. Since that time the mother and four children have been without a home, just regular tramps singing and begging for a living.—Oct. 31, to-day closes the ninth year of the work of the Homes, and looking back on all the way the Lord has led us, we may indeed say—

"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.

"Tis Jesus, the First and the Last,
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home!
We'll praise Him for all that is past,
And trust Him for all that's to come."

DEPARTURE OF OUR NINTH ANNUAL BAND OF CHILDREN TO CANADA.

The burdens involved in preparing a band of children like ours for Canada are so very great that we could not undertake the work but for the kindly help and sympathy of so many friends who come forward. The help given by the ladies in making the outfits, and the gifts of money sent by the different friends throughout the country, as well as the special help given on these extra days, all combine to encourage us to go forward and make the work a success. In this, as in the other parts of the work may we all hear the Master say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

We have been greatly encouraged this year by the unmistakable evidences that a number of the children have shown of having given their hearts to Jesus, and we hope in that land to which they have gone they will seek to shine for Him, and be made the means of blessing to others.

On Tuesday, 11th May, a parting meeting was held in the hall of the City Orphan Home, when about 500 persons were present. The Hon. the Lord Provost occupied the chair, and beside him on the platform were—Rev. Dr. Culross, Revs. Messrs. Grant, Campbell, and Renfrew; Dr. Syme, Bridge of Weir; and Messrs. Alex. Allan, George Martin, of Auchendennan; Stewart Turnbull, Renton; T. Biggart, Dalry; Richard H. Hunter, John Robertson, Wm. Maitland, W. J. Stewart, James S. Napier, T. Train, &c.

The LORD PROVOST spoke of the pleasure he had in being able to be present, and so show his sympathy with Mr. Quarrier in the noble work in which he was engaged. The meeting that day was a parting meeting with the boys and girls who were to leave their native shores for a foreign land, all of them having the necessary qualification, which was that they were houseless at home. The temptations which surrounded the young in a large city such as Glasgow were well known, and but for the rescuing hand of their friend Mr. Quarrier, those young people who that day were looking forward with bright expectations to a happy future might have formed the class who in great numbers found their way to our prisons, where they were left without control or supervision by parents or guardians. Besides from his experience, especially as a police magistrate, he felt that the risk of leaving those who were thus unprotected to all the dangers to which they were exposed was so terrible that he thanked God there had such a refuge been provided wherein they might be trained with the prospect of a happy future before them on the other side of the ocean. Mr. Quarrier had received many letters from the young people he had sent abroad expressing gratitude for all he had done for them while in this country, and for leading them to the happiness they were experiencing in the new positions to which he had sent them. He had no doubt the young people who were with them that day would in after years repeat this story, and cheer Mr. Quarrier's heart, encouraging him for the work before him. He was

sure the boys and girls would never forget the kindness they had experienced at Mr. Quarrier's hands.

Rev. Dr. CULROSS engaged in prayer for the safe journey of the children and their guardians, and the happy settlement of the former in America.

Several other gentlemen addressed the meeting, and a number of hymns were sung by the children. In the evening the friends and relatives of the children met in the hall, and had tea with them.

The Ship was to have sailed on Wednesday, but did not get away till Thursday at 1 o'clock. Our party consisted of—107 children from our own Homes, 7 from Mrs. Blaikie's Home, Edinburgh, 2 from Maryhill, and 1 from Edinburgh—in all, 117. Mrs. Quarrier, my youngest daughter, Mr. Campbell, and myself, went in charge of the party. The following notice of our departure, taken from *N. B. Daily Mail*, gives a fuller account than I could otherwise give:—

"Now we're off!" an exclamation always at hand, not specially novel or generally speaking exciting. Under ordinary circumstances the fact of a vessel sailing from Mavis Wharf bound to America should not create any extraordinary amount of surprise. But this did. Never since Mr. Quarrier first started the emigration scheme had there been such signs of public interest. In every part of the quay the general sentiment was manifested by waving of hats, handkerchiefs, and cheers. It seemed as if the adjoining neighbourhood was in a state of holiday on the occasion. In many houses the windows were crowded. The way from Cessnock House to the wharf was lined by people, the gates leading to the wharf literally thronged. It needed some stiff struggling to get into the shed alongside the steamer. I had a feeling of thankfulness, something akin to that which one feels at the consciousness of being on one's legs again after being carried off them for a few minutes when we go in with a "rush" to some place of public amusement, when at length I found myself safe and sound looking at the motley group of sight-seers and leave-takers from the deck of the aforesaid vessel. The latter was in itself worthy of a journey to see. It was the Allan Liner Buenos Ayrean, 4000 tons burden, measuring 385 feet from stem to stern, and 43 feet wide, double bottomed, and the largest "steel" ship afloat; one, too, with the additional recommendation of being steered by steam. Her passengers numbered in all about three hundred and twenty-three. Of these, eight were registered as first cabin, two hundred fore deck, and one hundred and seventeen Mr. Quarrier's boys and girls. These occupied the "model-ships" wonderfully comfortable stowage—fresh, clean, plenty of room, airy, and wholesome. Inspecting their berths, I saw no reason to object, but a great many reasons to invite, to anyone's closer acquaintanceship with them. Gigantic bedrooms on the respective sides for the little emigrants; whilst the centre made a famous dining hall. Anyone who has been privileged to travel by an Allan Liner knows well the profuseness of the viands, and the care bestowed on the voyagers, and the substantial dinner I saw the youngsters engaged at in the afternoon told its cheery tale. We had, as is usual on these annual occasions, made our way to the wharf by a couple of omnibuses chartered from Cessnock House. The scene there had also had its usual tints of light and shade. The usual religious service had been engaged in. Prayer had been offered up on the eve of parting by Mr. Quarrier, and stifled sobs had responded to his earnest supplication.

Nearly the whole of the visitors pressed round Mr. Quarrier and struggled for a parting grasp of the kindly hand that had been stretched out to save their helpless, forsaken, all but forgotten, little ones from something worse than death. "God Almighty bless you, sir," sobbed out a poor wretched

ragged woman. Then, turning away, the sad soul cried out pitifully. "But oh, my puir, puir bairn." Some pushed their way to the door of the omnibus, and stood on the step struggling for a farewell glance or word with one amongst the crowd within. One woman, very old, very wrinkled, and very ragged, ran screaming up to the omnibus door as it neared the wharf, and called on her child to speak but one word to her. The poor creature was with difficulty, and even with force, restrained from pushing her way inside. This might have been the excitement of grief, but it looked like excitement of something of not so hallowed a name. The picture, however, had a brighter side. Whether from the fact of the hopefulness of childhood, the prospect of better life, a bright future, or the consciousness of being for years uncared for by any soul flattered by the name of humanity, the children were for the most part not simply stolid, but joyous as on a holiday. They cheered lustily as they left the Homes and passed along the road. They sang their parting hymns on board the steamer as brightly as if sickness, starvation, care, or sorrow had never darkened their young lives. They scrambled with all the romp and laughter of childhood for the oranges, biscuits, and sweeties thrown by some good-hearted strangers from the wharf. Every boy and girl was dressed well and clad warmly. Some were so young that they had to be carried in arms. The girls looked clean, stout, and healthy, and in their dapper woollen "Colleen Bawn" hoods and cloaks very innocent and pretty. A dozen or so of sturdy youngsters were attired in something of a naval uniform. All might have passed for children of middle-class tradesmen. Each and all could, if called, relate his or her history. It would be that of a life brief, but filled with incidents enough to form the basis of a dozen novels. Out of numerous cases I quote a few:—

1. P. S. might well be called "Nobody's child." After his mother's death his home was the City Poorhouse. From this refuge he was taken in hand by a blind woman, who allowed him to sleep on the floor for six nights. Here he was eventually found by the School Board officers and brought to the Homes.

2. T. W. came from Perth, where his mother was in prison. The child was neglected and utterly destitute.

3. N. M., an orphan, had travelled the country with a villanous hawker, who had threatened to murder him. He left his protector (?), and tried in vain to earn his living by selling pins, papers, &c. He was found in a low lodging-house in Edinburgh, and, like Lazarus, was laid at the door of the Homes full of sores.

4. M. H. had fled from her brutal step-father, from whom she had received such usage as to be compelled to hide under the bed when he was in the house.

5. N. and M. D.—Scarcely knew their father—mother dead—he was so often away from them in prison.

6. J. N.—Father dead; mother a convicted felon undergoing three years' penal servitude.

7. I left the Buenos Ayrean at the Tail of the Bank, from which she started that night for Canada.

THE VOYAGE ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

Thursday, 13th May—Left Glasgow at half-past 1; got the beds allocated to the children as we sailed down the river. Got to Greenock about half-past four. Government inspection over, we parted from friends, and sailed about 7.30. Children had tea, then we had worship, and got them to bed about half-past nine. Got to bed myself tired and thankful. Friday—Got up at five o'clock; bright, clear morning; found the children with clothes and boots on, just ready to jump when the call was given. The boys seemed like a regiment of cavalry scampering along the iron deck to the lavatory. Found

we were off the Irish coast. Children came asking, "Will we soon be at Canada?" Had their breakfast at half-past seven, worship at ten. Children well, and enjoying themselves playing at skipping-ropes, swings, &c., which had been put up for them. What a contrast from this day last year, when nearly all were sick. In the afternoon the ship began to roll; some of the children got a little frightened, others were cheering them by singing. Worship at half-past seven, and to bed at eight, having spent a bright and happy day. Swell increasing towards night. At noon to-day we had made 184 miles since we sailed. Saturday—Ship rocked a good deal through the night; a few of the children sick. Spoke at Gospel meeting to passengers and crew, in the fore-steerage, which the captain has every Wednesday and Saturday night, weather permitting. At noon to-day we had made 306 miles since the same time yesterday. Sabbath—Weather moderate; most of the children able to be up. Had service in the fore-steerage at 10.30, at which nearly all the passengers and many of the crew attended, also the children. Had the children's special service at 2.30 in our own part of the ship. Had service in the fore-steerage again at 6.30 for an hour and a-half. Then got the children to bed, after having spent a happy and, I trust, a profitable day. At noon to-day we had gone 291 miles since noon yesterday. Monday—Night been stormy with head wind, ship pitching a good deal, a portion of the passengers and children sick. Felt myself squeamish and out of sorts to-day, but able for work; children helpful to each other, some trying to cheer others by singing hymns. Storm kept increasing towards night. At 12 o'clock noon we had made 278 miles in twenty-four hours. Tuesday—Wet and windy this morning. Some of the children still sick. Had to keep them below in the morning; but it cleared up in the afternoon, and all got up on deck with the exception of the sick ones. I hope we are over the worst of the sickness now. Captain thinks we shall have good weather to-morrow. Have only made 228 miles since noon yesterday till the same time to-day. Wednesday—Morning fair but windy, children nearly all well. Afternoon wet and stormy, so had to keep the children down stairs. Captain did not know what sort of night we might have, the wind was so changeable. We had an hour's singing with the children after tea, after which the steward gave them a treat of raisins, which they much enjoyed. Saw quite a number of ships to-day. The captain gave as a reason for seeing so many that we were on the track of the New York and Boston ships. Could not have the usual Gospel meeting in the fore-steerage to-night, as it was so wet and stormy. At noon to-day we had gone 269 miles since noon yesterday. Thursday—Bright morning, sun shining, but very cold, indicating that ice is near; children well, and playing at all sorts of games to-day. Passed a great many icebergs to the north of us of various sizes and shapes. The usual Gospel temperance meeting was held in the fore-steerage in the evening, under the presidency of Captain Maclean. A number of telling addresses were given by friends. Children sang several hymns, and the boys gave the "Amateur Band;" little B. recited, "Only a Little Sparrow," and the "The Parrot's Advice to his Friends against Bad Company," and "The Wee Raggit Laddie." At the close twelve came forward and signed the pledge. At noon to-day had made 299 miles since yesterday at the same hour. Friday—Morning dry, but cold; children all well and happy and ready for their meals, which they do take heartily now. Sailors cleaning up the ship, scraping the masts, and washing the sail covers, flags, &c., all indicating an early landing, and an entrance into port all clean and bright, as if there were no stormy Atlantic between. Of course we must not be behind, so we have set the boys to brush the boots, &c. Have gone 301 miles at noon to-day since the same hour yesterday. Saturday—Night been thick and cloudy, morning still thick and very cold. Sailed past ice this forenoon, but it having broken up, we did not need to stop. Afternoon clear. Got into the Gulf of St. Lawrence towards evening. The usual Gospel temper-

ance meeting was nearly over when we entered another field of ice, and as darkness came on soon after, the captain thought it prudent to stop till daylight, so we lay surrounded by ice as far as the eye could reach till early morning. The ice held us fast, so that we did not need to anchor. The night was calm, but as the water moved the ice kept knocking against the sides of the ship, making us feel as if there were battering rams around. At noon to-day we had gone 230 miles since the same time yesterday, which is good, considering the detention we have had. Sabbath—Got up at 4 o'clock. Captain started about a quarter to five, the ice giving way as the ship went slowly through it, every now and then stopping to take breath, and to look for openings to get through. It was a splendid sight to see the ice, varying in size from two feet square to 100 feet long by 30 feet broad, and from two inches to two feet thick. There was evidence of other steamers having passed through the ice from the black ashes and red paint on the white surface. It took us five hours to get through the 20 miles of ice that impeded our way. Held gospel service at 10.30, at which the children, passengers, and crew attended. Captain on the bridge, so could not be present, but we had a good time. Had service for the children at 2.30. The weather cleared up, and the sun shone out. Had service in the evening at 6.30, at which the captain, passengers, and crew were present. Spent a very happy day. Ship made 115 miles in the 24 hours.

Monday—Very dull; towards noon sun shone out brightly, cheering us with his presence. Reached Father Point at 5 o'clock, where we took on pilot. This being Queen's birth-day we resolved to give a special entertainment to the children, and invited captain, passengers, and crew to join us. A large number responded. The entertainment consisted of sacred songs, recitations, and the presentation of an address to the captain by the children. We had also a visit from two coloured gentlemen, represented as coming through the Underground Railway on board ship to welcome us. This part of the entertainment was highly appreciated by the young folks. Three hearty cheers were given for the owners of the noble Buenos Ayrean. The same were also paid to the captain, officers, and crew. After singing "God Save the Queen," a distribution of sweets and raisins was given to the children, when they all retired to bed, greatly delighted with the enjoyments of the evening; indeed, all who were present expressed themselves as having enjoyed a very pleasant evening. Till noon to-day from the same time yesterday, we had made 285 miles.

Tuesday—We had hoped to land at Quebec at 6 this morning, but about 2 o'clock a.m. we felt the engine slowing and heard the foghorn blowing, and shortly after the ship cast anchor, and remained so till 9 o'clock, so that we had to exercise patience in the delay. By ten o'clock the sun was making great efforts to break through the fog clouds gathering around. He seemed to be impatient at the restraints of old Mother Winter, and all of a sudden he broke through his bonds and asserted his right to shine in beauty and splendour, cheering us all by his warm and benign influence, and making some of the boys cry out, "Oh, dear! I wish the sun would not shine so warm." We reached Quebec at five o'clock, and found Mr. Leslie Thom waiting our arrival. Got the children on shore, when they sung the parting hymn, and gave three cheers for Captain Maclean, who had won all their hearts by his fatherly interest in them throughout the voyage. His attention to their spiritual as well as temporal welfare has been most unceasing. He is one of those who "shine for Jesus" on board his ship as well as on land, and as he bid each good-bye the silent prayer went up that God would bless him in leading many others to Jesus "who go down to the sea in ships to do business in the great waters." Mr. Macpherson, chief steward, as well as the officers and crew, were most attentive and kind. As to the Buenos Ayrean's sailing powers, a glance at the log will show that she is the quickest

ship which leaves the Clyde for Canada—229, 301, 306 miles per day, when there were no interruptions, showing her speed. The total distance gone over is 2925 miles of sea. (This is 300 miles more than last year, caused by our keeping farther south to avoid icebergs.) She is the largest steel ship afloat, and is a credit to her builders and an honour to her owners. The accommodation provided for us on board was so ample that we can say we had "oceans of room." Mr. Dunlop, of the Messrs. Allan, has certainly at this time surpassed all his former endeavours to make us feel at home.

After landing we took the children to the waiting-room, and saw the baggage checked. A plentiful supply of tea, bread and butter, and eggs was provided, of which they partook heartily, after which we got them on board the two first-class cars which were placed at our disposal for our railway journey, and at 9 p.m. we started for Montreal, which we reached at 6.30. On Wednesday morning, as daylight broke, it was amusing to see the various positions in which the children had placed themselves in their efforts to sleep. Many of them slept none, and we were amongst the number. After breakfast we started for Belleville at 9.30 a.m. I regret to say that the superintendent of the Grand Trunk Railway at Montreal did not see his way to allow our party to go with the express train, but had the carriages attached to a special freight train. This made the journey three hours longer. Our party reached Belleville, very tired after the hot day's journey, at 9.30 p.m., when Miss Bilbrough and her sister were waiting to give all a hearty welcome. After the children getting supper and a good bath, we got them to bed by 12 o'clock, feeling thankful to our Heavenly Father for His mercies to us in the 3400 miles over which we had come.

PLACING OUT THE CHILDREN AND AMONG THEIR HOMES.

We talk sometimes of the busy centres of industry in this country, but Marchmont Home, on the arrival of the large party, is indeed one of the busiest that could be imagined. The two first children, a boy and a girl, went to their homes the day after our arrival, where, I trust, under the good hand of God, they will grow up and be a credit to the "Orphan Homes of Scotland" and to the land of their adoption. Every one was pleased and delighted with the happy and healthy look of the children, as well as with their good behaviour; and could all our helpers realise the transformation which takes place from the day we take them in till they are placed in their adopted homes, as well as the change afterwards, they would be led to exclaim, as we often do—"What hath God wrought!"

On our arrival being known, the people began to come in for children. The applications for them are generally sent in before they arrive, along with a recommendation from the minister or magistrate of the district to which the party belongs. No child is given away without proper inquiry being made as to the likelihood of the party who takes it doing well by it, and of course we always hold the power to remove the child if the conditions agreed upon are not carried out, and they also are at liberty to return it to the Home if not satisfied; and on this mutual arrangement the permanency of the work is established. The anxiety of the children to be among the first to get a home is very strikingly seen in the disappointment depicted on their faces if another is going before them. Day after day our numbers gradually decreased. Mr. Thom, the visitor for the children, and Mr. Campbell took 13 children with them to Owen Sound, and visited a number there, all of whom they found doing well. Around this district we have about 100 children, who are watched over by Mr. David Ross, a gentleman who has for many years been a great help to the work.

While at the Home many of the old children called in to see us, some of them being so changed that it was difficult to recognise in the fine manly bearing of the lad the waif that we had once rescued. It is wonderful how the

children adapt themselves to the Canadian manners and customs. Before they are long in the country they talk "Canadian" just as they did their mother tongue at home. Here is a sample. James W—— and his sister we sent out four years ago. He was then 12, and as he stands before me, well dressed, he looks like a little old man, and speaks like one of experience as he talks about the advantages of farming against other commercial pursuits, which puts me a little in the shade as to the outs and ins of Canadian life. He had been four years in his first place, but wanted to change, as he guessed he would make better of it in another, having calculated the advantages of the mighty dollar, &c. As James had made up his mind our persuasions were useless; but he looked like a lad that would be able to manage his own way in the world, and we hope to hear something by and by of this matter-of-fact and enterprising young Canadian.

On Tuesday, 8th June, Miss Bilbrough and I went to Cornwall, about 150 miles east of Belleville, taking with us nine children, who were all arranged for before leaving. We drove from Cornwall to Martintown, about 12 miles where we were met by Mr. McCallum who has taken a great interest in our children, and by Rev. J. Burnet, at whose house we resided. I spoke at the church meeting the following night, when there was a large attendance of friends. We saw a number of last year's children; the three S——s, whose former life was anything but promising, now in good homes, happy and contented. G. L——, C. C——, J. A——, and a number of others, all happy and doing well. We got back to Belleville on Thursday. On Tuesday the 15th we went west to Colborne, and I spoke at a meeting there. We went on from there to Lindsay, then took stage to Minden, twelve miles of very rough road. We saw four of our children here. Stayed with the Rev. A. Stevenson, an uncle of our friend Rev. R. Howie, who has taken an interest in our work. We went next to Peterborough, then to Warsaw, where we found homes for two little boys seven years old, one of whom, when we were leaving him, scampered off to his adopted mother as though he had never known us. He has a splendid home and a good prospect before him, is to be a companion to her little girl, as they have no other children. At that place we saw one of our little girls, N. S——. From the soft, easy-going girl of 11, she is now a smart young woman, and struts about as if she were "queen of all she surveyed." The Rev. Charles Watch, at whose house we stayed, and in whose church I spoke on the Sabbath, has since sent for five little boys for whom he had homes ready. We had to take the public stage, which should only carry 8, but which had 14 passengers, besides baggage, and being a very hot day the journey was anything but a pleasant one; but the Canadians don't think anything of that. After this we went to Toronto, and there saw some of our children. We had strawberries and cream at the house of J. Y——, one of our girls who was married lately. From there we went to Duffin's Creek, where I spoke at one of the "Friends" Yearly Meetings. Saw F. M. M——, one of our older boys; M. F——, now quite a young woman, and some others. We got back to Belleville on Monday the 28th of June, and the most of the children being placed out or arranged for.

As I had had a desire for some time to see some of the cities of the States and the organisation of Christian work there, we started for New York on Tuesday, the 29th June, at 12 o'clock noon. We reached Albany at 2 the next morning, and early in the day we started to go down the Hudson River to New York. The palisades, high land and moorland on this river are very grand, and the scenery of the Hudson certainly stands out as one of the finest I have seen anywhere. The Americans think there is not anything like it in the world, but we Scotch are unwilling to admit that there is anything that can beat the scenery of the Clyde and the West of Scotland. We got to New York about six o'clock on

Wednesday evening, and during our stay we visited the Fulton Street Prayer Meeting, and found the day we were there they were celebrating the twenty-third year of its existence. It was delightful to see the large gathering of business men who were met together that day to thank God for the past and take courage for the future. We went to Five Points, where there is a mission something like our own work. Visited the Children's Aid Society Homes, where destitute children are taken in, schooled, trained, and suitable cases sent to the Far West for adoption. It is managed principally by ladies, and is doing a good and great work. We also visited a News-Boys' Lodging House, where there is a good work being done for the waifs of that city. We went to Water Street, where there are a number of missions, and visited one carried on by Jerry M'Auley, who has been raised by God's grace from the lowest depths of degradation, and been made an instrument of much blessing in the locality in which he is known. There was a good attendance at the meeting, which was very well conducted. We went to Brooklyn on Saturday, 3rd July. Drove round the far-famed Greenwood Cemetery, where there is no end to monuments for the dead, some of which cost upwards of 30,000 dols. On Sabbath we went to hear Henry Ward Beecher in the morning. To my mind, his sermon that day was anything but orthodox. The story of the fall of man would do for our forefathers, but not for the present generation (so he said), and as for the sacrifice of Christ, humanity could help itself up to please God. To my way of thinking, Henry Ward Beecher is likely to do more harm by this sort of preaching than all the inconsistent professors of Christianity put together in New York could do. Most of the churches there are closed throughout the month of July, and some in August also. The Bible did not seem to be much used by the church goers, and it occurs to me that with all the faults we have at home I should prefer the work and order of our churches to what I have seen abroad. On Monday, 5th, we left New York for Boston by the "Fall River route," in one of the magnificent river steamers, and reached Boston next morning. While there we visited Dr. Cullis's Consumptive, and various other, Homes. All that I had before heard of this dear servant of the Lord's work was fully borne out by what I saw. We left Boston on Wednesday, 7th, at three o'clock in the afternoon, and reached Saratoga at eleven, from where we proceeded to Montreal. From all that I have seen among the homes of our children in Canada, I am more than ever convinced that there is no way we can so efficiently help them as this. Of the 700 we have sent during the last nine years, on an average 95 per cent. are doing well. By sending so many away yearly we are able to help a much larger number than we could do if we kept them at home. The vacancies left by the party going this year are being filled up, and we will be glad to give a home and a hearty welcome to any destitute child known to any of our friends. The advantages of such an outlet are not so highly appreciated as they should be. We are thankful for the practical help of our friends throughout the country—in money and other gifts—and can assure them that in giving to the work they are doing good, not only to this generation, but laying up for the time to come. Of the 117 children we took with us, 100 were placed out before we left, and the remainder had nearly all homes waiting for them. I am sure if we had taken 150 more we could have got homes for them also. The labour expended cannot be compared with the results that are accomplished; and with such results before us, we have every reason to go forward in increasing effort until there be no neglected little ones left to fill our poorhouses and prisons.

MISS BILBROUGH'S HOME, CANADA.



Marchmont Home, Belleville, Ontario, 15th Oct., 1880.

MY DEAR FRIENDS AND FELLOW-HELPERS.—Again the time for sending you a few lines from this Continent has quickly returned, and anew we have to record the loving kindness of our God in so marvellously opening up our way. To Him be continual praise.

I often think as I sit answering letters of application here, how beautifully He has made our work to fit in—you on your side gathering in the little ones from sorrow and destitution, while here loving hearts and homes are opening up for them.

Of the 124 children sent out this year from Glasgow and Edinburgh, most of them found homes within two months, and so far, as a whole, they have done well, and given satisfaction to those who have taken them. I think the drafting of so many children to the Colonies will in time tell upon Glasgow; though as long as you have the facilities for and temptations to drink so numerous and strong in your midst, we cannot wonder at a large amount of destitution and misery. I have just returned from a provincial convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Association—most of the Union send delegates who meet annually in a central town—to talk over the past, and to arrange for future campaigns. A new Act has just been passed by our legislature. (How I wish your government would grant you such a one, though I doubt whether your people are sufficiently educated to put it in force!) This "Scott" Act provides for the exclusion of liquor of every kind in the town or country where it is passed. The way we proceed with it is this. A list of the voters is obtained, these are canvassed, and if one-fourth consent, a six months' notice is given; this gives time for those in the business to sell out, and make other arrangements. On the day appointed the vote is taken by ballot, and the majority of voters carries the day; if the Act is passed it is rigidly enforced; any one selling liquor is fined for first offence \$50, then \$100, afterwards imprisonment without the option of a fine. This Act has already passed in Prince Edward Island and in large sections of

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. In the North West Territory, comprising thousands of miles, it has always been illegal to sell liquor solely on account of the direful effects on the red man, while its not less disastrous results to the white man are overlooked. Last month the large county of Marquette, in Manitoba, also voted for the Scott Act, thus putting away all alcoholic liquors from their midst; and we trust that many counties, cities, and towns throughout Ontario and Quebec, will follow their example. In our humble way we are trying to help on the cause. The temperance pledges our children sign, before they leave your shores, are carefully hoarded by them, sometimes framed, and hung up in the parlour, a good example to older folks. You may wonder at home how it is that we on this side are such strong teetotallers, but, alas! we see many a promising young man hurried to an early grave, poisoned by the highly drugged liquor which is manufactured in this country.

To-day our two youngest boys have found homes. When visiting a Scotch friend in Hamilton this week, I noticed the extreme care and attention bestowed on two pretty pet dogs. "What shall they have for their supper, Maggie?" called the husband, as she and I went to see some friends. "Oh, I think a soda biscuit will be the best." I could not help saying to my friend, that, loving and amusing as her little pets were, they could give little real or lasting satisfaction. "How I wish you had my little Bertie; such a bonny child, with dark brown eyes, and such loving gentle ways!" and when I said, "Good-bye" at the Railway Station two days after, she said—"My husband has consented that I should take your little boy; I am so glad. Will you send him soon?" So Bertie started, with my sister, early this morning, for his new happy home.

Shortly after their departure, a Mr. P. S. was announced. Here is his letter of September 28th, 1880:—

MISS BILBROUGH,—MADAM,—I notice by *Montreal Witness* that you have a number of children for adoption. If you have any of the age of four or five years, or even younger, we would prefer him. I ought to state to you, that we have five nice girls that will be glad to have a nice intelligent little fellow for a brother. We had only one little boy that is dead, two years on the first of this month, whom we hope is now safe in the arms of Jesus, our dear Saviour. His death has caused a sad blank in the family, and we would be happy to have a boy of the above description. I may also inform you that I will treat him in every respect as one of our own family. I will send him to school, and if a good boy in after years, and he proves a kind son, he will share alike as one of our own family. I will pay any reasonable expenses to have him sent to O.—I am, Madam, Yours respectfully, P. S.

A tall, grave looking Scotchman from Blair Athole, Perthshire, now owning a comfortable farm—being West on business, he stopped off at Belleville to see the little fellow we had chosen for him, master Teddy, the youngest left, just 4 years old, with large wondering blue eyes, and a very prominent use of the possessive pronoun in his childish talk. So, very soon he was able to turn round and say with proud satisfaction "This is my papa." Soon the little clothes were arranged in his box, Mr. S. saying, "Don't send too many; there are all my little son's things lying at home—he shall wear them." Nicely equipped in his little ulster and velvet cap, he strutted up and down the station, hand in hand with his adopted father, till the eastern train came in sight, then a hurried good-bye, and little Teddy was off to his new home. Will you offer a prayer, dear reader, that the Lord will bless these two children in the homes of their adoption?

You will learn of our Summer's work from Mr. Quarrier's report. In visiting and taking a number of the children to their homes the time quickly passes by. We spent a very pleasant ten days in New York, Brooklyn, Boston, &c., seeing many of their large Institutions and Christlike works. We were specially interested in Dr. Cullis' Consumptive Hospital, Fulton Street Prayer Meeting, Five Points Mission, Jerry M'Auley's Services in

Water Street, and a large Orphanage for little children under the Female Guardian Society.

We were also cheered this Summer by the pleasant visit of Dr. and Mrs. Blaikie of Edinburgh, on their way to the Pan-Presbyterian Conference held in Philadelphia, U.S. Mrs. Blaikie, who has sent out nearly 200 children during the nine years the Edinburgh Home has been opened, was anxious to see for herself how a number of them were getting on, so we travelled for a fortnight, and saw their different homes and surroundings.

The children were greatly pleased to see her, and to hear in some instances tidings of their belongings. I trust she will be able on her return to stir up more interest in Edinburgh among Christians, who see these little neglected ones daily in their walks, yet hardly reflect what bright homes and future prospects await them in other lands, if only the hand of help is early held out to them. "It is not the will of your Father that one of these little ones should perish."

It has been a matter of great rejoicing to me that He has so inclined the hearts of His servants during this past year specially to remember the work of emigration, and though they have gone to their eternal rest, we can say, "Surely their works do follow them." Many many others imitate their blessed example!

I am sure a few extracts from letters telling of the children are always acceptable to our friends. The following is from a minister, some years out from England, whose acquaintance, including wife and baby's, we first made this year, and who has kindly, for the Master's sake, found homes for 10 or 12 children in his own neighbourhood:—

You will wonder at my delay in writing. I have been waiting for several reasons. I drove out to Mrs. J. the other day about a child, but she has decided to wait until Spring.

Then D. M. was causing a little trouble, and I was waiting to see the result. He was brought back to me last week—poor boy—he had a good home, but would not keep it. He was incorrigible they say. He has also been causing trouble at the school, but I am hopeful of soon doing something for him. I think God will direct me in his case, as He has done in the others. I am keeping him to school, and his teacher tells me he is getting a little better every day.

I went to W., and C. B. is in a very good home, and they like him. The home influence is strongly Presbyterian. A. M. has a good home in N. Village, family well-to-do, no children—their baby died, the man an active member of the Presbyterian Church. I am so glad we have a child in N. Village. I hear reports from there—much good will come of it. A. cried bitterly when I was leaving him there—begged to come back—but he is now very happy, and they love him much.

When in Manitoba and the North-West Territory last fall, I was strongly impressed with the future possibilities for many of our older boys, and hope, as openings occur, to fill them with steady, well-conducted boys, who have served an apprenticeship in Ontario. This summer, Principal Grant of Queen's College, inquired of Mr. Thom, if we had a likely lad for his brother-in-law, living near Winnipeg. Samuel Winton was just leaving his first house, and as he seemed to be a boy of some character and push, we sent him. The following letters show how he got along:—

DUNDEE P.O., ROSSMORE, August 12th, 1880.

DEAR SIR,—I write these few lines to let you know I am coming on well, and hope you are the same. I liked my voyage very well (through Lakes Huron and Superior). I was well treated. When I came to the depot at St. Boniface I was puzzled—I did not know what to do, so I stayed in a hotel all night, and in the morning I went across the ferry and hunted up Professor Hart. I took my breakfast there, and enjoyed it heartily too. Then I went to the Manitoban College and stayed there for a week, and had good times. I now have arrived at my journey's end, and I am glad.

I think you should send out some more boys and girls. I fear I shall never go back to the Home again, unless just to see you all.—Yours respectfully, S. W.

His employer, Mr. Lawson, writes—

DUNDEE P.O., August 12th.

DEAR SIR,—Your favour of July 21st reached me in due course. I was unable to go to town at once on receipt of your letter, and when I reached Winnipeg I found that

Samuel had been there over a week. Professor Hart sent him to Manitoban College, where he stopped with the Janitress, and from what I can learn occupied his time in making kites and catching fish in Red River. He behaved very well in the city. He has been out here with me for some days, and from what I have seen of him I am greatly pleased. He is smart and willing, and takes hold of anything he is asked to do with intelligence. He will, I think, suit me in every way; and I am greatly obliged to you for sending me such a lad. I find he can do a good deal of farm work; he handles cows like one used to it. We have, as yet, come to no terms; but shall do so before long. I note that he has been receiving 4'00 dols. per month. He is worth more than that to me; so I imagine there will be no difficulty in coming to satisfactory terms to both of us. I am writing Dr. Grant by this mail. I enclose a letter from Samuel; he will give you his impressions; and thanking you for the trouble you have gone to,—Believe me, very sincerely yours, BRUCE A. LAWSON.

LESLIE W. THOM, Esq.

After six weeks' experience, Samuel writes again:—

September 26th, 1880.

DEAR MISS BILBROUGH,—I now take the pains of writing to you, to let you know that I am coming on well. I am very thankful for your kindness to me. I am glad to see that you have not forgotten me, although I am so far away from you all. I hope that all are well. I would like very well if you would write to Mr. Quarrier to see if he could not find out my aunt and uncle, for I have not heard from any one at all yet. I hope that J. S. and J. W. are doing well; they were my only "chums" when coming across the wild sea.—I remain, yours respectfully, SAMUEL WINTON.

I should much like if all our boys could earn such a character as Sammie has for willingness and intelligence. Sometimes, however, they are rather "slow and clumsy," as in A. P.'s case. Mrs. L. writes:—

L—, August 3rd, 1880.

DEAR MADAM,—I must apologise for not having replied sooner to your kind letter. You will, I daresay, be glad to have tidings of the little girl A. P. whom you sent to me. She seems to appreciate her good home; as, indeed, she fully appreciated the kindness shown her at the Home in Glasgow, and also at Belleville. I trust by God's help to be enabled to make a good woman of her. I might have worse material to work upon—although my patience is often sorely tried—for she is exceedingly slow and clumsy, and sometimes very disobedient. I have not yet sent her to Sunday school, fearing she might feel unhappy about not being able to read with the older children. I have been teaching her at home, and find she is by no means devoid of brains. She goes to church regularly. If any letters reach you for her, will you kindly forward them? Poor child, she has been looking for one from her brother for some time. She talks a great deal about her Sabbath school teacher. She says he is a bank clerk, and was always very kind to her. She is anxious to send him a letter. I shall be happy to answer any questions or furnish any information desired, concerning A. P. Praying for God's best blessing on your noble work,—Believe me, very sincerely, your sister in Jesus, I. M. L.

I do not wonder the children enjoy being out in this country, compared to the crowded streets of Glasgow. Last week, when driving near St. C., I called to see a little brother and sister whom I had sent to that home eight years ago. The boy was helping his father to gather apples. Large heaps of different varieties, red, green, yellow, striped, were all around, more than they knew what to do with. The girl was at school, and quite surprised when a carriage drove up and she saw her old friend again. I never saw anything like the abundance of peaches and grapes in the Niagara district—the finest fruit land in the world. Even the pigs are too particular to eat the fallen peaches; they prefer if possible shaking a bough and eating what feels fresh. One young man at tea said to me, "I have had a busy day. I have got three bushels of peach stones out of the peaches, but I have them all to crack yet." I asked him what for. "To plant. We shall plant another orchard of peach trees this fall—about ten acres. A neighbour man has fifty acres planted." The grapes, too, are most luxuriant—all grown in the open air. But I must conclude, or I should weary you with the long description of this beautiful country in the autumnal months, when the rich harvest of grain and fruit is gathered in. May it be but a picture of our life's sowing and reaping!

Steer for the haven with steady hand and helm,
 Press to the noble end; work out your work
 Till it is done; slack not your energy
 Nor stay your pace because the way is long.
 Faint not but work. The world is calling loud
 For fearless workmen in its day of need.
 Shrink not but work; the Master needeth thee.
 One sickle stroke will not the harvest reap,
 Nor will one blow bring down the forest oak."

Trusting this coming year may be one rich in blessing and continued favour,
 believe me yours in the Master's service,

ELLEN AGNES BILBROUGH.

The following notes from Miss Geldard who, along with Miss Mudie, has been for the last six years labouring for the Lord in Canada, is an additional testimony to the usefulness of the emigration part of our work:—

My last six years have been spent in travelling in the country districts of Canada, and I have had opportunities, enjoyed by few, of seeing the children sent out from the old country to be placed out in homes in the new. In what I am about to say, it must be understood that I speak of the placing out of children in farm homes in the country. To remove a child from Glasgow to Montreal, or even Toronto, would be a doubtful kindness—evil abounds in large towns everywhere—and children brought up in town in Scotland are quick to catch, and even improve upon, the evil practised in the cities of the New World. But, once out of reach of the evil influence of a great city, Canada offers such advantages to a young emigrant as to give every encouragement to those who are seeking to rescue the destitute children who throng our streets, and who, if not rescued, will many of them either find an early grave or become inmates of workhouse, reformatory, penitentiary or prison, as the case may be, to place them where, at least, they are free from the gross temptations which surround them at home, and where they are separated by the broad Atlantic from relatives and connections who are ever ready to draw them into the degradation into which they themselves are hopelessly sunk.

What are the advantages Canada presents to the young emigrant? First. Food is so abundant that there is no temptation to steal it. In England or Scotland many a boy begins a life of dishonesty by the theft of an apple from an orchard or a turnip from a field. Once committed to prison for this petty theft, as it is called, his character is gone. No one counts taking an apple or a turnip theft in Canada—custom prescribes the old law: Eat what you like, but don't pocket. It seems a small thing to mention; but practically give a boy as much to eat as he wants, and fruit to his heart's content, and he won't want to steal. Second. He is out of the reach of the liquor temptations which beset the city boy. As a rule in the country he will see nothing stronger than weak green tea on the table; and Good Templarism has taken such a hold on the young people in the country, that a respectable young man who used liquor, however moderately, would be decidedly out of fashion. Third. There is plenty of work which a boy can do; work which will allow him to attend school in the day, and fill up his leisure time. "Chores," a well understood Canadian word, includes all the odd work of house and farm—fetching wood, splitting, kindling; watering and harnessing a horse; bringing water, &c., &c., and can be readily done by a smart boy before and after school hours. Fourth. The value set on a boy increases his self-respect, and the sitting at the same table as his master tells in the same direction. It is curious to notice the difference in a boy's manner after three months' life in a farmer's family. Head up, a quicker, lighter step, an indescribable something says—"I am worth something to somebody now, and I know it." The mingling of

classes in the school helps to remove the feeling of being one of lower class, as people put it. Every one is upper class who pays his way, and does not drink and swear.

I am writing too long, I fear; but if friends at home could see some of your street waifs after a few years of Canadian food and work, they would wonder more than ever that anyone should have a doubt as to the benefits of emigration. As to the talk about robbing the country of its wealth by removing those who would one day be workmen in its manufactories, I think it is either nonsense or something very like it. We don't think that rag-pickers rob a country because they remove the rags, which return to the country in books and paper hangings. There are as many Scotchmen in Canada as in Scotland, and they certainly do a good turn for their native land when voluntarily they receive, support, train, and educate those who would, if left at home, be a burden and possibly a curse to their country.

Look at the boy who gained a precarious livelihood in Jamaica Street earning halfpennies by standing on his head. Is Scotland richer or poorer because he has been eight years busy on the farm near the Ottawa? Somewhere near him is the girl who at six years old always danced in the Christmas pantomime. Is her native land poorer because she has been removed from her dangerous position, and adopted eight years ago into a country farmer's family? One of your girls I have known for some years now; she was adopted by a farmer who had several young sons and no daughter, and soon won the affection of the whole family. She was a child of nine when I first saw her in her home near the Georgian Bay; this summer I saw her again; her adopted parents had removed to Glengarry, near the St. Lawrence, and she was evidently valuable to them as well as beloved. A baby sister had been added to the family, and it was pretty to see the love the older sister showed to the young stranger, and the mother's anxiety that S. should not feel that the new arrival made any difference in the position of her adopted daughter, now an active girl in her teens. She was preparing the supper for the family during her mother's temporary indisposition. Another of your Glasgow girls I saw after she had been a year in her new home. She is only five now, but is learning already to be useful; was straightening borders ready for her mamma to iron, and we were amused to hear could be trusted to make a basin of gruel when ma was ill. I could mention several others whom I have seen, happy and promising children, for whose future there seems little fear. J. M., much valued by the young ladies in his home, who "did not know what they should do without him"; J. M.F., who seemed to give perfect satisfaction except that he looked pale; the two little brothers from Dundee,—you know them all, and I need not go on to particularize. All do not turn out well of course, but by far the largest proportion do; and many who are troublesome and disappointing for awhile, gradually settle down and respond to the care bestowed on them. Canada is so large that a boy can get away from a bad character if he really wishes to improve, and there is such a demand for labour that a boy has little difficulty in getting a new place. You may lose trace of a boy and hope of him too, and in a year or two he will call at the Home, well dressed and well doing; or he will write from some far-away place with warm expressions of gratitude for the good advice and kindness which seemed unheeded or thrown away at the time.

I think those engaged in this emigration work among destitute children hardly know how great a work it is, and probably never will know in this life. He alone for whose sake you labour knows the value of the straying lambs whom you seek to rescue, or the evil they would have done if left to wander in sin and misery. May He use you to save hundreds more. Canada has room for them, and Scotland will never miss them, or, if she does, deserves to lose them for not taking better care of them.

LETTERS FROM CHILDREN IN CANADA

OSNABROOK, 13th June, 1880.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I write you these few lines to let you know that I am getting on in my home pretty well. I go to the Sunday school and church every Sunday. How many children did you bring to Canada? Did Miss Bilbrough go to Glasgow this year? Uncle John Hunter came to see us, and they have a little boy from the Home. Mr. Quarrier, did you ever hear anything of my father since I came to Canada? I have in my new home two little brothers and two little sisters; one of them is a baby eight months old, and the most of the work I have to do is to take care of baby. I went to the day-school last winter. Mr. Quarrier, I wish you and your family a pleasant trip through Canada, as you are visiting the children. I would not like to return to the Home again, for I like Canada. Please, Mr. Quarrier, send me a letter, and send me all the news. Remember me to all the good and kind friends that took care of me in the Homes. May God bless you and your family, as He has done me.

L—P—
14th June, 1880.

MY DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I now take the pleasure in writing you these few lines to let you know that I am well, hoping this will find you the same. Dear Mr. Quarrier, I would have written to you sooner, but I was very busy. I was learning to drive oxen, and had to hoe potatoes and beans and set turnips, and lead the horses at the plough. I can drive a team of horses already, and I can harrow with oxen, and I had the mare when we were drilling potatoes. Dear Mr. Quarrier, I like my place very well, and I would not part with pa and ma and grandmother for millions of dollars, they are so very kind to me. Pa said one day that when I would be the age of 20 or 21 years old he would get me a farm; but I said that I would stay with him as long as I live, and he said when I would get a little bigger than I am just now that he would buy me a watch and chain. Dear Mr. Quarrier, we have got two horses, two oxen and three cows, two calves, six pigs and a big sow, two cats and a very good dog, whom every person that comes to the house says we are two great chums. I would not like to part with my good dog Charlie, as he and I go out to the woods every morning, and if we see a fox or a woodchuck, or a squirrel or a chipmunk, we hunt him up. I have caught a hundred squirrels and chipmunks, and killed three woodchucks, and I pretty nearly caught a fox; and I intend, when I can shoot, to kill him. The old rogue took away one of our geese and a young one, and two roosters; and we have got a lot of hens. Dear Mr. Quarrier, I am writing to Mrs. Quarrier and Miss Mary at the same time. Dear Mr. Quarrier, do you think you could get my brother and sister out to Canada next year, for they are very anxious to get beside me, and I am very anxious to get them to Canada. No more at present, but still remains your truly.

J—H—
NAPANEE, 4th July, 1880.

DEAR MISS BILBROUGH,—I write to you to let you know that I am keeping well, and I am very glad to say that I have got a good home, and they are all good children, and ma and pa are very good to me, and I love them, but I love the Saviour better than them all, for He loved me and died on the cross for me. I hope you are keeping well, and Miss Annie Bilbrough. Please tell me where Catherine and Lizzie Davis are, for I would like to know, for I think they were the nicest girls ever I saw, and they loved the Saviour. I liked them so much that I would like to know where they are, and if they got a home as good as I have got I will be very glad. I hope that they all get a nice home. I know where Robert Arnott is; he is only about two miles from our house, and his pa is Mr. Gunn. This is all I have got to say at present. Please send me word as soon as you can.

S—M—A—

The following letter is from this girl's master:—

NAPANEE, 5th July, 1880.

DEAR MISS BILBROUGH,—It gives me much pleasure to say we like our girl Sarah very much. We think her a very fine child. She is industrious, obedient, and kind. She has been well brought up, and piously trained. To all appearance she is perfectly contented and happy. She cheers the house with very appropriate spiritual songs while about her work the most of the time. Mrs. W. joins me in an invitation to you to visit us at your convenience and see for yourself.—I am, with respect, yours,

H—W—

BRIGHTON, 16th July, 1880.

MY DEAR FRIEND,—I write you these few lines to let you know that I am getting on; and hoping you the same, and to let you know that I go to Sunday school, and that I ride the horses sometimes and take the cows to the field night and morning. Pa and ma has got four horses and a colt, and five cows and four calves, and six pigs, and two geese, and as many cocks and hens and chickens as you can count.

R—M—M—

15th July, 1880.

MY DEAR FRIEND MISS BILBROUGH,—I write you these few lines to let you know that I like my master and mistress very well, and am liking my place very well. I am getting on very well with my trade, and I like the village I am living in. I would like to know how Mr. and Mrs. Quarrier and Miss Mary is getting on, and Mr. Campbell also. Tell him to let my old companions know how I am liking to be in Canada and how I am getting on. Let James Gilmour know how I am, and I would like if he would write and let me know how all the boys, Mr. Burgess, and Mr. Douglas are getting on. God loves those that love Him. God bless my friends.—No more at present, but remains your most beloved and affectionate

J—H—

31st July, 1880.

DEAR MRS. QUARRIER,—I take the pleasure of writing you these few lines to let you know that I am in good health, and hoping you are the same, and Mr. Quarrier, and all the dear friends in connection with the Marchmont Home. I am glad to tell you that I love my place very well, and they are very kind to me, but I think I am worth three dollars a month, but I hope they will agree, and I will get staying a while longer with them. We are now very busy with the harvest, and I have learned to mow and milk cows, and a great many more things. I have not got much more to say to you, but one thing I would like to ask you to do for me if you please, and that is, I promised to send a letter to Mrs. Halliwell and Mrs. Duncan in Cessnock Home, and if you would let them know how I am getting on when you go back to Glasgow I think it would do as well as sending a letter to them, because I have very little money, and I have to send a great many letters to people I know, and I would like always to do what I say, though it should be my very last cent. No more at present, but remains, yours truly,

J—B—

DEAR MISS BILBROUGH,—I write to let you know that I like my place well, and am well myself. As soon as you get a letter from my brother, send it as soon as you can, please ma'am. I was at the Church twice since I came to my place, and any time that any friends come in, I have to sing a hymn to them. Dear Miss Bilbrough, I feel very content and happy, and only hope the rest of the boys have just as good a place as I have. I got my box home all right. Please ma'am, tell David Gardner that I was asking for him, and hope he is well, also all the rest of the boys in the Home. I have nothing more to write at present, so I bring this to a close by sending my love to you and all the rest of the boys, also give my kind love to little Mary Ann M'Aulay.

Miss Bilbrough, write soon and let me know how you are, as I would be glad to hear, and the next letter I write I will try and do better, so good-bye, and may God bless you all, from

J—D—

The following letter is from the master of this boy:—

MISS BILBROUGH—DEAR FRIEND,—I write you these few lines to let you know that Jimmy has been a very good boy since he came to me. He is very willing to do my bidding, and tries to learn to work as well as he can, but he feels very much afraid of the horses yet. If he can only get used to them, I think he would get along all right, but as long as he does what I tell him I will not find fault with him. My wife and daughter think an awful lot of him. I hope he will continue to be a good boy. This is all I have to say at present, so I will conclude by sending my kind regards to you and all the rest who are interested in the welfare of the orphan children.

W—M—

SCHOMBERG, 6th August, 1880.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I take the pleasure in writing these few lines to let you know that I have got a good home. Father and mother are very kind to me. I go to school every day, and I am getting on very well, and on the Lord's day I learn the Catechism. I hope all the girls are keeping well; please tell all the girls that I send my kind love to them. Jesus said, "Him that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out," and "All who believe on Him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life." "I love them that love me, and they that seek me early shall find me." No more to say at present, from

M—C—

PERTH, Aug. 12, 1880.

DEAR MISS MARY.—I take the pleasure of writing to you. I am quite well, hoping you are the same. I have a nice home and kind friends, but mamma and her little baby and my great-grandmamma all died within three weeks of each other, two months after I came out. But I have a kind papa and a little sister, Tiny, five years old, Georgie seven years old, and Norman three; and I have a great-grandpapa and two grandmamas and one grandpapa. Lizzie Brown lives with my mamma's sister, Mrs. Pierce; and Annie Cunningham and Lizzie and Katie Davis and I all live in Perth, and my little brother and Lizzie Pierce live in the country. I spent three weeks in the country—two at grandmamma's and one with my brother at Mr. Finlay's. I would like to see you very much, but as that is not possible just now, I should like to have your likeness, if you would be so kind as to send it. I am going to school. I am in the third book, and I got a prize; the name of it is "Olive Leaves." We have our holidays now—seven weeks. I am very happy in obeying the Lord's dying command. No more at present.—Yours truly, L—M—.

MELROSE P.O., August 23, 1880.

MR. QUARRIER,—DEAR SIR,—I take great pleasure in writing to you. It is now three months since I saw you, and a great many things have happened since then. I have got along very well. I am still with Mr. Johnstone, and like my place very well. I can work on a farm very well now, and expect to get sixty dollars next year. I have forty dollars saved now, and plenty of good clothing, what I would never have had if I had stayed in Scotland. If I could tell some of the boys in Glasgow what a good country Canada is, I think I could get some of them to come out here. God has been good to me, and I thank Him for His goodness in giving me health and strength to perform the duties laid before me, and for saving me from a life of vice and misery and putting me in a way of making an honest living; and I also thank you, my dear friend, for your kindness to me and my sister and brother, and hope some day to be able to pay you for it. I think I will stop, as we are in the very busiest of our harvest, by sending my kind love and respects to all your family, and please accept the same yourself.—From yours ever truly, J—S—.

The following letter is from one of the boys to his mother:—

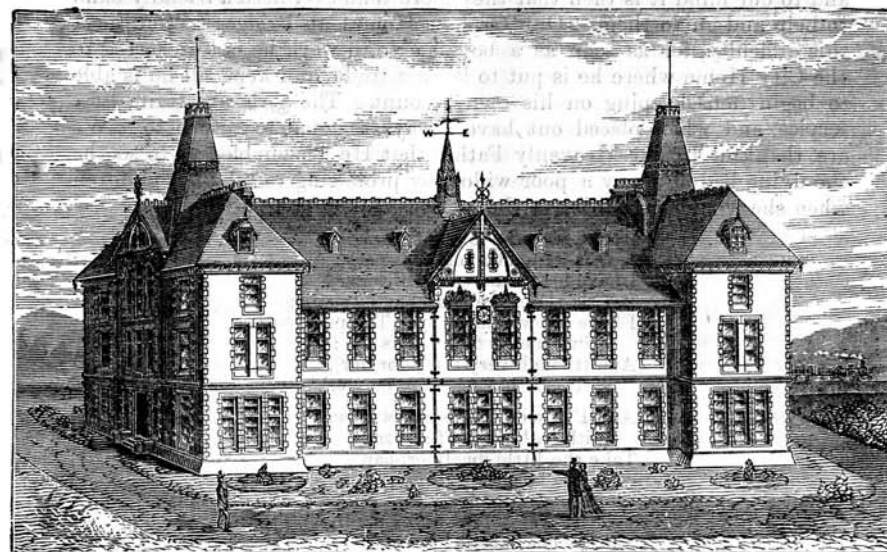
RAWDON, August 23, 1880.

DEAR MOTHER,—I now take this opportunity of writing a few lines to you, to let you know that I am well at present, hoping these few lines will find you enjoying the same blessing. I am now living on a farm close to the village of Stirling. I like the place splendid, and I helped to get the harvest in; there were 540 bushels of barley. I am now a very good milker. My mistress and I milk eleven cows every night; she milks six and I five, and my boss milks in the morning. There are lots of apples in the country, only there are none on this farm; but the watermelons are now ripe, and I like them very much. We will have apples after awhile; there are lots of them at my boss's father's, from whom we have got them since I came here. I spent quite a few days herding the pigs from the corn and potatoes. The potatoes are much larger this year than they were last year. The spring wheat here this year is a failure; it is a very poor crop. I had quite a time this summer picking potato bugs, but that work is all over now for this summer. I do nothing with the horses, only drive them to and from the work. There is another boy working here besides me. The other day he wanted me to go to a neighbour's to get him some apples, and because I would not do so he struck me with a whip he had in his hand, and I struck him on the nose and made it bleed. My boss was angry about it, but he did not say very much. Please answer this as soon as possible, and let me know how my three brothers are and where they are working, and how you are getting along since I left. I would like to have a look at the old home, although I am well suited with my new home at present. I suppose as long as I am a good boy I will be here. I would like to have my bank-book here; I wish you would send it, if possible, please. I have had good health since I came here. I do not think I ever missed a meal but one; and the measles have been all round here, but I never took them. I will bring my letter to a close by sending you my best and kindest wishes.—No more at present, and I remain yours affectionately,

W—H—.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR.

To house 300 children; already received, £21,680; still needed, £6,000.



CENTRAL BUILDING.

THE headquarters of our work being in Glasgow, many people have got the idea which I find it difficult to rid them of, that the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir are only for Glasgow children or waifs as they are called. This is not the case. They are National Homes, and are open to receive from any part of the country without Subscribers' line or voting paper, destitute orphan children who have been deprived of both parents, from 1 to 12 years of age. It is a matter of deep thankfulness to God that we have now in our country some place outside the poorhouse where orphan children who have been left destitute may be cared for. Many a father's and mother's deathbed has been embittered by the thought that their children would need to go to the poorhouse. I do not find fault with the poorhouse under certain conditions, but being established by law it is not possible to control it by the principle of love that ought to characterize all the actions of the children of God. I am persuaded if there had been sufficient spiritual life and union among the churches, the poorhouse system would not have prevailed as it does to-day. The boarding-out system in this country is much superior to that in England and Ireland where the children are kept in workhouses, but it is too often the case that those who receive the children do so for the money, and not from real interest in the child. It is true that members of the Board visit the children and see that they are properly looked after (and I have no reason to doubt that they do their work faithfully), but still

the children know that they are under parochial care, and this often takes from them the spirit of self-help, and in many instances in after years they fall back on the same source. Besides this, the Parochial Board takes no responsibility over the child after he is 14 years of age, and to our mind it is then that they more than ever need a friendly hand to help and guide them. Our Orphan Homes at Bridge-of-Weir meet this difficulty, for as soon as a boy is able to work he is transferred to the City Home where he is put to learn a trade, and kept till he is able to begin housekeeping on his own account. The girls are trained for service, and when placed out have always a home to return to. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that He has enabled us to soothe the dying bed of many a poor widow by promising to take her children when she would have to leave them.

"I have seen the lonely orphan
Left without a mother's care;
I have heard the words of sorrow
That the neighbours had to spare;
I have known them say, 'The poorhouse
Is just meant for such as she;
And (though very sorry for her),
Well, she has no claim on me.'
And I've seen the toiling widow,
With children half a score,
Take the little lonely orphan
To the hospitable door;
There were fifty folks that pitied,
There was only one to aid,
But the one excelled the fifty
As the sun excels the shade."

Many ministers, missionaries, and Bible women are at a loss what to do when they come across cases of this kind, and I would here say that we will be glad to help them with such to the utmost capacity of the room the Lord provides for them. He is the Father of the fatherless, and will provide. No money qualification is needed for admission.

When the year commenced in November, we had 83 children in the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir, and during the year we have admitted 55 others, making in all 138. Of these 19 have been sent to Canada, four girls have been placed in service, one has been adopted, three boys have died, five girls have been sent to the City Home, and three have been returned to friends; leaving 103 at present in the Homes. The following are the histories of the three who died:—

William M'C., 16, was one of our working boys in the City Home, but two years ago he was so ill in consumption, we sent him to the Cottage Homes to see if the change would do him good. He improved very much and was hoping himself that he had got over his trouble, but it was not so, for when last springtime came he gradually weakened and on the 7th of May he passed away, rejoicing in the Saviour. His patience in suffering was very marked, and his life was a testimony to all the other boys of Christ's power to keep. We felt it a great privilege to make the last days of this dear boy smoother and brighter than they might otherwise have been. His dust lies in the old kirkyard at Kilmalcolm awaiting the glorious resurrection, while he has gone to be with Jesus.

Patrick C., 13, a cripple boy, was found by the police sleeping on an ashpit, and sent to us. He was in a sadly neglected state, his constitution being undermined by the life he had led. We kept him for some time in the City Home, and then sent him to the Cottage Homes, hoping he would improve morally as well as physically. At first he resented the restraint of the Home, but latterly he improved, and, from being stubborn, self-willed, and very much opposed to anything religious, he became docile, gentle, and willing to hear of Jesus. His disease increased, and Dr. Syme thought it advisable to send him to the Infirmary. The boy himself having a desire to go that he might get better, we removed him there, where for a time he rallied but then got worse. When a worker visited him he expressed his gratitude for what we had done for him, and his sorrow for the trouble he had given us. He died on the 29th of June, and we hope that even in his last hour he was led to trust the Saviour, who will not cast out any who come to Him.

David S., 16. Mother, a Christian woman connected with one of our churches, died of consumption. David having inherited this same disease was sent to the Cottage Homes, but getting no better, we sent him to the Infirmary, where he died on Sabbath, 15th August. He was very impatient under his trouble at first, and did not even seem grateful for the care bestowed upon him, but he was changed before his death, and we trust that he was led to the Saviour.

By these removals the Lord has been teaching the others their need of a Saviour, and we believe many of them have been brought to Him. While we are anxious that the children should be cared for temporally, our chief aim is that their souls may be fed with that bread of life, which if anyone eat he shall never hunger. Coming short of this, our work will fail to benefit permanently those we are seeking to help.

The Lord has blessed the work this year in sending money to build two new houses. On the 26th of December we received £1300 to build the Washington Home, and on the 20th January £1300 for Ebenezer Home. As this latter friend's gift completed the £20,000 we first thought would be sufficient to erect the group of houses, the name given by him was very appropriate, and led us to look back and see how the Lord had fulfilled the desires of our hearts. These two houses were commenced early in spring, and are now almost finished. They will give us accommodation for 60 more children during the coming winter. The two friends who sent £1300 for them have since sent £200 each to furnish, and from various other sources the total amount received for the Building Fund this year is £3814 10s. 8d. Although this is a large sum for buildings we often wonder why others do not seek to share in the honour of giving homes to our country worthy of her name. Of the eight houses now on the grounds seven are the gifts of separate individuals. The eighth, the Central, was contributed to by many in sums varying "from the widow's mite to the merchant prince's thousand." We still need four houses to complete the group of ten. This means £6000, which we have no doubt the Lord will send in good time.

During the year the children in the Homes have many special treats, and Hallowe'en is one to which they look forward with great delight. A friend who spent it with them this year writes the following account:—

"Those interested in the Orphan Homes of Scotland at Bridge-of-Weir and their young inmates will be pleased to hear how the orphans enjoyed Hallowe'en on Monday night. Going into their schoolroom half an hour after supper, I found all the families with their fathers and mothers gathered, the children in a state of gleeful excitement in anticipating the pleasures of the evening. They were seated at the desks, each one provided with a large spoon, the purpose of which was explained by the presence of two huge pans of mashed potatoes, in which we were told lay hidden rings and threepenny bits, with the dreaded thimble and a few aggravating buttons. Now came the fun; everyone came to get a spoonful of potatoes, hoping to secure some of the hidden treasure. It was droll to see how character came out in this—the heaps which some spoons contrived to hold and their holders to dispose of were marvellous, while one very little one walked off with a spoonful in one hand and a handful of potatoes in the other. The baby of the Homes, a bonnie, curly-headed boy of 2½, whose only surviving parent died three weeks ago, was as anxious to get his spoonful as anybody. The big pans emptied, and their contents disposed of, the apples now demanded their turn. Ducking for apples, though great fun, has its disadvantages in cold weather, so, as a substitute for it, two huge tubs of water held any quantity of floating apples, which were to be secured by mounting a chair and dropping a fork into one if you could. Hitting and missing were almost equal fun, for you got a second try, and it was funny to watch the grave intentness of the little girls and the triumph when they were successful—two little sisters accomplishing the same rare feat of securing two apples with one try. Then came a scattering of nuts which were eaten, as burning them according to rule could not be managed. Then the boys disappeared to re-enter in tumultuous procession, some wearing false faces, to their own great delight but a little to the terror of the wee ones, who clung to their mothers for shelter. The fear diminished, however, when a masked boy offered sweeties to the little tremblers, whose terrors were quickly assuaged. Then a lantern procession out in the grounds, in spite of the cold, for the bigger ones, while the little ones contented themselves with stories inside. The promenaders returned, the meeting was called to order, and, somewhat "tired of boisterous joy," all were glad to sit and listen as some one told them of Thanksgiving-Day across the sea, and urged them to make Hallowe'en a thanksgiving night to Him who giveth us richly all things to enjoy—potatoes and apples and nuts among them. They sang with evident feeling—

'Let us with a gladsome mind
Praise the Lord, for He is kind;
For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.'

And then, with words of prayer and praise, ended this Hallowe'en at the Orphan Homes of Scotland."

A THANKSGIVING DAY AT THE HOMES.

A Thanksgiving Day at Bridge-of-Weir Homes was held on Saturday, 18th September, to commemorate the opening of the Homes two years previous, and to give thanks to the Lord for His goodness since the work began. Many felt their hearts warmed, and their zeal for His cause quickened, by meeting friends and co-workers from different parts of the country; also, in witnessing the fruits of faith and prayer in the buildings already erected and dedicated to His service, and in the glad hearts of the children helped and rescued. It was a memorable day, and

was enjoyed by all the hundreds of friends who came to rejoice with us. The following, taken from the newspapers, gives a summary of the day's proceedings:—

A meeting of the friends of the Orphan Homes of Scotland was held on Saturday for the purpose of holding a thanksgiving service for the success which has hitherto attended the institution, and for dedicating two new houses. A special train left Glasgow at half-past 12 for the Bridge-of-Weir, whence the numerous company were conveyed in busses and other vehicles to the Homes, about a mile and a-half from the station. Shortly after two the large hall was filled. The Hon. A. F. Kinnaird presided, and on the platform were Rev. Drs. Joseph Brown, Somerville, and Black (Inverness); Rev. Messrs. Blair, Carruthers (Bridge-of-Weir), and Wells; Provost Campbell, of Greenock; Provost Binnie, Gourock; Messrs. George Martin of Auchendennan, A. F. Stoddart, of Port-Glasgow; R. Westlands, W. Fife, W. Quarrier, R. H. Hunter, and W. C. Coghill, &c., &c.

The CHAIRMAN intimated letters of apology from Dr. Cameron, M.P.; Mr. Middleton, M.P.; Mr. Holms, M.P.; Sir James Watson, Professor Calderwood, Rev. Drs. Bonar, Culross, and Hutton (Paisley); Rev. R. M. Thornton, Mr. White of Overtoun, and Mr. J. Campbell White. He also intimated that a telegram had been received from Sir Peter Coats, regretting that he could not be present.

The Rev. Dr. JOSEPH BROWN having asked a blessing upon the undertaking, and expressed gratitude for the success which had attended the institution,

The CHAIRMAN said he was glad to be present, and to have had the privilege of enjoying the acquaintance of Mr. Quarrier for some years. He felt great interest in the work which God had placed in the hands of their friend, and was filled with gratitude that He had given him such marvellous perseverance to carry his labours so far to a successful issue. Mr. Quarrier had not realised all his wishes, for there were other homes to be raised, and any friends who desired to be co-workers with him had still the opportunity. Mr. Kinnaird had been present at the laying of many foundation-stones and prayer meetings, but he had not attended many such thanksgiving services, and when he had received the invitation to come, he gladly availed himself of it, for he thought it was right to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for what had been done in connection with these Homes.

Rev. Dr. SOMERVILLE having engaged in prayer,

Mr. QUARRIER said it was just two years since the Homes were opened. It was one of the stormiest days they had had since, but although the tempest raged without there was love within, and there were many friends to comfort him in his work. These two years had produced wondrous changes in that place. Three years and a-half ago it was a solitude consisting of green fields and stone dykes. It was four years last 26th April since the ground was purchased, and two years ago they opened the central building and two cottages. There were now six cottages besides the central building and offices—in all, eight buildings. (Applause.) When he first thought of establishing national Homes for Scotland, some people concluded he was presumptuous, more especially when he mentioned £20,000 as the sum required. People feared that it would never be got; but God had put it into the hearts of Christian people that there should be these Homes, and that it was for them to bear testimony to their belief that He was the Father of the fatherless. He did not think that the poorhouses offered such testimony, because the law compelled their erection. But as regards these Homes, all the gifts were made through love. He was glad that the money had come in big and small sums, for it showed that all classes were interested in the institution. He missed that day the presence of the first giver—Mr. Thomas

Corbet, of London. The Master had called him hence. Mr. Quarrier said he had laboured for fifteen years amongst children, but nine years ago, the Lord led him to commence the work of the Homes in dependence upon God. He asked the Lord to send £2000 as an indication that he was to go on with the work, and Mr. Thomas Corbet was the honoured instrument in giving him the money required. From that day to this the means had not been lacking to do the thing upon which he had set his heart. There were three reasons for calling the meeting one of thanksgiving. In the first place, there had been realised fully £20,000; secondly, God had blessed the institution in the number of children helped; and thirdly, He had raised up helpers from all parts of the country. Into these Homes 150 children had been taken, although this represented only a third of the work that was being done. There was the Govan Home section, and during the two years over 200 children had been rescued, and in the City Home 400 had been helped and 100 permanently so. Thus in the course of two years they had helped about 500 permanently and 250 temporarily or casually. As he had said, money had come from the east, west, north, and south. He knew many gentlemen in Glasgow from whom he could have expected help; but he did not require to depend on them, for the means had come from all quarters. No doubt he had had his trials; but if he had not had them there would have been no evidence that he was helped of God. He had ever increasing confidence in Him. The subscriptions had come to hand in this way—In 1872, when the work commenced, Thomas Corbet gave £2000; in 1873 there was received £88 4s 9d; 1874, £498 9s 4d; 1875, £2043 2s 6d; 1876, £3201 11s 11d; 1877, £3795 0s 9d; 1878, £5148 18s 7d; 1879, £3171 0s 11d; 1880, £3213 2s 0d—in all, £21,159 10s 10d. This money only represented stone and lime. The bread and butter involved a much larger amount. During the nine years there had been received in answer to prayer about £60,000. Therefore, they had good reason to thank God in view of all that had been done. During these nine years 700 children had been sent to Canada; an equal number had been placed in situations in this country; and about 300 were in the Homes at present. These were permanent cases. But there had been hundreds of casuals helped in the City Home, who had been taken in, and afterwards given up to their parents or guardians. Then many got a night's lodging paid for them. 230 young women had been placed in situations, and as many working boys set in the way of doing right through their own instrumentality. He wanted four more houses. The two dedicated that day would hold 60 more children. He expected it would be the same with the other four which were coming. Next, he wanted a training ship on land near the house, because there were boys who wished to go to sea. He had no doubt he would get a ship. About £7000 would complete the ten houses and accommodate 300 children. These houses were not for emigration children, nor were they for the waifs of the street, but for children of decent parents who had been left with no one to care for them. Mr. Quarrier finally remarked that for admission into the Homes a subscriber's line was not required. (Applause.)

Refreshments were served and an inspection of the Homes took place afterwards, when everything was found in excellent order. The children were clean and tidy, and appeared to regard the cottages as homes in the real sense of the word. The arrangements for the prevention of fire were shown upon the ground, the same seeming to be very effective. Tea was served at half-past five o'clock to the children and visitors who had remained till that hour. In every respect the day's proceedings were as agreeable as they were successful. A collection was taken amounting to £27 which defrayed all the expenses of the gathering.

DONATIONS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

The Donations are entered here, with the initials of the donors, if known, in the order they were received, and at the dates they were acknowledged in the fortnightly statements in the *North British Daily Mail*. The full name of each donor, if known, is entered in the cash-book.

November 8.—Bible Class, Buckhaven, Fifa, per Rev J. G. T., £2; "Wigtown," £1; A Friend for Orphan Cottage Homes, £10; G., Brothers, & Co., £4; From a Female Friend, parcel of clothing and scarfs; Mrs T., meat; Free St Peter's Sabbath School Society, per A. F. M., 16s 10d; J. C. and Mr. H., per Mrs S. G., Auchencairn, £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—West F.C. Sabbath School, Broughty Ferry, per E. P. B., £1 18s 2d; A Friend, Hamilton, per Miss R., 4 pairs stockings; M. W., £5; Miss J. Croydon, £5; Mr S., quantity of straw hats, millinery, &c.; Mr M.F., 16 quarters bread; Mrs J., Edinburgh, per Miss A. T., £3.

November 22.—From Dudhope F.C. Sabbath School, per J. R., Dundee, £1 5s; A Friend at Noon meeting, 10s; From a Wellwisher, £1; A. G., Broughty Ferry, £10; Mrs W., Belfast, for Cottage Homes, £1; Mrs D., 10s; collected by Mrs A. to take a child to Canada, £10; Miss A., Tighnabruaich, 10s; Calderhead Sabbath School, per Mr M'C., Religious Institution Rooms, 15s; St David's Parish Church S.S., per do., £1; Mrs H., Ayr, £1; Miss W., Ayr, 5s; Miss H., do., 2 pairs knitted stockings and petticoat; Mrs W., Helensburgh, £1; Govan F.C. Sabbath School, per J. F., 10s; Mrs M., Cambuslang, parcel of clothing; Miss H., 4 pairs Stockings; Mrs G., Helensburgh, per J. R., £1; Mrs M'C., £1 for emigration and £1 general; Mrs S. and A. C. B., Aberdeen, £5; Miss B., do., £1; J. S., do., 2s 6d; St George's Road F. C. Mothers' Meeting, per Mrs A., 10s 6d; Miss T., 12s; F. J., Edinburgh, £1; J. P., Tillicoultry, to take a boy to Canada, £10; Mrs M., parcel of clothing; Miss M., Croydon, £2; Mrs L., Edinburgh, £3; Mrs B., £2 and parcel of clothing; J. A., Queen's Park, 5s; Mrs M., 10s; A Friend, per H. K. W., £10; Mrs E. Newcastle, 10s; W. B. H., Matlock, £1 1s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission work:—Mrs M., Mearns, £3; Mrs T., 5s; Mrs J., Largs, £1; A Grateful Worker, £1; Mrs H., Partick, £1; Miss R., three pairs knitted stockings; Miss C., Aberfeldy, £5; H. B., £1; Two Workers, £1; W. L., 10s; H. L., £20; 22 shirts and 10 pairs socks, &c., made at a working party, Dolphington, per Mrs W. and Mrs B.; A Friend, 3s; A Friend, £1; Miss G., £1; W. C., £2; Mrs S., £100; C. D., for Christmas dinner, £10; "Give and it shall be given unto you," £1 2s; Working Lads' Sabbath Evening Class, Paisley, per Mrs B., £1. The following has been sent for Orphan Homes' Building Fund:—Miss M. £50.

December 6.—Mrs D., Perth, per J. S. C., to take a little boy to Canada, £10; G. M., 10s; A Friend, £10; J. C., a cheese for Cottage Homes; R. B., two large wall texts; a Friend, per Mrs D., books; a Friend, in stamps, 5s; Mrs M'L., Helensburgh, £1; Miss D., Dysart, per Mrs T., 10s; Mrs L., Edinburgh, parcel of clothing; from Bishop Street Sabbath School, in connection with St Vincent Street U. P. Church, 18s; Miss H., Stirling, £1; Mrs G., London, £3; Miss M., £1; J. R., 5s; from "A Little Help," for Cottage Homes, £10; J. J., Rothesay, large parcel of new clothing; D. L., crockery for Cottage Homes, amounting to £3 2s 9d; Mrs A., £50; G. A., Wick, £1; Mrs S., Helensburgh, per Mrs L., £1; Mrs F. K., per J. C., £2; for bread and butter at Cottage Homes, £5; F. C. Sabbath School, Gourrock, per Mr C., 19s 3d; Gorbals Parish Church Sabbath School Association, per R. B., £2; Mrs H. R., Brighton, £1; an Invalid, 10s; M. G., a working woman, 5s; Mrs D., 2s 6d; Miss W., £1; Mrs G., Largs, parcel of 30 new flannels; Mrs M., Ibrox, parcel of clothing, &c.; J. J., Edinburgh, £5; Miss D., Cambuslang, 10s; a Friend at Noon Meeting, £1; Mrs C., Largs, per Mrs G., £1; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, 5s 6d; Mrs G., Bothwell, £4; D. L., quantity of crockery; Mrs S., Bridge-of-Allan, in stamps, 10s 6d; Mrs A., 30 wincey dresses and 15 night dresses; a Christian Servant, per Mrs C., Port-Glasgow, 2s 6d; M. C., £1; Mrs O., Shandon, £30; W. S., Dundee, £5; Mrs B., Crosshill post mark, with best wishes, £1; Miss W., Brechin, in stamps, 5s; from missionary box, Houston, £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—"Nemo," Dunoon, with best wishes, £1; Messrs L. & Co., £5; Henderson Memorial Church Bible Class, per W. T., £1 8s 3d; N. M., jun., Newton-Stewart, £1; commission on insurance, per C. A., 8s 5d; W. S. P., £1; Mrs W., 30 yards shirting; a Friend, parcel of clothing; Mrs L., Appin, parcel of clothing and £1; Mrs C., Bothwell, £2; J. S., Whiting Bay, 10s; Mrs W., Dowanhill, parcel of clothing; Miss M'C., Gourrock, parcel of clothing; Mr

M.F., 17 loaves and 40 scones; Mrs C., parcel of clothing and stockings; towards the £1000 wanted for Evangelistic Work, "Gartmore," £1. Found in box in November, £3 2s 9d; Mrs M.A., 12 loaves; J. W., £1, and 1s found; S. C., Sheffield, £3; Miss M.C., £1; A. L., 10s, a parcel of clothing, &c.; W. J. G., £5.

December 20.—Mrs M. and Miss A., 4s; Mrs J. T. Turrington, N. Devon, £1; M. M.B., per do., 10s; Mrs H., Dunfermline, per C. A., 2s 6d; Miss E., Hillhead, two wincey dresses; J. and M. M., Carlisle, £4; First Fruits, Bridge-of-Weir, 2s 6d; Two Workers, 5s; Contributions by Children at afternoon service in connection with Ibrox U.P. Church, per A. H., £2 10s; Mrs L., Dundee, for emigration, £1; Mrs W., do., £1; A. H., for the orphans, £1; R. M., in stamps, "for the orphans, for Jesus' sake," 3s; Miss E., Hillhead, £5; a Friend, a dress and waterproof; Mrs A., 23 shirts; Mrs H., quantity of mutton; Miss E., Newcastle, £2; from Rita, "Quivers;" R. H. M., four pairs knitted stockings; A. D., £10; Mrs R., 5s; A. S., for Orphan Homes of Scotland, £10; F. W. M., Forfar, 5s; B. P. B., Croydon, £5; Miss M., six pairs stockings; a Friend, for Christmas Treat, 5s; Miss S., £1; J. A., 5s; J. B., Helensburgh, £5; from Bath Street U.P. Church Sabbath School, per W. H., £1; W. and J. P., 22 pairs of stockings; part proceeds of Bazaar from young ladies of Messrs Chalmers & Dick's School, £11 4s; Miss R., Greenock, £1; S. M., Dunfermline, £5; from a Christian Friend, Ceres, 6s; a Christian Servant, do., 2s 6d; Miss A. M., do., 2s 6d; from Crown Terrace Sabbath School, Aberdeen, per A. G., £2; J. H. B., Bridge-of-Weir, £1; J. A., remnants for dresses; Miss S., Helensburgh, 8 pairs knitted stockings; from a Friend's Collecting Box, for tree, 5s; a Friend, three pairs socks; Miss M. F., Rothesay, £1; from "Kinnie," £3 and six pairs knitted stockings; Mrs N., a goose. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Mrs M., Airds, per Mrs L., £1; Miss F., per do., £1; A. K. B., to help the poor, £2; J. T., Hogganfield, 10s; Free St Mary's Forenoon Meeting, per H. C., £1 5s; Mr and Mrs C. B. A., £2; Mrs W., Maryhill, twelve pairs stockings; Mrs B., Crosshill, clothing and hats; Bible Class in connection with East Campbell Street U.P. Church, per Mr W., £1; Mrs H., Alloa, £1; a Friend, pieces of serge; Miss T., £1; E. M. L., Tarbert, per W. M., £1; Misses M., Paisley, £1; Mrs K., 5s; G. M. F., £2 2s; Messrs M.C. & Co., £3 3s; Miss M., Isle of Wight, £2 2s; Miss G., Dalkeith, £2; A. S., Whiting Bay, 10s; Mrs A., quantity of articles for Christmas tree; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 15s 10d; Mrs F., Paisley, for Young Women's Shelter, £1; Mrs M.E., £1; Mrs H. S., 10s; R. L., Aberdeen, 2s 6d; R. A. B., for New-Year's treat, £2; G. M. K. and Friends, Lochgillhead, 15s and plum pudding; "From the Master's Treasury," Grangemouth, £2.

January 3.—F. C., Largs, £5; T. B. D., £10 for Cottage Homes; West Parish Church Sabbath School, Rutherglen, £1; Lansdowne U.P. Church Missionary Society, per T. B. B., £6; Mrs M., £1; Dr M., parcel of magazines; Mrs A., Irvine, £1; W. M., Markinch, 5s (in stamps); Miss M., 5s; A Christmas Gift from Callander, 4s; from Helen Jane, 1 pair of stockings with 1d in each; New-Year's Offering from Scholars and Teachers of South Mission Sabbath School, Kirriemuir, per J. M. N., 7s; W. L. C., £2; Mrs T., £1; Foundry Boys' Meeting of Downhill U.P. Church Mission, per J. S., £2 12s 3d; Miss J. S., Helensburgh, 10s and 2 pairs stockings; A Thank-offering, half expenses of a boy to Canada, £5; Christmas Offering from the Anonymous Friend who has given the same in two former years, £100; A Christmas Gift from Gracie, George, and Charlie, Bothwell, 10s; Mrs G., Collessie, £1; from a Christian Friend, per Miss A. M., Ceres, £2; Miss B., Irvine, 3 pairs socks; Miss A., Irvine, a little dress; Mrs E., Irvine, 5s; Class of Little Boys in Baptist Church Sabbath School, Irvine, 3s; J. W., Irvine, 12 knitted mufflers; Norman, 5s—part of a Christmas gift; A Friend at Noon Meeting, 10s; R. and M. H., parcel of *Graphics*; J. K. C., £1; J. W., 5s; Mrs and Misses W., 15s; J. F., £2; Mrs J., Edinburgh, a goose; A Friend, £2; R. W. H., £2 2s—half for emigration; collected by Cowglen Sabbath School, per Miss S. B., 7s 6d; A New-Year's Offering from a Working Man, 5s; from Camphill U.P. Church, per W. P., £10; J. D. B., £10; M. L., Stirling, £20; from Friends in Manitoba, £2 10s, to help a child to Canada; part Proceeds of a Christmas Tree, per Miss L., £5; G. B., Aberdeen, £5, for half expenses of a lassie to Canada; A. M., 12 packets of New-Year's cards; Queen's Park Congregational Sabbath School, collection for one month, £2 2s 1d, per R. N.; Queen's Park Mission Sabbath School, one year's collection, per R. N., £4; Moncur Street Children's Church in connection with East Campbell Street U.P. Church, 16s 0d; Old Kilpatrick U.P. Church Minister's Bible Class and Sabbath School, 15s 2d; part of the Lord's portion, 3s; Mrs C. Alloa, £1; a Thankoffering for many mercies, 10s; T. G., Paisley, £10, to take a boy to Canada; from the Bents Old Herd, 5s in stamps; Mrs R., box of biscuits and two plum puddings; from Friends at Broadfield, £25; Mrs J. S., £1 and parcel of clothing; Mrs T., Jedburgh, 17s 6d; I. J. G., do., 2s 6d; Mrs P. M., Largs, 5s; Mrs P., do., 2s 6d; Major E., do., 10s; Mrs C., do., piece of tweed; Miss K., do., 2s 6d—the above from Largs were collected by Miss

E.; from Friends, Aberdeen, per Mrs S., £5 5s; David and Allie D., Aberdeen, per A. C. B., £1; W. M., Kincairdine, £10, for emigration; a New-Year Offering to reclaim a street arab, £15; Registered Letter, £1 4s 6d; Elmbank Mission Sabbath School in connection with St Vincent Street U.P. Church, £6 8s 2d; Rev J. D., India, per J. W., £2; Lyon Street Free Church Sabbath School Society, per M. M.K., 17s; a Greenock Joiner, 5s; from Sunday scholars, per Miss S., Port-Glasgow, 8s; Miss C., Whithorn, per Miss M., 10s; collected by Miss M.B., Dulverton, 13s; R. W. R., 10s; W. P., 10s; J. D., Swansea, 5s; from Temperance League, quantity of literature for Canada. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—J. M., Hurlford, £1; knitted by a little Invalid Boy, a scarf; Two Young Friends, four pairs stockings; Mrs C., 5s; from W. Largs, two parcels clothing; Miss M., Stornoway, £1; a Friend, Stornoway postmark, £1; H. K. W., £5; Mrs R., 18 pairs stockings and 13 scarfs; a Friend, parcel of clothing; Mrs L., Appin, parcel of clothing; Mrs M., 5s; A. A. R., Edinburgh, per C. A., £2; Mrs C., 5s; A. C., Dunoon, 10s; J. M. D., £1 1s; J. M. R., £1; part proceeds of a private bazaar of fancy work, per A. H., Edinburgh, £3; R. M.D., £1 1s; Kent Road U.P. Mission Sabbath School, per Mr S., £1 3s; North Strand Mission School, Dublin, per H. B. D., £2; Mr M.F., 12 loaves; a Friend, two pairs stockings; Employees of Clyde Paper Company, Rutherglen, per J. B. M., £2; proceeds of family missionary Box, per Mrs S., £3 3s; Mrs T., 10s and parcel of clothing; Rosevale Street Public School, Partick, per J. H., £2 11s 6d; R. R. N., Loanhead, 10s; Mrs M., a turkey; Mrs T., four plum puddings and ten pairs stockings and socks; Mrs A., a Christmas tree and quantity of toys, dolls, &c.; D. S., evergreens; T. L. C., London, £5; Miss M., £2, half for New-Year's treat; Corstorphine Juvenile Working Society, per Mrs D., parcel of new clothing; Duke Street U.P. Church Bible Class, per A. B., £1; Mrs T., for New-Year's Treat, £1; G. T., £5; J. B., jun., 10s; saved pennies of Boys at Cessnock to help the needy, £1; Mrs B., Dunoon, for New-Year's tree, £1; Friends, per Mrs L., 12s and a scarf for tree; Rev J. G., Helensburgh, £1; D. M. W., Crosshill, £5; Rev J. L.'s Bible Class, Broughty Ferry, £1; Miss J. R., Edinburgh, 5s; R. M., £5; from Ladies at Langbank, per Mrs J., two baskets of clothing; Mrs and Miss C., 10s; Mrs T., 10s; Mrs C., articles for tree; Miss B., neckties for tree; employees of J. D., per Miss M.L., £1 5s 6d; Mrs D., Rutherglen, 5s; Miss S., Downhill, £1; Mr M.C., 10s; A Friend, £5, for New-Year's treat; for bread and butter, 10s; Mrs M., 10s; A Friend, 2s 6d; Mrs W. R., Girvan, £1 for New-Year's Treat; Kingston Parish Church Sabbath School, per J. C. £1; Miss B., cuffs for tree; Shamrock Street U.P. Church Advanced Boys' Class, per T. W. T., 6s 1d; W. L., for boys and girls' rescue work, £1; Mrs A., two plum puddings and a cake; Mr M., a quantity of books. The following has been sent in towards the Cottage Home Building Fund:—E. and R. M., Lochans, 5s, a mite for Cripple Children's Home; from a Scotchman, £1300 for the Washington Orphan Home.

January 17.—From a Servant, 10s; from Kirkmuirhill, 10s; A. J., New Deer, 2s 6d; E. A. J., do., 2s 6d; D. M. S., £1 15s for emigration; Wilson Hall Children's Church, Paisley, 10s; a Friend, Oban, per Miss E., 4s; J. M. H., Tayinloan, Argyleshire, £20; Mrs L., two parcels tea and sugar; Mrs M., Invergarry, £1; Mr M.C., do., £1; J. M. C., £1; Children's Church in connection with Storie Street Baptist Church, Paisley, 10s; from 59,704, 4s; Dr B., Greenock, 5s; Saturday halfpence of a family in Dennistoun, 16s 6d; Cambslang Free Church Sabbath School, per J. M., £1 6s 6d; Sir Michael Street U.P. Church Mission Sabbath School, Greenock, per R. L., £1 11s 2d; J. C., Annan, £5; Laurieston Sabbath School, per J. M.A., £1; Calton Parish Church Sabbath School, per A. T., £1; Rothesay Parish Mission Sabbath School, per J. S., £1; Miss A., 2s 6d; Miss C., Brighton, 2s 6d; Baptist Church Sabbath School, Cupar-Fife, 10s; a Friend, Portobello, per Mrs M., 5s; R. M., 5s; collected by a nurse and child, per Miss S. W., Row, 8s 7d; J. and R., Gourrock, parcel of clothing; Miss M., two pieces of cloth for dresses for Canadian outfits; Mrs D., Gourrock, £1; from Wigtown, £1; Minister's Bible Class of U.P. Church, Pollokshaws, per Mr D., £2 7s; C. B. M., £2; Miss A. M.P., £1, for Bibles for Cottage Homes; Mrs J., Cambslang, 5s; New-Year's offering from West Barns Sabbath School, Dunbar, per R. R., £1; a Friend, 2s; J. G. P., Hamilton, £1; Mrs D. B., Falkirk, per do., 10s; St. George's-in-the-Fields Sabbath School, per T. J. H., £4; Bluevale Parish Church Sabbath School, per T. B., £3 14s 5d; Govan Young Men's Christian Association, per R. M., 5s 8d; Belhaven U.P. Church forenoon meeting, Kelvinside, per Mr H., £1 5s 6d; Cathcart Road U.P. Sabbath School, per R. C., £1; Miss M. C. R.'s counter box, Helensburgh, per R. B., £1, for Cottage Homes; J. R., Greenock, 2s 6d; Contents of Children's Missionary Box for Orphan Cottage Homes, 10s; Congregational Sabbath School, Helensburgh, per Miss C., £2; Grange Free Church Sabbath School, Kilmarnock, per A. R., jun., £1, for Orphan Cottage Homes; from Dunoon, 18 pairs knitted stockings; J. S., jun., £10, to take a child to Canada; Mrs A., Edinburgh, twelve pairs knitted stockings; Hamilton Free Church Sabbath School, Port-Glasgow, per R. B. H., 15s; Princes Street U.P. Church Sabbath

School, Kilmarnock, per J. D., £1; J. Y., £1; collected by Mrs H., from a Few Friends. £26; Miss A. G., Kirriemuir, £1; Mrs A. C., Kinross, 2s 6d in stamps; Mrs L., parcel of clothing; Kilmalcolm U.P. Church Sabbath School, £2; John Street Baptist Church Sabbath School Society, per W. D. S., £3 10s 8d; Free Church Sabbath School, Fort-William, per J. M., 10s; Mrs H., 3 pots jam. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Found in boxes in December, 8s 9d; collected by M. E. R., £2; G. and J. R., 3s 3d, saved from sweets; collected by A. A., 10s; Mr H., parcel of clothing; Mr M.F., 23 loaves; from Dunoon, parcel of clothing; Mr M.F., 18 loaves; Mrs O., 8 Testaments; a New-Year's Gift from Blairingone Parish Church Sabbath School, per J. W., £1; Hutchesontown U.P. Hall Bible Class, per Mr M., 13s 3d; Lansdowne Monday Prayer Meeting, Kilcraggan, 12s; W. T., a thank-offering, 10s; J. M., Cheltenham, £5, in memory of little ones "Safe in the Home over there;" Mrs S., Uddingston, £1; Miss E. P., Kirn, 5s and a jacket; H. B., fish; Miss M.C., 10s for street children's treat; First-Fruits, Bridge of Weir, 2s 6d; Mrs S., Airth, 10s; part proceeds of charge made for admission to Royal Polytechnic during holidays, per J. A., £3 8s; Miss H. S. G., Helensburgh, £3; First-Fruits, two knitted semmits and 2s 6d; North U.P. Church Bible Class, Auchterarder, per J. Y., £2; collected by Miss A. M., Moffat, per A. S. T., £2 13s; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 18s 1d; Mrs F., £1; Miss C., Ryde, Isle of Wight, £10; a Friend, Cambuslang, 5s and parcel of pinafores; Mrs E. D. G., Norwood, two interest warrants for £4 17s 11d and £2 18s 9d; Misses G., Rothesay, £1; Mr M.F., 14 loaves; A. and C., £2 towards street children's treat. The following has been sent in towards the Cottage Home Building Fund:—From the Friend who paid for Dumbartonshire Home, £200 to furnish it.

January 31.—Mrs A. A., Edinburgh, per C. A., 5s; Miss T., £1; Ivy Place U.P. Church Sabbath School, Stranraer, per M. J., 10s; Miss E., Largs, quantity of new clothing, &c.; Mrs S., do., £1; Mr B., do., £1; Mrs A., do., £1; Miss B., do., 5s; Mrs C., do., 10s; J. K. B., do., 10s; J. Y. S., do., 10s; Miss V., do., 10s; Mrs P. M., do., 10s; Mrs J. C., do., 10s; Mrs D. M.L., do., 10s; Mrs T. C., do., 10s; Major E., do., £1; A. Y., do., 5s; Mrs K., do., 2s 6d; Mrs S., do., 2s 6d; Misses L., do., £1; Mrs M.M., do., 5s; Mrs K., do., 10s. The above sums from Largs were collected by Miss E. Mrs G., Largs, parcel of flannel slips; Miss S., Alloa, 5 netted screens; W. J. M., 10s; from a Little Boy, 6d; J. H. Macduff, for Cottage Homes, £1; Mrs A., 24 shirts; from Three Friends, Johnstone, to take a child to Canada, £10; T. C., £1; Mrs C., £1; T. K., 10s; W. S., 10s; Mrs B., 10s; J. R. C., 5s; D. & R. F., 5s; D. W. P., 4s; Miss H., 3s; Mr T., 2s 6d; Miss R., 2s 6d; Mrs J., Lanark, 2s; Mrs B., Campbeltown, £1; Mrs M., Kilmalcolm, 6 pairs stockings; a Friend, 8 pairs stockings; a Friend, 2 pairs stockings; Portland Road Sabbath School, Kilmarnock, per G. B., £2; Portland Road Bible Class, per do., £1; Mrs C., Helensburgh, for keep of Cottage Homes, £20; Cambridge Street U.P. Church Sabbath School Society, £5 4s; a Friend, Kirkcaldy, £2; Mrs E., New-castleton, £1; Miss M., £1; Sandyford Church Sabbath School Association, £1; Mrs B., Gourcock, 4s; A. S., 10s; Mrs L., parcel of clothing; a Friend, Edinburgh, quantity of silver plate; D. M. S., for emigration, £1; J. M., 5s; Mrs R., Greenock, parcel of handkerchiefs, scarfs, and books; M. G., £2. The following have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Mr and Mrs T., Eday, Orkney, a New-Year's Offering, £1; Mrs G., Killearn, per R. B., 5s; Anderston U.P. Church Sabbath School Society, per Mr M.C., £2 15s 2d; J. & A. M., Wishaw, quantity of clothing, consisting of ulsters, hats, boys' clothing, scarfs, &c.; Mr M.F., 14 loaves; from a Little Boy, for street children's treat, 10s; Miss J. W., Clevedon, for street children's treat, £1; W. N., Paisley, 6s; W. M., for street children's treat, 10s; Miss M., for do., 5s; Mrs S., for do., 7s; Mrs M., for do., 5s; a Friend, per Miss O., 6 shirts; Dr H., for street children's treat, £1; Mr A., for do., £1; W. M. O., for do., 10s; Working Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, Ayr, per J. R. C., £1; a Little Sick Girl, 7d; Mr T.'s Bible Class, and others, Dalkeith, £9; J. H. E., Cambuslang, 5s; J. B., £1; Mrs A., parcel of magazines; M. W., £2; Working Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, Alloa, per W. M., £1 1s. The following donations have been sent in for Orphan Cottage Home Building Fund:—A Friend in East of Scotland to build "Ebenezer" Home, £1300; Miss J. W., Clevedon, per R. E. A., £1.

February 14.—Shamrock Street U.P. Church Missionary Society, £1 11s; Mrs B., Braemar, per T. H., 2s; Miss M.K., do., 5s; A. M.N., do., 5s; A Friend, do., 5s; A. B., do., 2s; A. M.H., do., 1s; A Friend, do., 1s; M. W., do., 1s 6d; J. M., do., 1s; J. A., do., 1s; J. A., do., 1s; G. M., do., 1s; J. M., do., 1s 6d; G. P., do., 1s; J. R., do., 1s; J. S., do., 2s; J. S., do., 1s; F. L., do., 1s; P. L., do., 6d; T. G., do., 6d; J. G., do., 1s; J. A., do., 2s; E. M.D., 1s; J. H., do., 1s; Rev W. R.'s Bible Class, Dennistoun, £1 7s; M. A. L., Ceres, 7s; Mrs M.C., Kilbilly, per Miss M., £1; G. B., Aberdeen, for half expenses of a lassie to Canada, £5; Public Hall Sabbath School, New Deer, per A. J., 15s; from the Boys in Haldane House, 1s 3d; Miss T., quantity of books; R. R., Hamilton, £5; Mrs A. A., £2; Miss A., £1; Friends, anonymous, £50; Miss L.,

parcel of periodicals; Miss A. G., Strathaven, for emigration, £1; Mrs C., per Miss C., 4s; Mrs H., per Miss M., £1 10s; C. J., Helensburgh, to help, £1; T. A., two jackets, &c., and 5s; sent to Cottage Homes, registered letter, Greenock post mark, 10s; Two Workers, Bridge of Weir, 10s; Mrs H., Hillhead, parcel of clothing; Mrs G., Aberdeen, 10s; A Friend, 2s 6d; Shawlands Established Church Sunday School, per Mr W., £1 5s; M. S., Edinburgh, "for the Orphans," £1; from Teachers and Scholars, Glencairn Sunday School, per E. M. M., £1 5s; from the Junior Missionary Society of John Street U. P. Ch., per W. R., £2; Firstfruits, 2s 6d; Mrs P., £1; J. C., per Mrs S. G., Auchencairn, 10s; A Friend, Arran, in stamps, 5s; Mrs F. B., 1s; W. B., 10s; A Friend, Dublin, 2s 6d; Miss L., parcel of hoods, scarfs, &c.; J. H. S., parcel of clothing; I. and M. W., Tighnabruach, two pairs stockings; Mrs M.D., £15. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Miss L., Windygates, Fife, £1; Clarendon Hall Sabbath School, per M. P., £2 13s 11d; found in boxes in January, 10s 8d; Miss R., parcel of clothing; J. H., parcel of clothing; J. C. W., £10; J. U.'s Bible Class, Paisley, 11s 4d; Free Middle Congregational Sabbath School, 16s 9d; G. G., 100 of "Spurgeon's Almanacs;" J. W., Kirkcaldy, £1; A Friend, Hamilton, five pairs stockings; from J. G. and H. H., 11½ yards cloth for jackets; Mrs M., parcel of clothing; Mrs M.D., £10; A. R., £10; The following has been received for Cottage Homes Building Fund:—Proceeds of 10 shares Monkland Iron and Coal Company, £39 2s 6d.

February 28.—From Miss S., for emigration, £5; Macleod Parish Church, S.S., one quarter's collection, per J. R., £2 19s; A. C. C., London, for keep of two children and sending them to Canada, £30; A. M., 10s; Collected by children attending U.P. Church Sabbath School, Kirn, per A. M., 16s; Wigtown, £1; A Friend at Noon Meeting, £1; Mrs L., parcel of clothing and toys; Miss M., £1; A. M.C., Kilwinning, 2s 6d; Found in Boxes at Cottage Homes, 7s 8½d; B. E., to take a child to Canada, £10; A. B. R. Gourcock, Parcel of Illustrated Papers; J. S., Aberdeen, to take a child to Canada, £10; Miss G., 12s 6d; S. S., 5s; R. L., £5; E.U. Sabbath School, Galashiels, per J. T., £1; J. G. C., Paisley, for emigration, £1; J. G. C., for Bridge of Weir Homes, £1; Mr L.'s Young Men's Sabbath Evening Class, Campbeltown, 8s; collected in very small sums by a Widow, 18s; from Baptist Church Sabbath School, Rothesay, per J. T., 1s; from a Wellwisher, 5s; Mrs A., 17 petticoats and 4 dozen chemises; Laurieston Parish Church Sabbath School, per J. M.A., £2; Mrs J. C., Busby, £2; Mrs U., 5s; Miss M., 5s; Miss M. C. R.'s counter box, Helensburgh, for Cottage Homes, £1; Cardonald Sabbath School, per J. F., £1 5s; A. M., parcel of clothing and £2; Mrs A. J., Largs, 2s 6d; Mrs W., do., 2s 6d; H. C., do., 2s 6d; Mrs H., do., 2s 6d; Mrs S., do., 2s 6d; R. S., do., 2s 6d; Misses R., do., 4s; Mrs J. R., do., 3s; Mrs C., do., 1s, Mrs L., do., 1s; Mrs M., do., 2s; D. J., do., 5s. The above sums from Largs were collected by Miss E. Miss R., Aberdeen, 5s; Mrs E., do., 5s; Widow's Mite, do., 5s; A Friend, do., 1s; Mr H., do., £5; Mrs S., do., £1 4s; Miss M.D., do., £1. The above sums from Aberdeen were collected by Mrs S. M. C., £1; T. F. R., Paisley, 5s; W. J. G., £5. The following donations were sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Mrs C., Broxholm, £1; M. R. P., in stamps, 2s 6d; Mrs K., Partick, six patch bed-covers; Mrs M.D., parcel of clothing; A Friend, three pairs stockings; Mrs A., £50; from the two Janes, parcel of chemises; A Friend, 2s 6d; W. D., £2 2s; "Give, and it shall be given unto you," 8s 7d; A Working Man, 2s 6d; A Friend, parcel of clothing; Mrs S., three pairs socks and piece of striped cotton, books, &c.; Mrs H., Lenzie, £2; W. M., for bread and butter, £1; A Working Man, £3; Mrs S., parcel of clothing; A Friend, three pairs stockings; J. S., a coat; Mrs H., Lenzie, eight pairs stockings; "A Friend C," £2;

March 13.—From Cupar-Fife, with Psalm cxxxvii. 23, £1; T. J., to take a child to Canada, £10; Linthouse, S.S., for Boys' Home, 15s; do. for Girls' Home, 15s; W. C., to take a boy to Canada, £10; First Fruits, 2s 6d; Two Workers, Bridge-of-Weir, 5s; Mrs K., Perth, Canada, (£2) 8s 4d; "From Crosshill Children," £1; E. J. L., Dorrington, £1; "Trust in Him at all times," £1; Miss M.F., Glenorchy, 14s 6d; from Whitehill, Grange Juvenile Missionary Society, per J. L., parcel of shirts, stockings, &c.; Rev. H. L. M.M., Avonbridge, £1; Miss M.C., 12 pairs stockings; J. A. B., Paisley, to take three children to Canada, £30; J. A. B., do., for Orphan Cottage Homes, £10; Misses F. Hillhead, £1; J. K., £3; Miss M. Longniddry, £2; Mrs C., Helensburgh, £1; collected by Miss E. W., Bannockburn, £2 4s; J. R., Holytown, £1; Y.M.C.A., Auchinleck, per R. M.T., 10s 6d; A. P. R., Roseneath, £1; Miss H., Pitlochry, parcel of clothing, &c.; Messrs. M. & R., Edinburgh, quantity of types, plant, &c., for printing establishment, Bridge-of-Weir Homes; Miss L. S., Helensburgh 10s; J. P., Tillicoultry, to take a child to Canada, £10; Crown Church, S.S., per A. R., £1; Mrs D., Perth, £1; Mrs R., Paisley, "a thankoffering for birth of a son," 10s; L. I. G., parcel of cotton cloth, socks, stockings, mitts, &c.; A Friend, to take 10 children to Canada, £100; D. M. S., £1 3s 7d; Mrs M.,

£1; Miss C., £5; A Friend, 2s 6d; Mrs. W., Belfast, for Orphan Cottage Homes, £3; A Friend, 5s; Mrs T., 12 pairs stockings, 30 shirts, and piece of cloth; H. R., to take a child to Canada, £10; "Saved from Housekeeping," to take a child to Canada, £10, and five pairs stockings; H. R., Edinburgh, to take a child to Canada, £10; Miss J. A., Italy, per C. A., 5s. The following donations have been sent in for City Homes, Refuge, and Mission Work:—From Working Boys and Girls' Religious Society, Port-Glasgow, per D. M. M., £1 5s 10d; Mrs M., £3; An Unknown Friend, London, with 2nd Cor. ix. 8, £10; Miss M'D., 5s; found in boxes during February, £1 13s 11d; Bluevale Sabbath Morning Meeting, per Mr A., 8s; J. A. B. Paisley, £10; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 10s; Mrs G., 5s; Mrs F., Eglinton, £2; A. P., £1; J. M., 10s; G. M., Leith, £1; Dr A. N. S., to help a special case, £1; Mrs S., 2s; Duke Street Mission Bible Class, 10s; J. W., £5; Mrs G., £3; Miss H., Stirling, £1; Falkirk Working Boys' Religious Society, per P. D. M'L., 6s 9d; East Park Free Church, S.S., 12s; Mrs C. K., Ayr, £5; Mrs M., £1; Mrs W., Edinburgh, £2; Mrs and Miss M., Dumfries, £2; G. S., Coatbridge, £5.

March 27.—Mrs H., 25 petticoats; Mrs H., Largs, 12 pairs stockings, &c.; Mrs A., to take a boy to Canada, £10; Mrs S., Melrose, £1; Miss S. C. J., Croydon, parcel of clothing; Mrs A., Portobello, £1; D. P., Tillicoultry, to take 10 children to Canada, £100; Mrs B., Edinburgh, £1; a Friend, parcel of clothing; Mrs G., Largs, parcel of bed covers and vests; "A," to take a boy to Canada, £10; J. J., Edinburgh, £1; Mrs C., 12 pairs of stockings; a Friend, 3 pairs socks; a Friend, box of toys; J. M. S., 5 pairs stockings and 4s; M. S. and B., Aberdeen, 70 yards remnants of wincey; Mrs B., Dunoon, to take two children to Canada, £20; Mrs B., do., for almanacs and gospels for children going to Canada, £5; "Leather," to take a child to Canada, £10; J. M'G., 6 crochet petticoats, 9 pairs stockings; Minister's Bible Class, Partick, per H. B., £1; a Friend of the Cause, Belfast, £3; Mrs L., 5 dozen chemises; W. C., Largs, 5s; Miss C., do., 2s 6d; Mrs K., do., 2s 6d; Miss N., do., 2s; Mrs M'G., do., 2s 6d; Mrs B., do., 10s; Mrs F., do., 5s. The above sums from Largs were collected by Miss E. M. S., per Miss C., for clothing, 10s. The following donations were sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work during last fortnight:—F. C., £1; E. J., £1; M., 15s; from Trustees of the late Mr. D., clothing and boots; Marshall Street Baptist Church Sabbath School, Edinburgh, per Mrs J., £2; Mrs M. and Friends, Wooler, parcel of clothing; Mrs C., Renfrew, £1; "Gartmore," piece of tweed; Barony Parish Church Sabbath School, per W. A. T., £2 17s 5d; Baptist Church Sabbath School, Cupar Fife, per Miss A. M., 10s; Milton Parish Sabbath School, near Bowling, per Mr S., 10s 6d; a Friend, 5s; Friends per Mrs G. M'F., 5s; Free St Mary's, Govan, Sabbath School, per W. D., £2 2s 11½d; A. M., £5; Miss M., £1; University Mission Sabbath School, per J. S., 10s.

April 10.—D. S., Birkenhead, £5; W. C., to take a child to Canada, £10; East U.P. Church Sabbath School, 10s; Mrs A. M'F., Greenock, for Cottage Homes, £1; B. and Co., to take a child to Canada, £10; T. T., to take two children to Canada, £20; Hangingshaw Sabbath Morning Meeting, per Mr B., 17s 6d; A Thank-offering for the Lord's work, 5s; stamps (Maryhill postmark), 4s; T. B. D., to take four children to Canada, £40; T. B. D., for Cottage Homes, £10; Mrs N., two dozen chemises; J. A., piece of merino print, and £1; Miss E., Hillhead, parcel of clothing and £5; J. E., Hamburg, 4s; J. and M., to take a child to Canada, £10; P. and M., to take a child to Canada, £10; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 11s 10d; Mrs K., parcel of clothing; F. M. R., for Bridge of Weir Homes, hoping to be able to keep one little orphan, £1; Mrs J., Largs, per Mrs G., four pairs stockings; Mrs M., to take a child to Canada, £10; A Friend, Sandbank, parcel of clothing; A. M., Edinburgh, to take a child to Canada, £10; J. H. D., to take a Girl to Canada, £10; Mrs A., 40 dresses and 30 night-gowns. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work during the last fortnight:—W. C., £15; T. T., £5; R. M'D., £1 1s; Free High Church Mission Sabbath School, Inverness, per A. S., 12s 9d; Miss J. A., Edinburgh, £4; Mrs M'G., £1; from 59.704, 5s; Miss L., parcel of clothing and books; Mrs A., Cambuslang, £4; R., £3; Children of Free High Church, Paisley, per W. C., 15s; A. M., Edinburgh, £5; Mrs M., Largs, £5; Miss M., do., 5s; Mrs W., do., 4s; Miss J., do., 2s; Mrs C., do., 2s 6d. The above sums from Largs were collected by Miss E., Baptist Church Sabbath School, Forfar, per R. S., £1 5s; U.P. Church Sabbath School, Whiteinch (west), per A. N., £1 1s.

April 24.—Mrs F., £2; A. F. P., Alloa, to take a child to Canada, £10; W. B., London, per Miss M., for emigration, £5; A. W. B., per do., for emigration, £1 1s; Mrs C., Kirkmaiden, large box of clothing; Elderslie Wallace S. S., per W. A., for Cottage Homes, £2; Miss L., Lenzie, 6 knitted petticoats; First-fruits, 2s 6d; Wigtown, £1; East U.P. Church Christian Work Society, Strathaven, per Miss M. S., 15s; a Friend in Uddingston, to take a child to Canada, £10; a Friend, quantity of clothing, boots, &c.;

Mrs J. H., parcel of clothing and hats, oranges, &c.; Mrs A., 27 print and 5 wincey dresses; a Friend, to take two children to Canada, £20; Mrs A., 5 dozen shirts; Miss R., underclothing; Miss D., underclothing; R. & J. M'G., two down mats; J. R., Pollokshields, to take two children to Canada, £20; Miss M. F., Kirkmichael, parcel of dresses, caps, and shirts; M. N., parcel of clothing; Miss R.'s pupils, Partick, night dresses and underclothing; a Friend, parcel of clothing for Cottage Homes; Mrs C., Ireland, night dresses and underclothing; J. B., Paisley, to take five children to Canada, £50; M. B., Tunbridge Wells, £1; R. L., Aberdeen, 5s; a Friend, Duke Street, £1; from Friends in Greenock, per Miss A. B., Finnart Street, for emigration, £7; B., Ayr, parcel of clothing; Mrs H., hoods and shirts; Miss D., hoods and mitts; Friends, Elgin, per Miss R., 8 pairs stockings; Mrs C., per Miss C., 5s; Miss R., 4 pairs stockings; Mrs D., 7 pairs do.; Miss B., for wool for mitts, 5s; Mrs G., 4 knitted petticoats; Mrs W., to take a girl to Canada, £10; Mrs R., quantity of underclothing, hats, shirts, &c.; W. H., to take a child to Canada, £10; from Ladies' Sewing Meeting, Paisley, parcel of clothing, per Mrs T.; S. T., Renton, to take a child to Canada, £10; from G. & F., Wishaw, quantity of clothing, millinery, &c.; Miss B., Edinburgh, per Miss R., 10s; Miss J., do., per do., 5s; Mrs J., New Deer, per do., £1; Mrs B., Pollokshields, per do., 6s; Mrs M. and Mrs D., Crosshill, per do., 10s; Friends at Grangemouth per do., £5 5s 6d; Friends at Kilmarnock, per do., £1 10s; Mr H. and Mr B., Hamilton, per do., £2; Mrs R., Kirkin-tulloch, per do., 8s 6d; Two Friends, Largs, per do., 5s; W. R. J., Kelso, per do., 5s; a Friend, Elgin, per do., 2s 6d; J. R., per do., 10s; R. L. A., per do., 10s; D. G., per do., 5s; Mr B., per do., 5s; J. N. M., per do., 2s; J. F., per do., 10s; J. A., per do., 2s; Mrs W., per do., 2s 6d; Miss D., per do., 2s 6d; F. K., per do., 2s; Miss R.'s pupils, per do., 10s; J. B., per do., 5s. The above sums per Miss R.—in all £15 13s 6d—are for emigration. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Missions during last fortnight:—Captain S., £5; G. H., 2s 6d; G. M'G., 10s; Anderston Sabbath Morning Bible Class, per J. M. M., 10s 6d; Mrs S., Edinburgh, £5; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 10s 8d; Miss T., Freuchie, per Rev. J. P., 10s; Mrs W., Stirling, £2; a Friend, flannel petticoats; Mrs S., 3 pairs stockings; a Friend, £10; from young people, per Miss H., £2; W. A., Edinburgh, £1; Mrs G., parcel of clothing; Mr S., £1; Miss P., Alloa, 6 dozen chemises; J. B., Melrose, £5; Mrs S., Largs, parcel of scarfs and boots; R. S., Campeltown, 8s; J. A., Bowling, 13s; Mrs W., 3 petticoats; from Ladies' Committee for soup kitchen, Anderston, cooking utensils, bread, butter, &c.; W. J. G., to help working lads, £10; Free St Matthew's Sabbath School, per R. A., £2 4s 6d; Mr M'G., Greenock, £2; a Lady in train, £1; L. G. F. B., Inverness, £2; Mr S., a coat. The following sums have been sent in for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—Mrs S., Port-Glasgow, £25; Mrs H., per Miss M., £20.

May 8.—Mr F., parcel of clothing and oranges; Knitted by little blind girls in the Eye Infirmary, six pairs stockings; Downvale Free Church Sabbath School, per D. S. R., 19s 6d for emigration; a friend at Cottage Homes, £1; Mrs M'W., per Mrs R., parcel of underclothing; Miss W., parcel of books; per Mr R., parcel of books; from Ladies' Working Society of Crown Terrace Baptist Church, Aberdeen, per J. and R. G., large box of clothing; H. B., 100 Bibles for children going to Canada; Miss M. M. F., Rothesay, £1 for emigration; Mrs C., parcel of underclothing and stockings; Miss W., £1; an Invalid, Cowaddens, 10s; Mrs K., underclothing; Miss H., Pitlochry, parcel of stockings; Miss J., Croydon, parcel of clothing; O. T., 8 chemises; a Friend, for Cottage Homes, £1; Miss M'N., £1; a Christian Friend, per Miss A. M., Ceres, 7s 6d; Mrs A., 20 print and 3 wincey dresses, and 9 night gowns; a Friend, Hamilton, per Miss R., 8 chemises and 3 pairs mitts; M. C., 2 parcels of books for Canada; Cranstonhill U.P. Church Bible Class, per J. C., £1 5s; D. S., Greenock, 10s; Misses M., 18 pairs mitts; Mrs A., Govan, 3 geese; Miss M'E., parcel of books; from Wee Alick and his Mother, to take a little boy to Canada, £10; J. T., to take a child to Canada, £10; G. T., for do., £10; Mrs F., Brighton, to take a little boy to Canada, £10; from Two Workers, a thank-offering, 10s; Miss C., Brighton, for emigration, £8; Mrs H., Largs, parcel of cuffs; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £4 11s 11d; J. R. J., parcel of magazines; collected by Sabbath School Class of late Mrs E., Newcastleton, 1s; J. O., for keep of a boy at Cottage Homes, £15; J. S., jun., 5s for emigration; Miss G., Dalkeith, 27 pairs stockings and 3 mufflers; Mrs B., Edinburgh, £10 for emigration; Mrs D., Dumbaron, £5 for do.; G. G., parcel of books; Miss S., Edinburgh, parcel of periodicals; Mrs J., Edinburgh, per Miss T., £5 for emigration; Mrs H., parcel of scarfs; A Friend, magazines; from an Old Lady, 6 pairs stockings; J. R. L., parcel of Books; Miss G., 3 hoods and 3 pairs mitts; Miss R., 6 pairs mitts; Mantelpiece box, Paisley, per A. G., £1 10s; B., to take a child to Canada, £10; A Friend, pair of stockings; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 15s; A Friend, per Miss R. for do., 2s 6d; Mr M'G., magazines. (A Friend sends £10 for Mr Quarrier's own use.) The following donations have been sent in for City Home, Refuge, and Mission during last fortnight:—J. A. C., £5; Mr S., parcel of clothing; Miss H., parcel of stockings; Free Church Sabbath School,

Largs, per J. M'Q., £2 11s; servants of Miss M'A., Partick, 12 pairs stockings; K., £2; Landsdowne Congregational Sabbath School, per G. M., £4; A Friend, C. B., Coatbridge, £2; Mrs T., £1; Mr H., £1; Mr M'F., 9½ quarter loaves; Miss C., Duntocher, box of clothing; W. B. H., Matlock Bridge, 10s 6d; Mrs M., Haddington, £1; Working Boys and Girls' Religious Society, Stirling, £2 2s; from Y. W. C. A., Burnhouse, per J. H. W., box of clothing; A Friend at Noon Meeting, £3; J. O., £10; found in boxes at City Home, 11s 4½d; A Friend, 5s; Mrs F., £1; Hangingshaw Mission Sabbath School, per A. S., 15s; G. S. W., £5; Miss C., 5s; Miss M., £2; J. P. and Mrs T., Eday, Orkney, £1; Friends in Hamilton, to assist keep of two little boys, £10; Two Little Boys, 4s; Mr M., per Miss R., £2; J. H., £1; Mrs S., Edinburgh, £5; gathered at Mothers' Meeting of Poor Women, per Miss M., 10s 6d; Miss M., 5s; A Friend, for bread and butter, £25; Miss M., Stirling, parcel of clothing; Mrs M., 26 scarfs; "The Two Janes," 24 pairs stockings; D. R., £3. The following has been sent in for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—Miss M., £33.

May 22.—Mrs M'L., Edinburgh, £2; F. H. M., Servia, £100; Miss M., parcel of books; Miss S., Comrie, parcel of clothing; Belmont Crescent Sewing Meeting, per Miss W., parcel of clothing, 8 dozen articles; Miss L., Canada, 4s; Mrs D., 6s; Mrs H. G., for Girls' Home, £1; E. J. L., to take a child to Canada, £10; Mrs D., parcel scarfs; B., in stamps, 2s 6d; J. J., Rothesay, parcel of clothing; Mrs J. R., parcel of clothing; Paid back by a girl, part expenses of passage to Canada, £3; J. C. and J. H., Auchencraig, per Mrs G., £1; J. W., Croydon, per B. P. B., for emigration, £5; Clyde Street, Port-Dundas, Sabbath School, per J. M. A., 16s; Mr C., Lochwinnoch, parcel periodicals; Miss A., Tighnabruich, 10s; Miss H., Edinburgh, 5 pairs socks; Markinch Mission Schools, per R. B., jun., 14s; Lady I. G., 21 pairs socks and 3 pairs muffatees; Dr M., Kirriemuir, £1; J. B., Paisley, £1; Mrs C., Bothwell, £2. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission during last fortnight:—Part proceeds of concert by Tonic-Sol-Fa Society, Millerston, per L. G. H., 10s; Mrs M'C., £1; from a little girl, 1s; Mrs D., 10s; with earnest prayer for a blessing on the work, £5; Mrs J. M., £2; Mrs D., £2; Mrs H., £1; A Friend, £1; A Friend, 5s; A Widow's Mite, 2s 6d; A Friend, 2s 6d; A Friend, 3s 6d; Kirkintilloch Temperance Hall Sabbath School, per J. D., 10s; Calton Mechanics' Sabbath School, £1; from Alloa Working Boys and Girls' Religious Society, per W. M., £1 10s; H. M., Grangemouth, £2; Miss H., Edinburgh, £10; R. F., Anstruther, 12s; J. T., £25; J. P., per W. J. S., £1; Miss B., £1; J. M'E., junr., 10s; Annie L.'s savings, 10s; found in boxes at City Home, £2 0s 6d; Mrs L., Campbeltown, 10s; Mrs C. C. G., do., 5s; Mr D. G., do., £1; Mr J. R., do., 10s; Mrs M'F., do., 10s; Mrs M'T., do., 10s; Mrs M., do., 10s; Mrs R. C., do., 5s; Mrs M'N., do., 5s; Mrs D. C., do., 5s; Mr W. H., jun., do., 2s 6d; Miss H., do., 4s; Mrs M'D., do., 2s; Mrs W., do., 2s 6d; Mrs B., do., 5s; Mrs S. G., do., 10s; Mrs G., do., 5s; Mrs H., do., 5s; Mrs M'F., do., 2s; Mrs R., do., 5s; Mr J. M., do., 2s 6d; Mrs C., do., 5s; Mrs T., do., 4s; Miss M., do., 2s 6d; Mrs M'K., do., 5s; Mrs B., do., 10s; Mrs M'K., Davaar, £1; Miss D., Campbeltown, 3s; Miss C., do., 10s; Mrs M'N., do., 10s; Mrs M., do., 5s; Mrs G., do., 5s; Mrs M'K., do., 5s; Mrs P., do., 5s; Mrs J. M., do., 4s; Mrs R. G., do., 5s; Miss H., Kintyre, for 1879 and 1880, £2; a Friend, do., 2s 6d; Miss A. M'N., do., 1s; Lady C., do., 5s. The above sums from Campbeltown were collected by Miss M. M'F., £5; A. H. W., Craignish, £1; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 12s.

June 5.—Mrs K., Paisley, large parcel of clothing containing 94 articles; Mrs M., Paisley, 8 pairs stockings; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, 4s 1s 10d; B. P. B., Croydon, £2 12s; Free Church Congregational Sabbath School, Irvine, 10s; W. S., and a few children at Balruddery, 10s; Mission Fund of Hope Park U.P. Church Sabbath School, Edinburgh, per H. D. B., 10s; Sighthill Free Church Sabbath School, per J. W., £1 6s; from the Glasgow Charity Cup Committee of the Scottish Football Association, per P. M'N., for emigration, £10; M. S., a servant, 5s; Mrs A., Partick, parcel of clothing; Miss M., £1; two workers at Bridge-of-Weir, 10s; First Fruits, 2s 6d; Rev. D. K. A., Old Meldrum, £1; G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, £1; from the Missionary box of the boys at Cessnock Home, £1 3s; G. S. & S., £20. The following donations have been sent in for the City Home Refuge and Mission during last fortnight:—From a Member of the Stair Free Church, 10s; R. R., Hamilton, £5; J. C., lot of children's papers; Mr M'F., 18 quarters bread; Miss M. C. R.'s Counter Box, Helensburgh, per R. B., £1; from the Glasgow Charity Cup Committee of the Scottish Football Association, per P. M'N., £10; Free St. Stephen's Sabbath School Missionary Association, per A. C. L., £1 6s. 6d; Miss B.'s Bible Class in connection with Free St. Stephen's Church, 10s; found in Boxes at City Home, 11s 3½d; Miss S., Stirling post-mark, £1 1s; G. S. & S., £30; collected by three children, N., P., K., 7s; Jane, 1s; I. D., Aberdeen, in stamps, 4s; Established Church Sabbath School, per W. R., £1; M. S., £3.

June 19.—Mrs H. and others, Dunse, per W. H. W., to take a boy to Canada, £10; Mrs B., Crief, 10s; legacy of the late Allan Reddoch, Esq., Shawlands, per R. & J. M.

H. B. & Co., £200, interest thereon, 12s 7d; Miss C., Duntocher, two parcels of clothing; from "Wigtown," £1; Bella, £1; Calderhead Sabbath School, per J. M. B., Shotts, 15s; Garscadden Children's Church, £1 4s; in remembrance of the late Mrs M. C., Pollok-shields, per M'B., D. M'A., & S., £17; J. A., Bowling, £1; N. K. & Co., one piece of blue cloth; Mrs B., Kilmaleolm, £2; a Friend, Aberdeen, 1s; Miss M., do., 4s; Belmont School, do., 10s; Miss B., do., £1; Isabel, do., 2s 6d; Mrs C., do., 2s 6d; M. G. do., £1; Miss M'R., do., £1; Mrs S., do., £1 (the above sums from Aberdeen were collected by Mrs S.; A. Q., £1; Mrs L., Nittingshill, £1; Miss M., parcel of clothing; Mrs U., 5s; Mrs M., Cambuslang, parcel of clothing. The following donations have been sent in for the City Home Refuge and Mission during last fortnight:—Working Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, Helensburgh, per R. U., £2 10s; Free College Church District Sabbath School, per J. G. F., £8 7s 4d; Miss B., parcel of clothing; St. James's Street U.P. Church Sabbath School, Paisley, per J. R., £4; Miss G. W., Rhyl, North Wales, £20; A. P., £2; Kent Road U.P. Church Sabbath School Society, £3 13s 8d; M. R., £2; Mrs M'M., £5; W. E., £10; Mrs B., Pollokshields, 22 boys' shirts; Kilmarnock Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, per J. A., £5; Sheriff C's Sabbath Morning Bible Class, Paisley, per W. B., £1; X. Y. Z., £1; Trinity Free Church Forenoon Meeting, per Mr. M'L., 14s; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 10s 3d; Uddingston Free Church Sabbath School, per Mr. M., £1 13s; W. P., a thankoffering, £1; A. D., 190 bags bread; Mrs M'L., Glenloch, 6s 6d; R. S. F., with 1st Thessalonians i. 2, 3, 5s; W. M., £1.

July 3.—George Street U.P. Church Sabbath School, Aberdeen, per J. S., Edinburgh, 10s; Miss S., parcel of clothing; Mrs C., parcel of clothing; Houston Free Church Sabbath School, per J. M'K., 10s; Mrs R., Alloa, 5s; Little Peter and James, Alloa, 5s; J. S., Aberdeen, £25; Mrs A., £1; Mrs H., Paisley, 3 pinafores; D. & Co., Edinburgh, quantity of printing ink; Mrs T., Garnethill, £1; Corstorphine Working Association, per M. J. A. D., parcel containing 38 articles of clothing; A. B., Callander, in stamps, 3s 6d; First-fruits, 2s 6d; from 27-204, W. F. B., 5s; M. A. A., Govan, parcel of hats; Mrs A., quantity of strawberries; R. H., Wigton, 24 pairs stockings; R. B., 2d. The following donations have been sent in for the City Home Refuge and Mission during last fortnight:—A Friend, C., £3; J. S., Aberdeen, £25; Miss J. A., Edinburgh, £4; A Friend from Africa, 10s; A Bridgeton Blacksmith, 1s; found in boxes at City Home, £1 11s 8d; a Working Man £2; Miss M., £1; B. & P., Paisley, 2 boxes corn flour; Miss P., £1. The following donation has been sent in for the Orphan Homes Building Fund:—Miss F., Largs, per Miss M., for Invalid Children's Home, 10s.

July 17.—Found in boxes at Cottage Homes, 10s 3d; A Poor Woman, 2s 6d; Glasgow Boys' and Girls' Christian Mission, Cambridge Street, per F. A. L., £1 4s; Cardonald Sabbath School, per J. F., £1 0s 3d; R. D. R., 1s; W. S. D., 2s; J. C., 3s; Miss H., Eyemouth, £20; Mrs T., 12 pairs stockings; Free St. Peter's Sabbath School Society, being Children's contributions for May and June, £2 3s 8½d; Miss M. C. R.'s Counter Box, Helensburgh, per R. R., for Cottage Homes, £1; W. E., for Cottage Homes, 10s; Miss M., £1; Union Free Church Sabbath School, £2 11s 5½d; J. D., Largs, 8s. The following donations have been sent in for the City Home Refuge and Mission during last fortnight:—"Give and it shall be given unto you," 18s 9d; Mrs A., £50; Mrs S., £50; G. F. S., 1 piece tartan cloth; a Friend, per G. M'K., Lochgoilhead, 4s; J. R. W., Bellingham, parcel of clothing; Mrs A., Cambuslang, £1; Mr M'F., 14 quarters bread; Mrs U., 2s 6d.

July 31.—J. D., Largs, 2s; Miss C. L., Brighton, per B. P. B., £5; Mrs M. Govan, quantity of fish; Greyfriars' U.P. Church Religious Purposes Society, per P. L., £2; Janet, aged 2 years, for birthday remembrance, Johnstone postmark, £1; Paid into Union Bank, Argyle Street Branch, anonymously, 13s; Capt. M'L., £1; Mrs S., Canada, 4s 2d; J. A. S., Annan, Canada, 4s 2d; I. M'D., do., 4s 2d; Found on a country road, per J. J., 6d; collected at Y.M.C.A., Govan Baptist Church, per R. B., jun., 6s 6d; M. S. S., for Mr Quarrier's own use or otherwise, £10; G. L., £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission during last fortnight:—A Friend, Hamilton, in stamps, 2s 6d; J. F., Kirkcaldy, £2; R. T., Paisley, £1 10s; "Little Minnie," Paisley, 8s; G. H. J., 6s; Mr M., 11 dozen rolls and scenes, &c.; Thanks, £10; T. M'P., 15 quarter loaves; a Friend, quantity of vegetables; Mrs M., Old Kilpatrick, 13 quarter loaves; T. B. D., in remembrance of Mr Quarrier's safe return, £10.

August 14.—Miss E., Largs, £1; M. A. L., Ceres, 6s; Mrs R., 5s; Mrs S., Leith, 5s; Wigtown, £1; J. W., Overton, £50; X., registered letter, £2; "In memory of a loved one gone home," 5s; "One who died in the Lord," per J. R., Port-Glasgow, £4; from Cupar, a thank-offering, Eph. i. 16-17, £1; Lyon Street Free Church Sabbath School, per Miss M. K., 15s; W. C., "for Jesus' sake," £1; Found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £2 4s 6½d; a Friend, Lochgoilhead, per G. M. K., 4s; A. B. K., for Cottage Homes, £5;

Two Teachers' Newcastle-on-Tyne, 10s; A. A., Ayr, 5s; Miss E., 12 brush and comb bags, two chemises, and £1; from a Friend, Helensburgh, three pairs stockings and £1; "Ivanhoe," for Bridge-of-Weir Homes, £1; C. H., East of Glasgow, £3; Mr and Miss M., £2; A. M. L., Fort-William postmark, 5s; Finnieston Free Church Sabbath School, £1 8s 8d; W. J. S., four hams for Cottage Homes; Miss M'L., 2s. The following donations were sent in during last fortnight for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Mrs M., £1; Cunningham Free Church Sabbath School, per Mr H., £1 3s; H. C., Ibrox, £1; Mrs L., 2s; Found in boxes in July, 14s 2d; from "a servant of the Lord Jesus," £5; J. W., Overtoun, £50; Mr G. O., per J. B. C., £20; a Friend, quantity of cabbages; Mr M'F., 35 quarter loaves; do., 18 quarter loaves; W. J. S., two hams; a Friend, quantity of bread. The following has been sent in for Orphan Cottage Home Building Fund:—T. C., Paisley, to complete the offices, &c., £294 4s 6d.

August 28.—The Boys A., New Kilpatrick, 10s; Miss J. S., Helensburgh, 5s; Old Scotch Independent Church S. S., per Miss M'L., 14s 1d; Miss G., Dalkeith, £2; a Friend, Ceres, Fife, per A. M., 10s; a Christian Servant, per do., 2s 6d; Mrs B., £1; a Few Friends, parcel of clothing; W. J. S., basket of plums and two hams; Miss M., £1; Misses L., Largs, per Miss E., £1; Mr H., per do., 10s; J. C., per do., £5; W. C., per do., £1; Miss L., parcel of periodicals for Cottage Homes; from Messrs Mitchell, Cowan, & Johnstone, being compromise for property left to the Homes by the late Mrs J. A., £50; Miss E., three chemises, two pairs stockings, &c., and £1; Mrs P., Hamilton, £1; an Unknown Friend, £10; J. L., Renfrew, £1; Wigtown, £1; J. and J. T., Dalkeith, towards keep of two boys, £8. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—J. C. W., £10; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 15s 6d; "Bob," 10s; A. P., £1; Mrs S., at Noon Meeting, £1; Mr B., quantity of vegetables; Mrs F., Duntocher, parcel of clothing; collected by Mrs L., Madras, 16s; A. W., £20; Queen Anne Street U.P. Church Mission School, Dunfermline, per K. M., £2 12s; Mr M'F., 11½ quarters bread; Mr B., quantity of vegetables.

September 11.—W. F., £2; from executors of the late Thomas Corbett, London, to pay passages of children to Canada, £1000—leaving others to pay for outfits; T. L. C., London, £100; Mrs G., Dunblane, per J. S., £4; from the Free Middle Church Sabbath School children, Greenock, per P. M., £2 4s 3d; P. M., £5; from "Wee Sandy," 3s 6d; A. C. C., London, for Canadian outfits, £200; Mrs G., Auchenairst, £10; D. M. S., for emigration, £7 0s 3d; "A thankoffering from two grateful workers," £1; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £2 8s 5d; Friends visiting the Home, 3s; Firstfruits for July, 2s 6d; Firstfruits for August, 2s 6d; Two Helpers, £1; Miss A. M'P., for Bibles, £1; J. C., per Mrs G., Auchenairst, 12s; J. B., jun., 10s; R. L., for Cottage Homes, £25; a Friend, £10; a Christian Friend, Ceres, Fife, £1; Mrs S., Port-Glasgow, parcel of clothing; "Eboracum," registered letter, £1; T. M. C., per J. S., £1; The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—W. B. H., Matlock Bridge, £1; found in boxes in August, £2 18s 11d; Mr B., quantity of vegetables; "Thankoffering," 10s; A. C., Grangemouth, £1; result of the late election, per W. A. S., £1; Mr M'F., 13 quarters bread; from Rev J. L., Broughty Ferry, £1; R. B., Gourcock, £30; Victoria Free Church Sabbath School, per G. A. D., £1 13s 7d; W. L., £10 5s; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 10s 5d; an anonymous "friend in the shoe trade," 10s.

September 25.—"In memory of little Willie's birthday," per J. E. D., Aberdeen, £1; W. J. M., £1; Mrs A., Partick, £5; J. C., Annan, £2; B. E., to take a child to Canada, £10; A. S., Hillhead, £3; A. C., Govanhill, 9s 10d; R. C., £1; J. M., Carlisle, £1; W. L., Joppa, Edinburgh, £1; a Friend, in stamps, 15s; A. P., parcel of tea; a Director of the Glasgow City Mission, per J. R., £5, "Saved from holidays," 10s; a Friend, 15s; Mrs M., 5s; Mrs H., Millport, 3s; from Ibrox U.P. Church Children's Service, per A. H., £2 3s 6d; Collection for expenses on "Thanksgiving-day" at Cottage Homes, £27 10s 2½d; Miss J. W., St Bees, per C. A., 5s; W. M., per J. H. W., £1; Miss M., £1; W. A. C., £1; Mrs L., Bedford, to take a child to Canada, £10; R. W., for expenses, "Thanksgiving-day," 10s; Mrs M. L., Prestonkirk, 10s; C. A., 10s; Working Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, Alloa, 17s; from Alloa Christian Union, per Miss C. T., 10s; D. L., Pollokshaws, large crate of dishes for Cottage Homes; J. F., Paisley, £5; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £2 17s 6d; J. M. S., 4 pairs stockings; C. A. R., £10; saved by two little girls, Irvine, per D. W., 5s 6d; J. R., to take two children to Canada, £20. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission during last fortnight:—J. A., parcel of remnants and £1; a Friend, per G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, 4s; J. B. C., £1; a Friend, per do., £1; a Friend, Edinburgh, £2 12s; R. H., Kirkcaldy, £3; a Lady Friend, per do., parcel of underclothing and £1; A. P., parcel of tea; Annfield Territorial Mission, S. S., £1 1s; J. F., £1 10s; Mrs M., Orkney, per Miss R., 6 pairs stockings; Miss C., Duntocher, parcel of clothing; J. R., £5; Mrs U., 2s. The following sums have been sent towards Orphan Homes Building Fund:—J. C. W., £10; from Q., Dumbartonshire, £120.

October 9.—Mrs D., Perth, £2; "Part Savings of a Working Man for the Lord's work," from M. E., 10s; a Friend in the Highlands, parcel of clothing, per M. E.; New Deer Public Hall Sabbath School, per A. J., 17s 6d; "Part of a Thankoffering for Recovery of a dear Husband," 10s; Part of a Little Boy's Bank Money, 10s; J. S., Aberdeen, 10s 6d; a Friend C., for expenses on Thanksgiving Day, 5s; Mrs H., Pitlochry, 10s; J. M., jun., for Orphan Homes of Scotland, £3; Sabbath School, 41 Brown Street, £1; Mrs W., parcel of clothing; R. M., Alloa, 8 hens; "Wigtown," £1; J. K., Montrose, 5s; H. B., for outfits of two children to Canada, £10; Part proceeds of a Bazaar held by little girls, Kirkcaldy, per Mrs L., to take a child to Canada, £10; Mrs R., Largs, 10s; J. Y. S., do., 10s; Miss J., do., 2s 6d; Miss G., do., 2s 6d; R. S., do., 5s; Mrs B., do., 5s; Misses B., do., 4s; a Friend, do., 2s; Mrs D. P., do., 10s; Mrs J. C., do., 2s 6d; Mrs W., do., 2s 6d; Major E., do., £1; Mrs H. K., do., £2; L. T., do., £1; Mrs H., do., 2s; Mrs F., do., 7s 6d; Mrs A. J., do., 2s 6d; Mrs P., 5s; A. Y., do., 5s. The above sums from Largs were collected by Miss E. Mrs and Miss M., Dumfries, £5; C. D., Fife, for Orphan Homes of Scotland, £4; a Friend in Train, £1; First-fruits, 2s 6d; Margaret, 2 pairs stockings and 2s 6d; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 8s 4d; Mr S., bag of vegetables for Cottage Homes. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—J. G. C., Bo'ness, £2; Langholm Free Church Sabbath School, per Mr C., £1 16s; A. P., quantity of shirting and £5; J. M., Montrose, £3; J. C., Aberdeen, £1; M. S., do., per Mrs S., 2s 6d; M. R., per do., 10s; M. C., per do., 1s; J. C., per do., 2s 6d; Mrs M., per do., £1; a Poor Preacher's Mite, 10s; Miss S., £1; Found in boxes in City Home, £1 16s 10½d; J. M., jun., £3; C. A., Commission on Insurance, £1 2s 6d; W. J. S., for Mission, £5; R. R., Hamilton, £5; R. B., 5s; W. A., £1; Mr B., quantity of vegetables; Two Workers, £1; T. T., £10; P. B. J., £1; a Friend, 8 pairs stockings; Miss J., 2 jackets and 2 pairs stockings; from the Children's Mission Box at Cottage Homes, to help their poorer brothers, £4 5s 10d. The following have been sent in for Orphan Homes of Scotland Building Fund:—A Friend in the East of Scotland who paid for Ebenezer Home, to furnish it, £200.

October 23.—M. A. H., Rochdale, 10s; J. C., £1; A. D., per J. C., £1; a Christian Friend, Ceres, Fife, 10s; R. L., Aberdeen, 3s 6d; Miss P., Moffat, £2; W. W. G., £1; Mrs. C., Paisley, £5; Money of One gone Home, 2s 6d; an Ayrshire Farmer, £7 10s; Maggie's first earnings, 2s; Mrs A., Edinburgh, £2; Miss J. A., do., £1; Mrs S., Alloa, bag of potatoes; Miss B., a dress; from Finnieston Sewing Class, parcel of knitted stockings, semmets, &c.; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 19s 4d; from Sabbath School, Thread Street U.P. Church, Paisley, per A. P. R., £5; a Friend, Paisley, 10s; W. & J. P., parcel of underclothing and stockings. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission work:—Mrs L., £2; A. D., per J. C., £1; "Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, I will do it," 2s 6d; an Ayrshire Farmer, £7 10s; B., Ayr, parcel of clothing; Mr M'F., 17 loaves; a Poor Preacher's Fee at Irvine, £1; a Friend, £1; Miss J. A., Edinburgh, £4 for keep of a girl; M. E., Largs, parcel of clothing; Mr D., Dundee, 3s; M. W., £2; J. C. R., £1. The following donations have been sent in for Orphan Home Buildings:—G. S. & Co., large Ornamental Fountain for centre of grounds; A. S., to furnish Washington House, £200.

Received to October 31.—Miss C., per Mrs S., Comrie, parcel of pinafores, &c.; Maggie C. S., Comrie, 3s 6d; Miss S. G., for apples for Hallowe'en, 10s; Collection at Thanksgiving Evening Service in Adelaide Place Baptist Church, per H. B., £11 17s 6d; G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, 10s; A. Young Man, 2s; Free St. George's Sabbath Schools, £2 0s 6½d; Mrs M'C., Gourcock, 7 pairs stockings and socks, and 6d; Mrs D., per do., parcel of clothing; Sandford Church S. S. Association, £1; R. M., £5; S., Kilmarnock, per C. A., £1; from Florence Place, Gourcock, 10s; Boys and Girls' Religious Society, Rothesay, per A. H., £1 13s; Mrs S., Edinburgh, £5; Mrs M'C., parcel of clothing; servant's mantelpiece box, 9s, and parcel of clothing; Mrs K., 10s; G. G., parcel of wall texts; Mrs C., Paisley, £1; Miss M'L., 5s. Found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £2 11s 6d. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Miss M., £1; H. B., £10; A Friend in train, £1; F. C. & Co., bag of beans; Miss C., Ibroxholm, £1; R. & Co., £10; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 11s 4d; J. G., £1; H. K. W., £10. Found in boxes in City Home during the month, £2 0s 7d. J. & A. G., Aberdeen, 40 pairs of children's boots; a gift from Nairn, per A. C. B., Aberdeen, £1; Two Workers at Bridge-of-Weir, 10s; First-fruits, 2s 6d; First-fruits, £1.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND AND DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S EMIGRATION HOMES. Dr. ABSTRACT of CASH TRANSACTIONS, for the Year ending 31st October, 1880.

Oct. 31, 1879.	£718 2 54	Oct. 31, 1880.
To Balance at date, being Cash in Bank and on hand,		By General Expenses of Six Homes at Elmpark, Cessnock, and Bridge-of-weir, ... £1681 4 34
To Donations received during year,	£4050 15 61	" Wages to Superintendents, Matrons, Kitchen Servants, &c., ... 324 18 6
" Found in Boxes at Cottage Homes during year,	47 9 44	" Alterations and Additions at Cessnock House, ... 357 1 6
" Rent of Nittinghill Farm and Lodge at Cessnock,	78 13 0	" Repairs, Furniture, &c., during year, ... 162 13 5
" Sums received from other Institutions for Expenses of Children Emigrated to Canada,	89 17 1	" Emigration Expenses of children sent to Canada, ... 337 16 10
" Proceeds of Gifts, Photographs, and Sundry Articles, ...	29 16 8	" Donations in Money (£2775 and Goods (£225) to Miss Bilbrough, Belleville Home, Canada, ... 300 0 0
" Wages earned by Boys, ...	12 10 04	" Premiums of One Penny per Shilling to Boys for work done, and Reward Pennies for good conduct, ... 24 1 04
" Interest from Bank, ...	6 2 8	" Printing, Stationery, Photographs, Advertising, and Postage, ... 88 13 54
	£4315 12 44	" Cash in Bank on Deposit Receipt, ... £1200 0 0
		" Cash in Bank on current account, ... 19 12 11
		" Cash due by City of Glasgow Bank, ... 5 0 8
		" Cash on hand, ... 1224 13 7
	£5033 14 10	

* This Sum is specially for Emigration purposes.

GLASGOW, 11th November, 1880.—I have audited the Books containing the Intrusions of Mr. Quarrier, in connection with the Orphan Cottage Homes, and Destitute Children's Emigration Homes, compared the relative Vouchers and his various acknowledgments of Donations, &c., and hereby certify that the above is a true abstract thereof, that it is correctly stated and vouched, and closes at 31st October, 1880, with a Balance of Two Pounds Eleven Shillings and Sixpence Three Farthings on hand, and the Sum of One Thousand and Twenty-Four Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Sevenpence in Bank.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

ORPHAN COTTAGE HOMES—BUILDING ACCOUNT.

BALANCING ACCOUNT.			
Oct. 31, 1879.		Oct. 31, 1879.	
To Cash in City of Glasgow Bank at date,	.. ..	By Balance due,	.. ..
" Do. Union Bank, ..	.. ..	Oct. 31, 1880.	.. ..
To Donations received during year,	.. ..	By Payments to Sundry Tradesmen for Work done during year,	.. ..
" Interest from Bank, ..	.. ..	" Cash due by City of Glasgow Bank, ..	.. ..
	.. ..	" Cash on hand, ..	.. ..
	£1154 10 5		£26 16 84
	206 8 7		4580 3 1
	£3703 2 0		50 19 10
	21 8 8		50 19 54
	£3814 10 8		
	£5176 9 8		£5175 9 8

GLASGOW, 11th November, 1880.—I beg to certify that the Sum in Bank at the credit of the Building Account of the "Orphan Cottage Homes" amounts as stated above, to Five Hundred and Nineteen Pounds Ten Shillings and Tenpence in the City of Glasgow Bank, and Fifty-Nine Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Fivepence Halfpenny on hand as at 31st October, 1880.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

CITY ORPHAN HOME REFUGE AND MISSION. Dr. ABSTRACT of CASH TRANSACTIONS for the Year ending 31st Oct., 1880.

Oct. 31, 1879.	Oct. 31, 1879.	Oct. 31, 1880.	Oct. 31, 1880.
To Cash in Bank at date, ..	£116 0 5	By Balance due at date, ..	£8 4 44
To Donations received during year, ..	£1382 10 104	General Expenses of Refuge, Food, &c., ..	£1560 19 10
" Wages earned by Boys, ..	790 5 9	" Wages to Superintendents, Matrons, Kitchen Servants, &c., ..	219 3 4
" Collections at Meetings, and found in Boxes at Home, ..	28 3 114	" Ground Annual, Taxes, Insurance, &c., ..	168 0 5
" Proceeds of Solree Tickets, Gifts, and Sundry Articles, ..	11 9 114	" Furniture, Alterations and Repairs, ..	92 5 64
" Interest from Bank, ..	1 0 6	" Relief given to necessitous cases, and Funerals of Poor Persons in the District, ..	31 2 64
	2213 11 04	" Expenses of Tea Meetings, ..	24 11 3
		" Premiums of One Penny per Shilling to Working Boys on Wages, and Reward Pennies for Good Conduct, ..	91 8 3
		" Evangelistic Expenses, including Rent of Halls, Payment of Evangelists, Tracts, Advertising, &c., ..	54 4 04
		" Cash in Bank, ..	72 0 11
		" Do. on Hand, ..	7 11 1
			2241 15 14
			*79 12 0
			£2329 11 54

* Note.—This Balance is subject to Half-year's Ground Annual, £78 18s., due 11th Nov.

GLASGOW, 11th November, 1880.—I have audited the Books containing the Intrusions in connection with the City Orphan Home Refuge and Mission, compared the Vouchers thereof, and find all correct, closing at 31st October, 1880, with the sum of Seventy Two Pounds and Elevenpence in Bank, and Seven Pounds Eleven Shillings and One Penny on hand.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

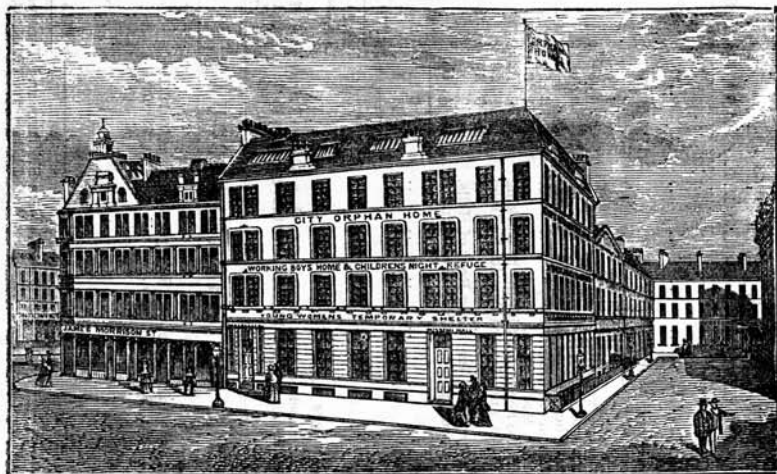
PURCHASE OF GROUND ANNUAL (£3,200) FOR CITY HOME—ACCOUNT.

Oct. 31, 1879.	Oct. 31, 1880.
To Balance at date, being sum in City Bank, ..	£37 13 3
" Do. Union Bank, ..	75 6 4
	£112 19 7
Oct. 31, 1880.	
To Interest from Bank, ..	2 5 8
	£115 5 3
	£115 5 3

GLASGOW, 11th November, 1880.—This Account is correct, and closes with a balance of One Hundred and Fifteen Pounds Five Shillings and Threepence in Bank on Deposit Receipt at 31st October, 1880.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

CITY HOME REFUGE AND MISSION WORK.



WE have now to give some account of the work in connection with the City Home Refuge and Mission, to do which adequately would involve more space than I have at my disposal for the whole narrative. The House (of which the above wood-cut is a fair representation), consists of six flats. The daily routine is managed by the Superintendent, the schoolmaster, an assistant and two matrons, besides servants and voluntary helpers. By reference to the year's summary, some idea will be obtained of the laborious and in many cases discouraging character of the work we have to undertake, and were it not that each worker seeks to serve the Master whose they are, we feel sure it would never be got through. There are three classes of young people received into this Home, namely, Children from 2 to 13 years who may be found sleeping out or begging; working boys from 13 to 18 who are without a home or friends to care for them; virtuous young women from 14 to 25 out of situations, and who are willing to become servants; and in addition, we have a large Evangelistic Mission work among the people of the district. In speaking of these branches we will take them in the order named:—

CHILDREN'S NIGHT REFUGE.

In finding out the true history of some of the children who are brought to us for a night's shelter we have often great difficulty, for many of them though young in years are old in deceiving. In the year just closed, we have been able to help a large number, and many a heart-broken parent has thanked us for the help given to an erring child. The Home is open at any hour of the day or night for the reception of any child who may be found sleeping out or begging. The following cases from our History Book will help our friends to understand somewhat of the nature of the work in this department.

I. and J. S., 12 and 8 years.—Came here saying their mother died a year ago, and that their father after disposing of his furniture, had deserted them, so they came into Glasgow in search of an aunt, but failed to find her. They were taken out to Cambuslang, and promising to shew the person with them the place where their father wrought, took him back to Rutherglen, where he left them in charge of a lady until he searched out the father in Cambuslang, then took them up and handed them over to him.

Information had been lodged at police office and transmitted to Glasgow, without result, although on a former occasion the father had them brought back in this way.

M. W., aged 11.—Said her mother died 3 months ago, and father while going through an operation in Royal Infirmary, died under chloroform.

For about 3½ months this girl kept up the deception, until we discovered the father, who is a respectable man, working on N.B. Railway. Her mother is also alive, although an invalid for three years, and Maggie was her only help with two younger children. Of course she had given us a wrong name, and parents were unable to account for her conduct.

J. S., who gave his name as M'Fadyen. Said his father was drowned at sea a year ago, and mother died 2 months afterwards, and that since then he had been wandering about Glasgow, Dumfries, and various other towns, obtaining help and shelter where he could. After a good deal of inquiry, we found his parents in Govan—good Christian people, who were much distressed about this wayward son, who had been absent for 3 weeks, taking his fortnight's pay with him, and had absented himself on former occasions for shorter periods.

J. H., 10 years.—Was brought from Evangelistic Hall with the old story of "Parents both dead, and nowhere to go." The mother came here enquiring for him, and said he had been away for days together before; this time he was absent for a fortnight, and so strange the disposition which would lead one so young to choose a cold stairhead, or a filthy closet, to a comfortable bed in a good home.

T. M.—Also brought from Evangelistic Hall, and making a similar statement. It appears he was not pleased with home arrangements, his father's housekeeper not treating him well he said, so he started off on his own account, but did not fare very well.

So determined was he in his plan of deception that it was only on the third visit to Rutherglen that his father was discovered, and had him given back.

WORKING BOYS' HOME.

The working boys of to-day are somewhat different to what they were in my young days, for no sooner now do they begin to earn a few shillings than they seem to imagine they will never want. The over-indulgence of some parents does great harm, and makes the boys all the more difficult to deal with when poverty and want come. The singing saloons, theatres, and the many evil attractions of the City exert a great influence over this class, and it is no easy matter to get them to realize the harm they are doing themselves by going to such places. During the year we have permanently helped 75 working boys and given temporary help to 73 others. The following from our History Book will be interesting:—

A. S., 16.—Father who was a confirmed drunkard ran off and left this poor lad destitute a year ago. Mother drowned herself in the Clyde 2 months previous. After a time he got some work and went into lodgings, but last Saturday his landlady turned him out, his small wages not being sufficient to keep him—was picked up by a friend and brought here.

D. G., 16.—Father was killed in Greenock by two carts of bricks passing over him. His mother married again, and stepfather died of heart disease 6 weeks ago. Mother is a drunkard and has often beaten him and a brother unmercifully, and otherwise abused them, frequently in her carousals turning them out in all sorts of weather. While D. is doing well with us, is it any wonder after such a training that another brother who ran away from Cessnock, is now in the Reformatory for theft.

J. S.—A bright lad of 14, whose father and mother died in England, came to Glasgow 9 months ago, and ever since then has been dossing out, which style of living, with the questionable methods of procuring food, and evil companions, sow seeds of depravity and vice years of training can scarcely eradicate perceptibly, and only the Grace of God thoroughly and lastingly.

J. G., 13.—Brought here by a cousin who has been several months in the Home. Has nowhere to go, his mother having been turned out of her house, and from her indulgence in the damning cup, is a picture of debauchery and misery.

TEMPORARY HOME FOR YOUNG WOMEN.

The need of a home for young women may be seen from the fact that during this and past years so many have been helped, a number of whom would in all probability have sunk into the criminal ranks if no helping hand had been stretched out to them. We feel sure there are many more who would have accepted the shelter of the Home had they known such a place existed. Friends could help us greatly by bringing it before the notice of any whom they know have no one to care for them, and who are anxious and willing to become servants. During this year we have placed 51 young women in service, and given temporary help to 63 others. A few cases from our History Book:—

M. J. W., 15 years.—Mother dead, and deserted by father and stepmother. Was some time working in a lodging-house in Govan; but when we found her she was in a wretchedly neglected and destitute condition in a low lodging-house in the city, and even to be turned out of that, since every means of raising money had failed.

S. M., 17, hearing of this Home, came all the way through from Carlisle, where she has a married sister who sheltered and helped her many times, but can do so no more. While this girl bears a good character, she has been shiftless in her habits, probably as much as anything from want of a proper training.

C. A., 15.—Mother died when she was a child, and after father married again he never took any interest in his daughter. Was brought up by maternal grandparents, who have for the last four years been in Barnhill Poorhouse. C. was two years in City Poorhouse, after which she was a few months in service, but her quick and untamed temper not allowing her to agree with her employer's son, she had to leave. Her stepmother, now in Liverpool, to whom she went, would have nothing to do with her.

EVANGELISTIC AND MISSION WORK.

In connection with this part of the work, the meetings for adults on Sabbath and Wednesday evenings, the Bible Class for young women on Tuesday evenings, the meetings for young people on Sabbath mornings and Thursday evenings, the visiting of the low lodging-houses, and the distribution of tracts, have all been attended with blessing. Besides these, we have held five weeks' special services for adults, and one week's for children. The bringing of the Gospel to bear on the non-church-going portion of the community is in many ways discouraging, their poverty and wretchedness being given as an excuse for refusing the salvation which is offered them; and yet we have had much to stimulate us to put forth greater efforts than have ever been attempted in the past. It may be that if our faith and self-sacrifice had been greater, more good might have been accomplished; and we do pray that in the future every individual worker may feel their obligation to go forth with the word of life and by "all means save some." We also ask prayer for ourselves and all the workers in this branch, that we may be filled with the Spirit of Him who is infinite in compassion and tenderness, and who humbled Himself that He might lift sinners from "the mire and the clay and place them on the Rock of Ages." We have been much helped by ministers, evangelists, and others, and we rejoice that fruit has been given to their labours in the passing from death unto life of many. Our desire is to have an evangelist constantly at work, and also to send out others throughout the city and country, and for this we have received an earnest of £1 of the £1000 which we are looking to the Lord to send.

EXTRACTS FROM OUR HISTORY BOOK.

G. and A. W., 12 and 9.—Father died nine years ago, and since then mother married twice, but is now dead also. Their present stepfather refuses to do anything for the children, and has been abusing them so much that on one occasion the police had to be called in for their protection.

M. and E. D., 12 and 7.—Mother died two years ago, and father has been several times in hands of police, and has just completed a term of six months.

D. H., 9.—Mother's death six months ago was hastened by the abuse of her drunken husband, whose evil life has also sent himself to the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, from the Canongate of which city D. was sent to us.

J. S., 9.—An illegitimate son who has been a constant cause of quarrel between his mother and her husband, and latterly of his deserting her and five other children.

W. K., 11½. A cripple boy.—Has got entirely beyond his mother's control. Sold papers, matches, and pipes, but made more by begging, and for this purpose went occasionally on the tramp to other places.

A. and J. A., 9 and 7.—Mother died three years ago, and father seldom able to work, and liable to drop down any moment from heart disease.

M. S., 13.—Mother drowned, and deserted by a drunken father.

C., J., and W. H., 11, 9, and 6.—Mother died yesterday in Hamilton, after months of confinement. Father two years in Lunatic Asylum, with no hope of recovery.

C. and H. M., 9 and 7.—Father died four months ago, and mother last week, on the morning of her decease expressing her desire to have them placed in Mr. Quarrier's Homes, and putting her mark to "Emigration Form."

W. and J. O'N., 11 and 9.—Father an ex-colour sergeant of 96th Regiment, has only 9d. a day of pension, and since his wife's death, a year ago, has been disabled by rheumatism.

J. M'I. and A. A., 8 and 6.—The illegitimate children of Mrs. T., now deceased. Stepfather, an old man, as unable as he is unwilling to look after them.

J. K., 9.—Since father's death, his mother married, had other two children, and died three months ago. Stepfather a drunkard, and content to let him do or go where he likes.

M. M'D., 9.—Father dead, and mother a depraved character, dragging down her other children with her.

A. H., 9.—Father dead. Mother deserted by second husband, who not very long ago got 30 days for assaulting her.

J. B., 10.—Father killed a year ago by falling from a ship's side he was painting, in England. Mother, since placing him here, has undergone one, and entered on another, term of imprisonment for theft.

S. J. D., 5.—This is a sad case. Last week the father dropped dead suddenly leaving the mother and poor children totally unprovided for.

A. G., 10.—Father is a poor drunken wretch, who, since his wife's death, 18 months ago, has had no settled work, and has been sleeping in outhouses and passages.

R. L., 12.—Turned out by a drunken stepfather, who will not permit him to enter again, although he has two children of his own, by a former marriage, living in the house.

J. and C. F., 11½ and 6.—Mother has had a hard struggle during the two and a-half years since father's death, and last night had to sleep with these two children in a closet.

M. and M. G., 8 and 5.—Father a hopeless inmate of Royal L. A., Edinburgh. Another girl died four months ago; and these, with the mother, have been sleeping on the bare boards, with often not a morsel to eat.

M., J., and M. M'D., 11, 6, and 2.—Mother and three of her children died of consumption within the last month. A month after their admission father died of same malady in W. Infirmary.

W. and D. R., 11 and 9.—Father, an old man of about 80, can scarcely support himself. These two boys have been three months on the tramp, begging and singing, sometimes getting a night's shelter, at others starting a fire in a planting by the road side to keep them warm during the night.

M., H., R., and G. H., 12, 10, 8, and 6.—Father dead six years, and mother, who was remarried six months ago to an old man, died a few days since, leaving them entirely destitute, but with the dying request that they might be admitted into Mr. Quarrier's Homes.

SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S WORK.

ORPHAN COTTAGE HOMES, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR.—The year commenced with 83 children; 55 new cases have been taken in, which added to above make 138 in all. They are accounted for as follows:—Sent to Canada, 19; died, 3; adopted, 1; placed in service, 4; sent to City Home, 5; returned to friends, 3—leaving at present in the Homes 103.

CESSNOCK AND ELMARK HOMES.—The year commenced with 81 children; 138 new cases have been taken, making in all 219. They are accounted for as follows:—Sent to Canada, 88; sent to service, 2; returned to friends, 20; left the Homes, 14—leaving at present in the Homes 95.

CITY ORPHAN HOME.—The year commenced with 85 children and young people—48 boys and 37 girls. During the year we have taken in 213 boys and 183 girls, making a total of 481 cases, with a total nights' shelter of 32,624, or a nightly average in the Home of over 89. The 481 cases are accounted for in the following:—

I. Boys.—85 sent to Cessnock and Elmpark Homes, Govan Road; 28 to the Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir; 16 went to lodgings, having sufficient wages to maintain themselves; 3 were sent to country service; 1 to the Infirmary; 19 left of their own accord; 11 were dismissed; 9 absconded with wages and clothing; 33 were sent to friends in various towns, namely, Dundee, Rothesay, Manchester, Liverpool, Belfast, Londonderry, Lurgan, and Strabane. There are at present 56 in the Home.

II. Girls.—52 were sent to Elmpark Home, Govan Road; 27 to the Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir; 51 young women were placed in service; 2 were adopted; 2 went to their friends in the United States; 1 died; 2 were sent to the Hospital; 5 were dismissed; 14 left of their own accord; 43 were sent to friends in various towns, namely, Kilmarnock, Wishaw, Port-Glasgow, Beaulieu, Paisley, Londonderry, and Belfast, leaving at present in the Homes 21.

During the year we have permanently helped 467 children and young people, and in the same time temporary shelter has been given to 174, which gives a total of 641 who have passed through the Homes.

OUTSIDE WORK.—Besides those helped in the Home upwards of 1500 men, women, and children in different stages of destitution and distress have received advice and assistance at the City Home. For many of these we have been indebted to friends for lines of admission to the Royal and Western Infirmarys, Convalescent Homes, &c. For a number of others medical advice was obtained. 307 have had a night's lodging paid for them in the Model Lodging Houses; many widows and others have had assistance to pay rent and been otherwise helped. In addition to the above there is the Evangelistic and Mission Work, in connection with which our workers have visited many sick and dying people in the neighbourhood of the Home.

The amount received during the year in answer to prayer is as follows:—For the General Fund, which includes the keep of the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir, Cessnock, and Elmpark, £4224 15s. 3½d.; for the City Home Refuge and Mission, including £790 earned by boys, £2213 11s. 0¾d.; and for Orphan Cottage Home Building Fund, £3814 10s. 8d.—the total amount for all purposes being £10,252 17s. 0¼d. Although this is a larger sum than we received last year, it has all been needed in our increasing work. For the coming year we will require about £4000 for the keep of the Govan Road and Bridge-of-Weir Homes, and £2000 for the City Home Refuge and Mission, exclusive of the money to complete the group of ten houses at Bridge-of-Weir. The two new cottages nearly ready will give us room for 60 more children, and, besides, we have now accommodation at Cessnock and Elmpark for 40 more than last year, and these will involve increased outlay. We believe our "partners" will esteem it as great a privilege to give as we do to work. We have at present about 300 to provide for in the Homes, and others are being added daily to the number. The money received this year is the largest amount sent in in any one year since the work began, and yet a glance at the balance sheet will show how little there is on hand for general purposes. There are many things connected with the work that might have been carried out had we had more money at our disposal, such as the relieving of more deserving destitute poor, and also the formation of grounds, making roads, planting trees and shrubs, etc., at the Bridge-of-Weir Homes, which is not provided for in the £1300 for each Cottage, but which is necessary for the completion of the whole. We feel sure our helpers will sympathise with us in these things, and seek to bear our burdens so far as in their power. Our desire is that we may at all times "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, that all these things may be added unto us." We trust friends will read through the narrative, and so master the details of the various branches of the work, and we feel certain if they do so, they will find much to praise God for, and also much to stimulate them in their efforts on behalf of the orphan and the destitute, as well as deepen their interest in that kingdom "which is not in meat and drink, but in righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

The Ground Annual of the City Home, amounting to £3200, and involving an annual payment of £156, is a heavy burden to the work, and we are expecting the Lord to send this amount, and so leave us free to go forward with less weight and increased energy. Some of the Lord's stewards might give it, and share in the honour as well as privilege of helping still further the cause, which is dear to our Saviour, of doing good to the poor and the needy.

We pray that each one who has given or helped in the work may hear the Master say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

CONCLUSION.

The past year's record is another evidence to the sceptic that God is what He reveals Himself to be—the hearer of prayer, as well as the fulfiller of the desires of them that fear Him, and also that His children act from motives different to those of the world, and seek to obey His commands, “Freely ye have received, freely give,” and “Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth.” It is also an evidence to the Lord's children that He is faithful who has promised “to supply all our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Everything required at the beginning of the year has been given, not only the money for the keep of the children, and for the increasing work and buildings, but also £1000 extra for emigration which we were not looking for. This is to us an unmistakeable proof of the Lord's interest in this part of the work, and His desire that we should in the coming year send a larger number of children to Canada than we have done in any previous one. We have received £1 as an earnest of the £1000 for extra evangelistic effort, and we believe the rest will come in good time. Who will have the privilege of giving it? In the past year there has been much to thank God for in the spiritual blessing both amongst the children and in the Mission work, but we are longing to see more, and we ask our fellow-labourers to pray more earnestly that the Lord will stretch forth His hand and work many signs and wonders. Our own sacrifice of business and comforts, as well as the ability to give of our money to other objects, is a mere nothing in comparison with what the Lord has done for us, and we are more than ever convinced that, if the Saviour's kingdom is to be increasingly advanced, it must be along the lines of self-sacrifice—His children giving up their time, money, comforts, “yea, and our own lives,” “that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal bodies.” May we hear the voice of the good Shepherd in this coming year saying to us, “Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.”

“There are little ones glancing about in my path

In want of a friend and a guide;

There are dear little eyes looking up into mine,

Whose tears might be easily dried.

But Jesus may beckon the children away,

In the midst of their grief and their glee—

Will any of them, at the beautiful gate,

Be waiting and watching for me?

“Oh, should I be brought there by the bountiful grace

Of Him who delights to forgive,

Though I bless not the weary about in my path;

Pray only for self while I live,—

Methinks I should mourn o'er my sinful neglect,

If sorrow in heaven can be,

Should no one I love, at the beautiful gate,

Be waiting and watching for me.”

There is a great amount of work done for Jesus in our days; but the ruin and misery that sin has wrought are so deep and wide-spread that it requires all the energies of those whom He has redeemed for Himself to accomplish the work. No doubt, our attitude here should be that of servants who wait for their Lord, but we must remember that we are servants, and as such seek to prepare the house for His reception, and also make good use of the talents He has entrusted to us. When we are called to give account of our stewardship there will be no regret that we have done too much, but there will be that we have done so little. While it is said there will be no sorrow in heaven, it is also said that “God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes.” Will these not be for sorrow that we have done so little for such a Saviour?

The labour involved in such a work as ours is of no ordinary character, for every child brought to us has to be considered and dealt with in the way which will be best both for its temporal and spiritual welfare. We are thankful to the Lord for the blessing He has bestowed on so many homeless, friendless little ones during the year. Among the older boys and girls in the City Home there are some who although pleaded and reasoned with for days together will have their own way, and it is a sad, sad thing for us to dismiss them, which we have to do often that the well-being of the others may be maintained. It seems to us like putting back in a sinking wreck those who had been taken into the life-boat but refused to stay in. With all the daily work and worry we sometimes feel pressed beyond measure, but just at these times the Lord sends us some special encouragement in the shape of a letter with a text, or a word particularly suitable, or a gift of money, and we feel refreshed to go on in the way again. The knowledge that so many friends throughout the country are praying for us is a source of great comfort and strength. Even Paul himself hoped “through the prayers of others to be brought on his way,” and how much more do we need to be helped by the prayers of our brethren in Christ Jesus. In looking forward on the year we are now entering, the difficulties do not seem to be any fewer, but the promise of our God is the same, and He is able to remove mountains, exalt valleys, and make the crooked paths straight. We are hoping to rescue throughout the year a larger number than in any previous one, although the money to enable us to do so has not yet come. “We walk by faith, and not by sight,” and we believe it will come. While we have this confidence in our covenant-keeping God, we have also confidence in His children who esteem it a privilege to help on such a work as this, and we believe there are thousands more who would help did they know how. Those who seek to interest others will not only get a blessing themselves, but will confer one on those who, it may be, are “standing in the marketplace all the day idle.”

As we will have accommodation for 100 more children this year than last, our needs will be increased. We will require £4000 for keep of the Bridge-of-Weir and Govan Road Homes, and £2000 for the City Home, Refuge, and Mission, besides money for more buildings. There are many things we would like to see accomplished at the Cottage Homes which require money; and some of the Lord's stewards who cannot build a cottage might put a stone in some part of one, and so

help to lighten the burden of the work. Whilst regretting that Glasgow has not taken a greater interest in the work, I bless God that He has not suffered us to lack, but has raised up givers in almost every part of the country, as a glance at the narrative will show.

It takes four tons of bread every month for our large family, besides all the other provisions, so that our weekly expense is about £100. We will need hundreds of dresses, underclothing, and boots and shoes for girls and young women; hundreds of suits of clothes, stockings, and boots for boys. Old or new clothing will be acceptable, as in most cases the things the children enter with are so filthy they have to be destroyed. In specifying the above articles wanted, we do so that friends may know what will be most useful to us. £100 will be the means of rescuing ten children and placing them in good homes in Canada, £50 will rescue five, and £10 will rescue one. We feel sure that God will supply all our needs through His stewards. Many of the friends could give the £6000 for the year's, and others might give £100 for a week's, expenses; but whether it come in thousands, hundreds, fifties, tens, half-crowns, or shillings, we believe the Lord "will supply all our need, according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." We would like to see the group of ten houses completed, as the cottages, which are nearly finished, will not be long in being filled with children; and our desire is to have others ready when the Lord sends the little ones to be taken care of. £1300 is the cost for a cottage to house 30 children. The £1000 sent in to pay the passage of children to Canada will enable us to send a larger number in the coming year. The enlargement of the boys' and girls' homes on the Govan Road will give us room to receive more children for emigration; and from all appearances, even this extra accommodation will not be sufficient for all who will come. We have at present 95 children in these two Homes, and 30 more will fill them. What a privilege the Lord affords us to care for Him in helping His little ones! Has He not said, "Whoso receiveth one such little child in my name receiveth me." "Brethren, pray for us."

The daily work is of such a laborious character (see Summary of the Year) that we could not accomplish it were it not for the daily grace the Lord bestows upon us, and for the efficient help given by our assistants in the various Homes. Besides my own time, which is fully occupied, as well as that of my family, we have many voluntary helpers who give of their spare time. Amongst these is our fellow-helper, Mr. R. H. Hunter, who has from the first given us his valuable assistance, and who took my place during our absence in Canada; Mr. Wm. J. Stewart, who has all along taken a great interest in the evangelistic and mission work, and whose labours have been instrumental in the conversion of many; the band of about fifty workers who visit the low lodging-houses, distribute tracts, assist at Sabbath morning meeting, and otherwise help in the work of the mission; the ministers of various churches in the city and throughout the country, whose kindness and cheering words have stimulated us many a time when we were ready to faint. We have been much helped by ladies sending clothing for our little ones, and assisting us with sewing, and we have also been greatly cheered during the year by the gifts from Sabbath scholars and teachers; and by en-

couraging letters from many friends and from different parts of the country, enclosing sums from the "widow's mite" to the "merchant prince's" thousands. We are indebted to the professional services of Mr. James Hutton, who has audited our books since the beginning; Drs. Henderson and Laidlaw, Glasgow; Dr. Syme, Kilmalcolm, &c. This year we have to record the death of Dr. Aitken, of Govan, who has for many years given professional advice and medicine to the Homes. We pray that the Lord may sustain the widow and the orphans in their affliction. We are under obligation to Mr. Davidson, who provides "buses for our children on special occasions; to the press, who have kindly given occasional notices of our work, and specially to the proprietors of the *N. B. Daily Mail*, who from the first have continued to give a place in their columns for our fortnightly letter acknowledging donations, &c. May all who have in any way contributed to the results of the work of the year join with us in thanksgiving unto God who has given us the privilege of being "workers together with Him."

CLASSES OF CHILDREN ADMITTED INTO THE HOMES.

ORPHAN COTTAGE HOMES, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR.—Orphans, whose parents are both dead, destitute and healthy, from one to twelve years of age, from any part of the country.

CESSNOCK AND ELM PARK EMIGRATION HOMES, GOVAN ROAD.—For orphans, children of widows, or others; must be healthy and destitute; age from four to fourteen.

CITY HOME AND NIGHT REFUGE, JAMES MORRISON STREET.—Children found begging, sleeping out, or destitute, from 2 to 13 years; working boys who have no home, from 14 to 18 years; and virtuous young women, out of work and with no one to care for them, from 14 to 25 years of age.

Any one wishing to see me regarding the work, or applying to have a child taken in, can do so at City Orphan Home, James Morrison Street, off London Street, at 4 o'clock P.M., every day (Sabbath excepted); at other times by arrangement.

As some think that it requires a special permit or line of admission to see the Homes, I would here say that such is not the case. We are always pleased when any friend takes the trouble to visit and see for themselves what the Lord is doing. The superintendent or matron in any of the various Homes will be glad to show friends through the houses any day, Sabbath excepted.

The Cottage Homes at Bridge-of-Weir are open for the inspection of friends every day (Sabbath excepted). Trains leave St. Enoch's Station almost every hour. Conveyances may be had at the Bridge-of-Weir Station by sending a post card to Mr. Alexander, carriage hirer, who will convey friends to and from the Homes, waiting an hour there, for 2s. for two, and 1s. for each person additional.

Those who carefully read through this Narrative will rejoice to see how much has been accomplished, and that, too, at so small a cost. 467 children have been permanently helped, about 180 of whom will be no further burden on our funds. Were we to keep at home all the children rescued, there would be an increase of expenditure and a filling up of the houses that would prevent us helping anything like the number we now do. In addition to these, 174 have been temporarily helped in the Home, and there is also the evangelistic and mission work. While we rejoice in all that is being done for children by other agencies, we know of none that accomplishes so much good at so small an outlay as our own. There are some who believe that work such as ours should be done by the Government, but we feel sure the majority of Christians share in the conviction we have, that the less it has to do with the work of the Church of Christ the better for the spiritual life of the community. God gives freely, and He delights in all voluntary work for Him, and in the freewill offerings of His people.

Some friends have been kind enough to mention the Homes in their wills; and, as others may do so, we submit a

FORM OF BEQUEST TO THE ORPHAN HOMES.

"I give to William Quarrier, Glasgow, or such other person or persons as shall, when this legacy shall become payable, be the director or directors of the Orphan Homes, Glasgow, the sum of £ : : , to be paid out of such part of my personal estate as shall be legally applicable thereto; and to be applied by the said William Quarrier, or such other director or directors, for the purpose of such Orphan Homes; and his or their receipt shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors."

To prevent mistakes and delay, all letters relating to the Homes should be addressed to my house, 318 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow. Cheques and orders to be made payable to WILLIAM QUARRIER. If more convenient, donations can be paid into the Union Bank of Scotland, 174 Argyle Street. Clothing, provisions, &c., may be sent to City Home, James Morrison Street, or if a post-card is sent, a messenger will call for any parcel.

Donors sending money can have it placed to whatever part of the work they name, either to the General Fund, which includes the keep of the orphans at the Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir, Cessnock and Elmpark Homes, Govan Road, or to the City Home, Refuge and Mission Work, or to the Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund. If left to my discretion, it will be applied to whichever object is most in need at the time. Friends sending their names and addresses will have their donations acknowledged privately in due course, and all donations will be acknowledged every second Monday in the *North British Daily Mail*. Friends not seeing their donations acknowledged in these fortnightly statements, will please communicate with me at once in case the money has gone amissing.

WM. QUARRIER.

318 ST. VINCENT STREET,
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This Woodcut gives a fair view of the landscape around the Estate the Cottages are built on.



The ground is the Mistrylaw, and the River Clyde.

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