

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

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 TENTH YEAR, ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1881.
BY
WILLIAM QUARRIER.

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.



TRAINING HOMES FOR CANADA:
BOYS' HOME,
CESSNOCK HOUSE,
GOVAN ROAD.

GIRLS' HOME,
ELMPARK,
GOVAN ROAD.

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

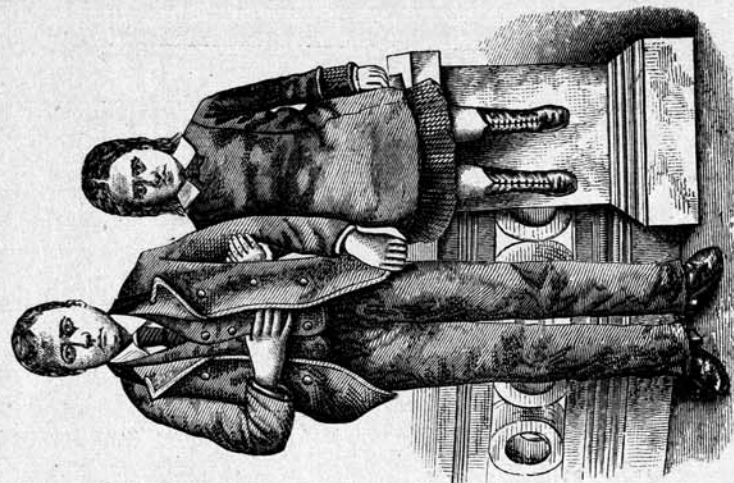
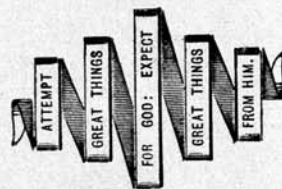
"Naked, and ye clothed me."

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J. & C. F. as taken in Out-Houses and Cellars.



J. & C. F. before C. went to Canada. J. through illness was unable to go this year.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S
EMIGRATION HOMES, AND MISSION,
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NARRATIVE OF FACTS.

1881.

MY DEAR FELLOW-HELPERS,—Under the good hand of our loving Father in Heaven, we have been brought through another year of the work of the Homes. In view of the fulfilment of His promises to us, and the realisation of the hopes He Himself created, as well as of the greatness of the work, and the means sent to accomplish it, we can truly say—"What hath God wrought!" Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude to Him and His, by whose blessing and gifts so much has been done. "He hath done marvellous things, and that my soul knoweth right well." "He leads the blind by a way that they know not, and in paths that they have no knowledge." When we began the year all was dark but the step before us, and there we had the promise—"Certainly, I will be with thee and keep thee, in all places, whithersoever thou goest;" and as each step has been taken throughout the year sufficient light has been bestowed, and we have known that God was leading us all the way. Not that the road has been all pleasant and without difficulties. There have been many rough places and trials, of which we will speak afterwards, but in these we have realised that all things were working together for good, and that by the very trials the Lord was better fitting the instruments to further His cause and kingdom, in making known the purpose for which He came into the world and died.

In beginning the work of the Homes, ten years ago, we made the following resolutions, in dependence upon God, trusting Him to supply the daily needs and to guide in the extension of the work:—1. That we would call on no one for subscriptions, nor authorise any other to do so. (Some of our helpers do collect for the work among their friends, on their own responsibility). 2. That no donors, while alive, would have their names published. 3. That no committee should be formed, but that the accounts be examined annually by a qualified accountant, so as to satisfy all that the money was spent in the work for which it was given. 4. That we would not lend our aid to bazaars or entertainments to raise money for the work. 5. That, when consulted, we would not accept of endowments for the future maintenance of it. (This is the first year that we have been called upon to carry out this resolution, in the refusal of £8,000 for the Invalids' Home, and of £250 for the general work). 6. That no business or family claims should interfere with the carrying on and extending of the work. Those who have given careful attention to the progress of the work know how God has helped us to keep to these resolutions, and how He has blessed us in doing so. Of all the 17 years of our labours among poor children, the year just closed has been the greatest in blessed results, and it has also been so in the amount of money sent in, and in the number helped of all the 10 years since we began the Homes trusting God for everything. The year began on the 1st of November, 1880, and closed on

the 31st of October, 1881. On the 1st November we had 275 children in the Cessnock, Elmpark, City, and Bridge of Weir Homes; and, for the maintenance of these, we had about £120 on hand. Besides that, we had £1200 in the bank, given specially for emigration; but, of course, we could not use it for any other purpose, so that all we had for their maintenance was just a week's supply. With the promises of God to rely upon we began the year, believing that He would fulfil them to us. Since the beginning of the year, in addition to the number we had then in the Homes, we have taken in 485 others, making a total of 760. Of these, 204 were casual cases, only helped for, it might be, a day, a night, and then returned to their friends, or otherwise disposed of. The other 556 have been permanently helped. Great as our requirements have been for such a large family, and for the Mission and Evangelistic work and buildings, our Heavenly Father has never disappointed us. There have been sent, in answer to prayer, £14,655. For this, we praise and magnify His holy name, as well as for the "riches of the liberality" of His children throughout the country. Day by day the means have been sent to carry on the work, and daily the needy ones have come to be helped by it. As indicating how the Lord has answered prayer during the year, in supplying our every need, we give a few details of our daily experience in receiving money, taking in children, and other matters, trusting that He will use them to stimulate others to place more faith in Him who honours all who do so.

On the 1st of November, the first day of the tenth year of the Homes, we received—from Aberdeen, £2 10s.; from Falkirk, 10s.; and from Blairgowrie, £1, with the following letter:—"As a lover of little children I have pleasure in enclosing £1 for your work among the 'wee orphan bairns' of Scotland. That you may be long spared to carry on the work the Lord has laid on your heart to do for Him, and that in blessing them and ministering to their wants, for body and soul, your own soul may be blessed, is the desire of—Yours, in Jesus." Words of cheer, like these, help us on perhaps more than any one is aware of. There must be difficulties, but these can be made lighter by the kindly help and sympathy of friends, and many a time when we have felt as if we would have fallen by the way a word of encouragement has been the means of establishing our feet. On the 3rd of November we took in two children whose father, a steeple-jack, lost his life falling from a chimney-stalk in Leeds. The poor mother was unable to do anything for the girls, and had we not taken them in their future would indeed have been a miserable one. On the 11th, the rent-day, a friend sent us £50, which enabled us to meet our daily increasing obligations. We took into the Home that day a brother and sister whose father died in the hospital. The mother could not get work, and having another child to provide for was unable to do anything for these two. The same day we took in a little boy, whom a friend took out of the Poorhouse, preferring to have him in the Home. We also helped a poor widow, just out of the hospital, whose son is now under five years' penal servitude. Some years ago we wanted her to give him over to us as she was so unfit to manage him; but she refused, and now he

is a sad wreck. Very few know what difficulty we have to persuade mothers to give up their children although they know they cannot control them themselves. The result is so often like the above; and many a time our hearts are grieved at the blindness of the mothers as to their children's future welfare. Feeling sad at this case we were greatly cheered by a gift of £20, from an anonymous friend, who said we had helped a boy for him, two or three years ago, and he wished to give the money as a token of his gratitude. In this way the blessings come with the trials, and we are never left without the knowledge of our Father's interest in us.

Our Annual Meeting was held on the 22nd of November, and the following account of it, taken from the Glasgow papers, will be read with interest, we have no doubt, by friends throughout the country, whose gifts have contributed to the success of the work. The statements made show the opinions of those who, being on the spot, are qualified to judge of the good the work is doing.

The ninth annual meeting of the Orphan Homes of Scotland and Destitute Children's Emigration Homes was held yesterday in the Hall, James Morrison Street. Dr. Cameron, M.P., presided, and amongst those present were the Revs. Drs. Culross and Elder Cumming, Revs. R. Howie and A. Andrew, Messrs. Alex. Allan, James White, J. C. White, R. Westlands, J. H. Watt, Maitland, and A. Adair. Rev. Dr. E. Cumming having opened the proceedings with prayer,

Dr. CAMERON, M.P., said it always gave him the greatest pleasure to preside at the annual meetings of Mr. Quarrier's Homes, for the various schemes connected with them, the reports of which they would that day receive—and which had for their common object the rescue and reclamation of the juvenile outcast population of Glasgow and the West of Scotland—appeared to him to constitute one of the most remarkable and most beneficent charitable institutions of this great city. During the nine years through which Mr. Quarrier's labours in that direction had notably extended, the tide of prosperity had flowed and had ebbed. But during all that period the operations over which Mr. Quarrier presided had been carried on with the greatest smoothness and regularity, and there had been collected for the purposes of his charities close upon £60,000. All this had been done without a single paid canvasser or a single personal solicitation. To anyone who knew the amount of business push and rivalry imported into the system of collecting subscriptions for most of our local charities, this was a most remarkable fact; and he thought that if in any case the words of the poet applicable to mercy might be used with regard to charity, it might be said in a case like this that it is

Not strained;

But droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven

Upon the place beneath.

And it might truly be added—

It is twice blest,

It blesseth him that gives, and him that takes.

He had had on more than one occasion to say regarding Mr. Quarrier that he knew no man who administered the funds entrusted to him with more economy, care, and success. The reason of this was not far to seek. Mr. Quarrier devoted his whole life to the carrying out of the benevolent objects which he had undertaken, there being no trouble which he considered too great, and no detail too small for his personal attention. The result had been that around him had grown up this most important and beneficent system of charities in a manner which was almost unprecedented in the annals of Glasgow. One fact which struck him with pleasure in perusing the report of this year was the number of cases in which poor persons, widows and widowers, had on their deathbeds bequeathed their children to the care of Mr. Quarrier. It did not require much imagination or much feeling to understand how very much the bitterness of death was aggravated to a father or mother by the fear that their children, when the breath was out of his or her body, would be cast helpless upon the world. Nor did it require much feeling or

imagination to appreciate what a great solace and comfort it must be to those parents in the hour of their agony to know that after death their children would come under the paternal care of their good friend Mr. Quarrier. There was another remarkable feature in the work of the institution. A large amount of money had been collected during the past nine years, and been devoted to the erection of buildings connected with the several schemes. The money had been specially subscribed for that purpose, or otherwise it would not have been available at all. It was money totally distinct from that required for the daily wants of the institution. With regard to these Mr. Quarrier proceeded on a principle which, however little it was likely to commend itself to the managers of some of our local charities, might, to a certain extent, be imitated by them with very great benefit. When the public subscribed to an institution like this, or to some public hospital, they did not do so for the purpose of erecting that institution into a great financial corporation. They rather did so in order to render the institution the intermediary of their alms for certain objects in which they were interested. There was nothing more likely to dry up the sources of their charity than the knowledge that the charitable institution was being conducted on the lines of a commercial undertaking, and that before everything its managers desired to keep up an imposing reserve fund. He thought the success of Mr. Quarrier's efforts was not a little to be attributed to this principle—that he took no thought for the morrow, that he troubled himself not about reserve funds. It was very rare for him to have a fortnight's supplies in hand. It required about £15 per day to feed and clothe the children under his care, yet at the commencement of this year he entered upon the work with only a week's expenses in hand, and now near the close of the year he had still only a week's funds to the good. During all this time several hundred little mortals had to be clothed and fed, as well as to be civilised and educated. Every week a ton of bread formed part of their nutriment, and all the other expenditure of the establishment was in like proportion. Yet Mr. Quarrier's store, if it never seemed to increase, at least did not appear to diminish. That remarkable fact reminded one, let it be said with all reverence, of the progress of the children of Israel in the wilderness when "The people asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of Heaven."

MR. HUNTER read the financial statement, the principal figures in which appear in the Report of Mr. Quarrier.

MR. JAMES WHITE, in moving the adoption of the accounts, said that the citizens of Glasgow were under a deep debt of gratitude to Mr. Quarrier for his indefatigable exertions in not only administering, but originating these homes for the destitute boys and girls of this neighbourhood. The accounts comprised two elements—the first for the buildings and the second for maintenance. In the former there were the orphan homes in Glasgow, in Govan Road, and at Bridge-of-Weir. It was ever satisfactory, when a charitable institution such as this was carried on through the energy and care of one person, that the accounts should be thoroughly examined and audited, as they have been by Mr. Hutton, C.A., Glasgow, and that the money received should be correctly accounted for and all the disbursements well vouched. This must be gratifying to the contributors to the buildings and maintenance of the institutions, and all must allow that Mr. Quarrier deserved the support of the inhabitants of Glasgow and the West of Scotland to enable him to carry on the Homes with increasing energy and success. It was an extraordinary fact that he did not go about with his hat in his hand asking subscriptions for one week or another; but through the goodness of God, funds had always been supplied to him to meet his daily necessities. He trusted that the charitable would justify their friend's unbounded confidence by providing him with the means for the many children—at present 280—under his care. No lady or gentleman present would like to have a family of such magnitude to provide for. Indeed they usually found some difficulty in maintaining half-a-dozen, and at times were unable to make both ends meet. But Mr. Quarrier not only fed and clothed, but attended to the spiritual interests of 280. He trusted their friend's efforts to maintain and extend the efficiency of the institution would be abundantly supported, and that, as in the past, he would have no cause to fear a falling short of the income.

Rev. ROBERT HOWIE had much pleasure in bearing testimony to the efficiency

of the work carried on by Mr. Quarrier. During a recent visit to America he had gone to some of the districts where many of the boys and girls were located. He made special inquiries as to the way in which the children had been conducting themselves, and he obtained the best possible accounts. Ministers informed him that some of the boys were acting as missionaries in the homes in which they had been received. One day after he had preached in an out-of-the-way place in the back woods of Canada, 140 miles above Toronto, a Christian woman came up to him with a blithe girl and said that this was one of Mr. Quarrier's girls, and that she loved her as if she had been her own daughter. Indeed, he could not convey the sense of satisfaction the woman had in that child. His uncle, a minister there, also testified to the manner in which the children were loved by the Canadian farmers. All this evidence showed emphatically that the emigration of children was a most important part of the scheme. Labour could not be got in some parts of Canada for love nor money, and it was a great boon to Canadian families to adopt these children, who, by and by, would add to the labour-producing capacity of the country. In Canada they were away from the haunts of vice which abounded in a great city, and were placed in circumstances which enabled them to become useful and important members of society.

The meeting was a great source of strength to us, and the presence of so many friends, and their words of encouragement, stimulated us to go on afresh, with renewed energy, in the blessed work of rescuing the perishing.

A friend in London sent us, on the 25th of November, £3: and in his letter said—"Thanks, many, for your most interesting report which strikingly illustrates the blessedness of trusting in the Lord. I trust all engaged in it will ever keep before them your one object—the salvation of precious souls. Nothing short of real conversion will do, and then the children would go out as missionaries, and, it might be said—100 young missionaries sent out to Canada." It is our constant prayer that such may be the case. We feel it a privilege to care for the bodies of those who find a shelter in the Homes, but we do not stop there, and we have to praise God that very many of the little ones have given testimony to the fact that they have passed from death unto life, since coming under our care. Will our friends pray that the number may increase, and that those who have professed may be kept following Jesus. Among other gifts on the 26th we received £3, from Edinburgh, with the following letter:—"I have read your Narrative with great interest. May God bless more and more your good and great work." In sending forth the Narrative our desire is that God in all may be glorified, and we rejoice when friends reading it see Him working in us, "to will and to do of His good pleasure." The same day brought £1 from Helensburgh, as a drop in the bucket, with the prayer that "you may have grace and strength proportioned to your need." How much that need is God alone knows, and we have had to praise Him times without number for the fulfilment of His promise—"My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." From Gourrock, £50 came on the 27th, to be used as we thought best, and from Strathaven, £6, with the prayer "that you may have great success in your noble work, and that Jesus may be very manifestly present with you. He will not fail to bless those who care for His lambs." The prayers and practical sympathy of friends tend much to lighten the daily burdens. Those who know what human nature is will understand in some measure the difficulties there must of necessity be in a work like

this, and how much need there is for wisdom and patience amidst the trials. Early on the morning of the 29th of November, the night preceding which was one of the stormiest of the season, the roof of the bath-room, at Cessnock, was lifted right off. A number of the boys were in the room at the time, and had it not been that a tree close by held the roof for a minute or two before it fell, giving the boys time to get out of the way, many of them might have been hurt. We were made to realise the truth of the promise—"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them," and we praised Him for His mercy to us: £20 came that day from two friends in Glasgow, encouraging our hearts. About a dozen cases were dealt with at the City Home, and two were taken in; one, a boy of 11, father dead, mother houseless; the other, a little girl, of 3½, who, along with the mother, had been shamefully ill-used by the stepfather. On the 30th, two friends sent us £5 each. We took in two orphan boys, of 8 and 10 years. Their father, a coal-carrier, who lived in a miserable hovel with damp earthen floor, "dropped down" dead from exhaustion and want two or three days previous. The boys were in a miserable condition and more fit for the hospital than a home. This was an extremely sad case, and we blessed God for the ability to help them. On the 2nd of December £1 came from Gourrock, with the following letter: "I have been deeply interested in the perusal of your Report, sent last week, and with much pleasure enclose one pound, to help in the blessed work in which you are engaged. Praying that the Lord may even more abundantly bless you, and make you more and more a blessing." We took in two girls who came into Glasgow in search of work and failing to find it, were in great want. On the 6th December, £3 2s. was all that came in, and that day we took in two girls. Sometimes we cannot but feel anxious when only a small sum comes, and our needs are about £20 a day, and then the memory of the Lord's goodness strengthens us, and looking to Him we are encouraged to trust still. That morning four of the biggest boys at Cessnock ran away, much to our sorrow, but next day they turned up at the City Home, looking the very picture of misery, after having wandered the streets all night. They begged to be taken back again, but, for the sake of the others in the Home, we had to act otherwise. The two least offending we took back to Cessnock, and the other two we sent to the Model Lodging House until Wednesday night, when we took them down to Cessnock, to decide about their case before the other boys. I acted as judge, and the boys were the jury. After hearing the case, and the boys' statements, we felt there was no other course to pursue than to dismiss them. I felt sad at heart at their ingratitude, and the other boys felt it too. As I dismissed the two and they left the room, the whole of the 60 boys burst into tears, quite breaking down the elder people who were there. We have never had such an experience before, and we pray it might be blessed to all. We gave the boys another chance to redeem themselves, by taking them into the City Home. At that time the following letters and donations greatly cheered us. From Comrie, £1. "It is a blessing to one's soul to read the reports of what God is doing, and will do if we have faith in Him. The Lord shall be thy

confidence." From Ceres, 10s., with the words—"I am rejoiced to see how the Lord, in so varied ways, has supplied all your need during another year. 'Wait, I say, on the Lord.'" From Edinburgh, £10, enclosed in the following letter: "I have much pleasure in remitting you £10, to be applied to whichever of your schemes you think is most needful of a little help. May God's best blessing go with it, and may you be long spared to watch over the welfare of the friendless orphans. May He give you many saved ones to rejoice your heart and bless you." A friend, writing on the 9th of December, sent us £1, saying, "If the Lord calls a servant of His to a certain work He will supply them with the means, though for wise purposes He may allow faith to be tried. To think otherwise would be dishonouring to the best of all masters." We have proved this to be true many a time, and have found that the trial of our faith is much more precious than of gold, though it be tried by fire. Our greatest trial is to keep ourselves constantly trusting in the Lord. The day that friend's letter came we had only received £3 5s, and unbelief was asking—Would there be any more on the morrow? The word of encouragement came with power, and we thanked God for it. We took in two girls, one just out of the Infirmary—the other, homeless and friendless.

The next day, as we expected, the Lord supplied our needs, and proved Himself true to His word—"If any man serve Me, him will My Father honour." Our old unknown Wigtown Friend sent us £5 for emigration; from Dumfries came other £5; from Aberdeen, £4 6s. 6d.; from Dunoon, £5, with the following words—"Wonderfully has our God blessed you, and He will bless you still." Thus in many places the Lord touched the hearts of His stewards, and they sent for the wants of His little ones. Is it any wonder we take pleasure in spreading abroad the story of His goodness? On the 14th of December £2 16s. came from a Sabbath School. Throughout the year we have had many donations from such, and we rejoice that the children are taught in the schools to share what the Lord has given them with those who are not so well off. Our prayer for all teachers and scholars is that God's blessing may rest more abundantly upon them. £2 from Greenock came also, with the wish—"May God bless your efforts, and may He long spare you with health and strength." A little girl, born in India, was taken in. Her mother died on the way home; the father had not been heard of for three years, and had never done anything for the child. The gratitude of the grandmother, who brought the girl to us, and who is herself destitute, was most touching. On the 16th we received from Helensburgh £5, and "from the Master's Treasury," Grangemouth, £2. We bless God for His many servants who set a portion aside for Him, and pray that many more may be led to do so. "Not my Own" sent us £1 as a thank-offering, "from one who loves the little ones. To be used by Mr. Quarrier in his work wherever he sees most urgent need of money." We took in a little boy of 5 years, whose mother is so degraded she does not know how often she has been in prison. She could only be recommended by a woman as bad as herself. What a privilege to be able to rescue the lamb from the teeth of the lion! Can any question the necessity of removing a child from

such surroundings, and placing him, as he now is, in a Canadian Home, where he will have a better example set before him? Other two of 5 and 7 were taken in the same day. The mother died in the asylum a few weeks before; the father's death we cannot speak of. There was no one to care for the children. Cases like the above are not uncommon, and in naming them we do so that the children of God may be aroused to pray more earnestly for the coming of His Kingdom. The sin and misery we come in contact with, in working among those who seek our help, are beyond description. There is no cure to be compared to the Gospel, and we trust those who have been bought by the precious blood of Christ will seek to do more to spread it abroad among the heathen at our doors. The day before Christmas our old anonymous friend sent us his usual Christmas gift of £100. His liberality supplied the lack of others, and led us to bless God on his behalf. Two invalids, who, when in health, delighted to minister to the wants of others, sent us 30s. On receiving it, we did not forget to ask God that in the furnace of affliction these two dear friends might know more of the love which passeth knowledge. On Christmas Day, among other gifts, came 2s. in stamps from Lanark, with the following letter:—"Accept 2s. in stamps as a small donation to help in the good work of the Lord in which you are engaged, spending time and strength. Trusting that yourself and all in the Homes may live in the faith. 'He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting,' and 'Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.'" Sometimes friends take another way of helping in the work, as will be seen from the following letter:—

I have sent off by rail to-day a small parcel of clothing—the work of my Sunday-school Class—and which they hope you will accept as a Christmas gift to your "Home." My girls were interested in your noble work, and as they could not give money, we thought it would be nice if we *joined* together in sending something. So I gave them material, which they took home and worked in their leisure hours. You have our prayers, and our very best wishes for your success in the coming year.

A most acceptable gift it was, as, for our large family, we are always in need of clothing. The Lord knows our need, and in many ways He supplies. There are many like Dorcas who make garments for the poor, and in sending them for the Lord's little ones, we trust they will realize the blessedness of the promise, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me." On the 30th of December, from Devonshire, a friend sent 30s., "with earnest prayer that the means may be forthcoming to enable you to extend your helping hand to many poor perishing creatures that are to be met with on every side, and not only may you be enabled to rescue them from the miseries of this life, but in the hand of God be the means of leading them to the Saviour of sinners." On the last day of the year there came £5 from Dundee, with the following letter:—"I enclose cheque for £5. Please receive on account of your work for the Lord amongst the poor. May the Lord give you all needed wisdom for your large undertaking. It is surely blessed to say and sing like David, 'I will sing unto God most high, unto God, that performeth all things for me.'" Thus the year 1880 closed with thanksgiving, as it had been full of work and blessing. New Year's Day is, perhaps, one of the brightest days to our children,

as it is certainly one they look forward to and talk of afterwards with great pleasure. The Lord remembered our needs, and from many quarters gifts were sent in to supply the usual treats of a special dinner and tea, and Christmas trees, which were provided in the City Home, where about 250 children, workers and friends gathered. The day was a very happy one, and it will long be remembered not only by the children, to whom, previous to coming into the Homes, bright days came so seldom, but by all who were present. The children with their fathers and mothers at Bridge-of-Weir of course were not with us, and on the 3rd we went down there. The Sabbath coming between gave us a rest which we were very thankful for. The same programme was gone over, and it was a great pleasure to us and the other friends to see the delight of the children, whom one could hardly believe were the same who some weeks or months before had been taken in starved and naked. What a change for them, and what a privilege for us, to be allowed to labour in such a work for God! May He give us grace to do all for His glory. We entered upon the unknown year with, it might be, difficulties and trials before us, but resting on the promise, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," we felt safe. On the 3rd of January two servants in Mentone, France, sent us 10s. They are unknown to us, but known to Him who seeth in secret and rewardeth openly. An old helper sent us £50 to help on the work, and other friends in Ayr sent £10 with the following letter:—"We have read your Narrative of Facts for some time past with much pleasure, and are convinced the institutions which you have, in the good providence of our Heavenly Father, been honoured to promote are among the best, if not the very best, charities of our day, and are eminently blessed by Him in promoting both the temporal and spiritual welfare of many of the most neglected and helpless portion of the community." On the 4th, £7 4s., the supply for half a day, was sent from different parts of the country. Thus it is often the case that when much comes one day there is less the next, but we have never lacked anything. We took in that day a little boy—father dead, and mother leading an immoral life. Also another—mother dead, and was deserted by father twelve months before. A little girl was brought to us by a School Board officer, who said her father was one of the most degraded characters he knew, and the mother was dead. The little one was taken in with the prayer that she might be saved from the fate which, humanly speaking, awaited her under the care of such a father. On the 18th of January a friend in the Isle of Wight sent us £10; a Bible Class in Glasgow, £1; and another friend £1, with the following letter:—"I am sorry that I am not able to assist you more liberally or more frequently. But you have God who made heaven and earth for your helper, and He will not fail nor forsake you." In a work like ours how blessed is the assurance that God reigns and worketh all things according to His own will! We took in two orphan brothers, 5 and 9—father was killed, and the mother kept the children until her death, a few months previous. Also two boys—father dead, mother houseless. On the 11th we only received 35s., one-fifteenth part of our day's need, but we took it as an earnest of more to follow. A little girl of ten years was left in the lobby of the City Home

late that night. She had been wandering about the country and told us her father was dead. She looked in a miserable state, but, dirty and ragged as she was, she had her hair cropped in the front, "to be in the fashion," she said when we asked her what she had cut it for. So much for example, and how careful we need to be that all we do is for the glory of God. Poor child, she needed some one to care for her. Under training she improved very much, and was sent to Canada, from whence she wrote us the following letter:—

DEAR FRIEND,—I write you these few lines to let you know how I am getting on, and I like my home very well. I send my kind love to all the girls. I was at Sunday School on Sunday, and I like it very well. But I mean to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, and I know He will give all I need. There are two little boys and nine little girls. I am very thankful for getting such a good home. I thank Mr. Quarrier very much for bringing me into the Home.

We thank God for this one and many others, who show, by their life and testimony, that God has blessed them with His salvation. What a reward He gives us in using us as the instrument of saving a soul from death! We pray that many more may be brought to the Saviour, and His heart gladdened in the turning of the little ones to Himself. On the 17th of January, an old friend, who has for many years taken a practical interest in the work, sent us £24 12s., which she had collected among her friends. Her gift came at a most acceptable time, and led us to thank our Father for His mindfulness of our needs. The day following no money at all was received, and as our responsibilities were increasing, our faith was tried, and we were greatly exercised as to what lesson the Lord wished us to learn. The following letter from one of our boys, whom we sent to Canada four years ago, greatly encouraged us:—

DEAR FRIEND,—It is with much pleasure I write to you these few lines, to let you know that I am well, hoping to find you the same. I have been very ungrateful to you in not writing sooner, but you must excuse me for this time, and I will do better the next. Mr. Thom was here, and gave me some books. We liked his visit very much. He stayed here all night. I am living in the same place yet, and I am hired here another year, and I am getting sixty-five dollars per year. I like my place very well. I am very sorry for being so ungrateful to you. You were wanting to know if I got my mother's letter. I got letters from my mother and brother, and they are all well. I got my mother's picture. I got the books which you sent me; they are very nice. I go to church, and I have joined it. I have many temptations in this world, but I am bound to do right, with God's help. I was in Bethany at Christmas, and I saw William M—. He has left his place. He left last harvest. Now I think I must close. I send my love to all the boys. May God bless you for your kindness to me. No more at present, but remain, yours affectionately, G— R—.

The annual treat to street children was given on the 23rd of January. About 700 gathered in the hall, and a great many others could not get admission. It was a happy night for the children; but to us it was sad in many ways to think of so many little ones on the broad road to ruin. Rags and dirt were plentiful, and when a friend suggested they might have washed their faces before coming to tea, he was rather taken aback by the answer from different parts of the hall, "We had nae water," which was true enough, as many of the water pipes over the city were frozen. At the close of the meeting, after they had thoroughly enjoyed the good tea and supper provided for them, those who wished to be taken

into the Home or helped were asked to remain. On leaving the hall, a copy of the Gospel by John and a Christmas card were given to each through the liberality of a friend. We trust the seed sown will yet bear fruit, although the soil seemed hard and stony. Still the injunction, "Cast thy bread upon the waters," was obeyed, and we are looking for the fulfilment of the promise, "Thou shalt find it after many days." On the 27th only 7s. 6d. was sent in, and we felt the Lord was teaching us to look away from those we naturally expected to give and unto Him, who is able to give more than we can ask or think of. "Honest Indignation" sent us £8 6s. 8d. on the 1st of February, and an anonymous friend £5. These gifts greatly strengthened us in working amidst the destitution around us. The cases that came for help at that time were most distressing, as a day's work at the City Home will show:—A widow, who for many years struggled to maintain her house, brought her boy to us, as she could no longer continue the struggle, having been ill for three months. Another widow, whom we helped with food, sent a woman to ask us for a dress to put on that she might bring her children to us. Another came with her three children, wishing us to take two of them. Her husband went down with the ship he was in twelve months before. Then a little girl was brought by her aunt, and both of them had hardly on any clothing. The aunt showed us her boots, which she had sewed with her needle to get them on to come to us. She was a Roman Catholic, and we gave her a Douay Testament, marked in several places, which she promised to read. Another case was that of a man who had been living with a woman, who has four children to him. Now she has left him with three (one having died), and he begged us to help him with them. It was a dreadful case; but we could only advise him what to do, as he being able to work we could not take the children. This is only one of many sad examples of the dreadful misery drink and wrong-doing bring people into. On the 2nd of February only £4 2s. was received, and many needy ones were helped. While wondering at the smallness of the gifts, a friend in Aberfeldy sent us £10, saying, "I feel sure every help must be greatly needed this unusually severe season. I trust the gift may always bring a little comfort to the needy, of whom, alas! there must be so many." We blessed God for the gift, and took it as an indication to go on taking in the helpless ones. That day three children were brought under the shelter of the Home. One, a young lad, father in hospital with paralysis, mother dead; another, a little girl of 8, whose mother drinks all she earns, and the child was seeing and hearing nothing but evil. Two days later £20 was sent us from Paisley. The Lord knew we had need of it, and touched the heart of His servant to give. An application to take in three orphan children came from the same place the day before, and also one from Greenock to take in four, which we agreed to do. Thus the gifts, and those to be helped by them, frequently come together. The following letter from an orphan boy, sent to Canada, rejoiced our hearts:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I write this few lines to let you know that we are all keeping well. I hope you and your family are keeping well. Please tell the boys that I send my kind love to them all. I thank you very much for taking

me into the Home. I am very sorry that I ever ran away from the Home. I hope no more of the boys will ever run away; if they do, they will be sorry for it. Please tell some of the boys that was in the Home when I was there to write me.
W. P.

This letter shows in some measure the trouble we have before we get the boys on the way of doing well for themselves.

On the 9th of February, an anonymous friend sent us £10. From London £300 came for Canadian outfits, which provided for 60 children. The Emigration Fund this year was much larger, owing to the legacy of £1000, left by the late Thomas Corbett, and our minds were quite at rest regarding it. The Lord has many ways of laying the wants of the little ones on the hearts of His children, and often we receive gifts of money, left by those whom the Lord has taken to be with Himself. In this way 6s. 2d. found its way to us, as "money gathered by a little boy, gone to glory." The same day £100 came to help on evangelistic work, and both gifts led us to strike anew our harps in praise to Him who doeth all things well. On the 16th, a Govan joiner sent us £1, being interest on deposit in National Security Savings Bank. We thanked God for the testimony of this working man, who gave of his increase to the Lord, and we pray that many others may be aroused to go and do likewise. On Friday, the 18th, £16 10s. came as our day's supply; but very little having come for some days previous our balance was reduced, and we required it all. During the month of February we were specially tried in the matter of funds, and, in addition to that, sickness visited the Homes at Bridge of Weir. In the middle of January "Ebenezer" Home was opened with thanksgiving, and the name, given by the donor, seemed to us most suitable, as the money to pay for it made up the £20,000 we first thought of as sufficient to build the group of ten houses. Whilst rejoicing in this, it seemed strange to us that very house should become one of trial, as was the case. A little boy, whose mother had just recovered from typhoid fever (of which we were not aware at the time) was taken in and sent down to Ebenezer Home. He was not long there when he took ill, and on calling in the doctor he pronounced it typhoid fever. One after another of the boys took it until five were laid down. Then the father in the Cottage took it in a more serious form of typhus fever. The doctor gave us very little hope of his recovery, but, in answer to prayer, the Lord spared his life, and raised him up again. Of course the healthy ones were removed into No. 6 Home which, although not quite finished, served the purpose, and every precaution was taken to prevent the infection spreading. The Lord in His mercy stayed the trouble, and gave us cause to bless Him for His preserving care.

On the 3rd of March, an old friend, whose gifts have rejoiced us many a time, sent us £20. We took in a little girl—father dead, mother houseless, and very destitute; also, two boys, whom we helped before, and at this time again, with the prayer that it might be the turning point in their lives. We many a time get a sad heart by the elder boys and girls taking their own way, refusing to allow us to help them as we see best. Sixpence in stamps, £10 from Glasgow, £2 from Canterbury,

and some other gifts, made up £16, almost our day's supply, for the 7th of March; on which day we took in three destitute children, and helped about twenty other cases with food, advice, &c. Could our friends have seen the misery of some of these it would have touched not only their hearts but their pockets. On the 8th £2 came with the following note:—"Many thanks for the Occasional Paper, which I read with interest. I see your work goes on accumulating from day to day. I am sure it must delight your own heart, as it will the hearts of all who take an interest in your work, that you are at present receiving so many tokens of approval, from so many different quarters. Wishing you and yours all success and true happiness, I enclose a small sum to help you in supporting your large and ever-increasing family, and regret not being able to make it larger in the meantime." Five shillings also came "for the Larder at the Cottage Homes." A new trial in the shape of a fire at the City Home, came upon us on the 9th. The flagstone under one of the boilers in the Wash-house, which is at the top of the building, being cracked, a spark of fire had gone through to the joists. It smouldered till midnight, then broke out, and was only discovered in time to be put out with very great effort on the part of our helpers. The damage was about £100. We were very thankful to God it was no worse, as, had it not been discovered at the time it was, the whole house might have been destroyed.

From various sources £7 6s. 2d. came on the 10th of March. For two hours we were hearing the sad histories of those who came for assistance. We took in a little orphan boy from Greenock, who, through the bite of a dog, lost his foot. Father and mother were dead, and he was not strong otherwise. Also three other little ones, 3, 5, and 8 years, in a miserable condition. Their father lost his life attempting to save some children at a fire, and the man to whom the mother is now married had got so low through drink, though once in a comfortable position, that he sent her out to beg and sell articles on the street. These three rescued ones are now in Canada, where they will be trained to lives of usefulness. On the 14th of March £5 were received from Glasgow with the following:—"I need not tell you of my sympathy with you in your noble work. You know it already, don't you? but I would say: As the Lord has supplied all your ever-increasing needs in the past, He will supply them throughout the future. 'The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.' 'Rest in the Lord.'" These words came with fresh power to us at that time, and rejoicing in them we went forward. The day following £10 came from Edinburgh, £10 from Uddingston, and £5 from Fraserburgh, in answer to prayer. We took in a poor, homeless boy, brought by one of the nurses in the Infirmary, where he had been for some time. Although he needed further care and treatment we took him into the Home, where, notwithstanding that he rallied for a time, and all was done for him that could be, he died on the 11th September. He never, even when dying, gave the least evidence of a change of heart or manifested one particle of gratitude for all that had been done for him. Never in all our long experience have we felt as we did at that boy's bedside, pleading and praying with him, the utter helplessness of a

human being to save a soul from death. Whilst sorrowing for him as those that have no hope, we have to thank God that his death has been the means of awakening many of the other boys to consider their state in the sight of God, and we believe many of them have decided for Christ. On the 21st the only gift was £1 from Melrose. We took in two little boys, and a young woman with hardly sufficient rags to cover her. £9 came the day following, when we took in no less than seven children, each with a sad history of poverty and want, and some of cruel usage. We felt it to be a great privilege to help so many, and although we had not much in hand we could not refuse them admission, remembering the words, "the life is more than meat," and "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" we rested on them, and believed God would send the necessary supplies. During the winter one of our first boys sent to Canada came over on a visit to see his friends, and tell them what God had done for him. On returning to Canada he wrote the following letter, which we received on the 22nd of March:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I write you these few lines asking you if you would kindly see if my brother William has saved that money to come to Canada, and if he has please let me know, and I will send the rest of the money to you then; or if it would do as well I will wait and send it to you when you come to Belleville with the boys. This is all I will say about this at present, and I will tell you now a little about the weather. It is coming spring and the snow is going away, and the roads are getting very muddy, but we do not mind that for we are used to it. We had a fine rain all day on the 19th, and it washed the fields soft. Now I suppose you have spring in Scotland, and I suppose you are now very busy getting the boys and girls ready for Canada.

Did you get the letter I wrote to you while I was in New York? I left New York on Friday evening, and I got to Pelham about 5 o'clock on Sabbath morning. The folks seemed glad to see me, and welcomed me with hearty shakes of the hand, and they said, "The Prodigal has returned." They all thought Scotland had agreed with me and that I had ate lots of porridge, I was so fat.

There have been some revival meetings in our little church in Effingham, and there were some souls saved. God's work is going on and His people are growing in grace here as well as at "home." I suppose you are busy holding meetings in the City Hall, and may the dear Lord be with you and bless you, and supply all your needs and wants, for it is only by trusting and believing that we get them from Him. I know this, by the little experience that I have had, that He is good and kind to all those who do His holy will. I know I do not deserve it, but the Lord loved me and took me in.

This is all I have to say at present. This leaves me in good health, and I hope this letter will find you enjoying the same blessing. Please give my best respects to each and all enquiring friends, and please accept of my kind love yourself. From your affectionate friend,
F. M.—

On the 25th a working man's wife sent us 10s. in stamps. We thanked God for the giver, who, it may be, had to deny herself to give to the orphans. We took in two children, 5 and 9—mother died of consumption, and the father was in a lunatic asylum hopelessly insane. We sent our first party of boys to Canada on the 30th of March, and for some days before that we were very much tried by their relations, many of whom never came to ask for the boys until they heard they were leaving. They would allow us to keep them in the Home here until they were able to work and then take them back to the old life of misery. We needed much wisdom and patience to deal with the

relations, and were thankful indeed when we got the boys safely away. Letters like the following help us amid our trials, and lead us to bless God for the many who are growing up in Canada—a blessing to themselves and those who have to do with them:—

DEAR FRIEND,—I received your letter and books. I am very thankful to you for them. I am glad that you are interested in my salvation. I attend to church and Sunday School regular. There have been meetings every night for about a month, and I have given my heart to God, and I am happy in the Lord, for I know that I am saved. I am living in a good Christian family, and I am determined to serve the Lord. I did not know what it was to be a Christian, but I know now, and I am going to be one. Excuse my bad writing.—I am your friend,
H. D.—

On the 4th of April £100 reached us from a friend in Servia, in a letter, from which we extract the following:—"Your interesting circular indicates that the Emigration Fund is already supplied for this season by the gracious hand of the Lord. Therefore this branch of work, which more than any other has my sympathies, does not need my assistance. Still I am thankful to be able to send for other departments, therefore enclose with pleasure and with prayer a cheque for £100. Looking at the support and putting out in life of destitute children—to keep a child for say ten years at home costs a considerable sum, and, after all, his future in this country, even with good conduct, may not be an enviable one, while emigration costs probably only a quarter, and circumstances of future prosperity are secured, so that £140 may put one child out in life in Britain in the great fight for existence, and this same sum place four children in Canada, including a year's home training in excellent circumstances of moral and physical health. Hence why my sympathies are more with the emigration department than the others." We entirely agree with this friend's opinion, and would only add that instead of the sum named sending four children to Canada, it would be amply sufficient to send six. It is our intention to extend the emigration work in which God has so signally blessed us in the past.

On the 6th of April £2 came from Helensburgh and £10 from Wooler. We took in four children—father dead, mother a respectable woman, but unable to manage them. Also a boy of 8—father dead, mother married to a man who turned her and her boy on the streets at midnight. She looked more dead than alive when she brought the boy to us. On the 8th £10 was received from Glasgow. Two children, whose mother was dead, and father a complete invalid, were admitted. They looked sadly neglected, and the eldest one needed medical treatment. Under the name of "Maggie," Coatbridge, a friend sent us £40 on the 9th. It enabled us to close the week with a balance on hand for the week to come, and we thanked God for the gift and the giver. Among other gifts on the 13th £1 reached us from Orkney with the following letter:—

—DEAR SIR,—While the wealthy are sending you hundreds, their poorer brethren are sending pounds, shillings and pence. We cannot send you large sums, but we can send you a little, as the Lord hath prospered us.

The enclosed one pound (£1) we (my wife and I) send with our best wishes for your success in the good undertakings in which you are engaged. We rejoice to think that you have been raised up to do such a noble work—the right man in the right place, at the right work.

On the 14th, £15 was sent from Dunfermline to keep an orphan for a year. This is another way the Lord lays on the hearts of his stewards to give. The next day £40 came from Mentone, France, with the words, "Allow me to help a little in your happy, blessed work among the helpless. I know my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Thus God "brings His sons and His daughters from afar with their silver and gold with them." From Moffat £10 was sent, and from Dunoon £20, with the prayer, "May God grant you more and more joy in your present blessed work, and may many be stimulated, by your faithful labours, to more earnest efforts for the still numberless, neglected, and careless amongst us." These gifts came most acceptably on that day, and relieved our mind of a burden. The following letter, received on the 26th, from a boy in Canada, was also a stimulus to us:—

DEAR FRIEND,—I take great pleasure in writing these few lines to let you know how I am getting along, and where I am. I have no doubt that you think me very ungrateful after all the benefits I have received at your hand. I have to acknowledge I have been a very long time in writing to you; but the reason is not forgetfulness nor ungratefulness, for I am sure I will never forget you nor the work that has been the means of saving me from a downward road. I have saved all the money I possibly could this winter, and am going to do so this summer. Now, Mr. Quarrier, if it would not be asking too much of you, would you try and find out my sisters and cousin, and send me their addresses, for I have not heard from them for over a year, and not having got an answer to my letters, I am beginning to think it is high time I was looking after my sisters, and try and get them to come to this country, and, if need be, between me and my brother, pay their and my cousin's passages over to this country. When you write (if you do) would you tell me how much it would take for three passages over? Hoping this will find you, as it leaves me, in good health, I remain one of the many boys you cared for and protected,
J— W—

On the 3rd of May £10 came from Greenock, and 10s. 6d. from Matlock. There were a great number of applicants, and we took in no less than eight children. On the 4th, from India, £7 11s. reached us; £3 from Edinburgh, and £2 5s. from Paisley, with the following letter:—"I like as far as possible to send you a little once a year to assist in forwarding the good work in which you are engaged. Enclosed please find £2 5s., one week's wage. I am only sorry I cannot send you more. However, you can well understand that with other claims of equal importance, and nothing of an income except a weekly wage, I must content myself with giving what I can afford and not what I could wish. I may say I at times almost envy those who are placed in positions in which they might do so much good with the means at their disposal. However, I suppose the way to get more is to make a good use of what we have already got." This friend's generosity in giving so freely of what he had may well be followed by others, and we trust God will use the testimony to that end. A father, mother, and son who give systematically to the Lord's work sent us £20 on the 6th. Among other cases dealt with on that day one specially touched our hearts—that of a little girl, brought by her old grandmother of 72. All her relations were gone, and she depending on a neighbour with seven children of her own for shelter. The child was needing medical treatment, and we hardly saw our way to take her in, but the poor grandmother's heart was like to break at the thought of sending her to the

Poorhouse, so we decided to admit her. She is a fit subject for the Invalids' Home, which is now building. The only gift on the 9th was £2, and on the 10th £2 2s., including 5s. sent more especially for the relief of any sick, "as a thank-offering for the recovery of a little one." On the 12th £10 came from Stirling, and £2 15s. from Dunfermline. We took in three orphan boys. Father was killed three years ago by some ship gear giving way and falling on him, and the mother died about the same time, leaving a family of eight, the youngest only a few weeks old. The elder ones were able to work, and the grandmother kept the baby. We also took in other three, of 11, 9, and 8. Their father was killed eight years ago, and the mother died in the week, and was buried on the day, of their admission. The next day £30 came from Greenock to help to keep three children, and £11 14s. from Dalkeith, to help to keep two. We not only look to the Lord to send means to carry on the work, but also to send the right children, and to give wisdom in deciding about cases. We have to praise Him for His goodness in these matters throughout the years that are past. On the 18th £4 1s. was all that came in, and very little had been received for some days before.

On the 19th we received a legacy of £1,000 left by the late Thomas Biggart, of Dalry, who died in October, 1880. From the first time he took an interest in the work until his death, his gifts very frequently helped us, and he was one of the few of the wealthy of our land who seek to do good while alive, and he saw the fruit of his gifts. On our leaving for Canada last year he was one of the last to bid us Godspeed and was also one of the first to send a thank-offering for our return, which would be almost the last of his kindly acts before he was called home. His many kind words and deeds have left a fragrance in our memory which makes us feel we have lost a friend. The legacy came at a time when it was specially needed, proving to us that the Lord does go before in providing. The resources of the general Building Fund were exhausted, and the £500 devoted to that department enabled us to carry on the work without a stoppage. The other funds also were needing help, as so little had been received for some time previous, and so the money was used as we knew our friend would have wished it in his lifetime. Whilst missing his valuable help and his warm sympathy and friendship, we rejoice in the knowledge that he has gone to the mansion prepared for him above. His wife has also joined him now, and, together with the son gone before, they form a family in Heaven. The loss of friends teaches us that "here we have no abiding city," and turns our thoughts to that "city which hath foundations whose builder and maker God is."

On the 24th a "Mother" sends us 10s., with the prayer, "May the Master continue to cheer and strengthen you for the good work He has given you to do." The prayers and good wishes of our friends are a great source of strength to us, and many a time, when cast down, they help to lighten our burden, and strengthen us for the way. £3 7s. 6d. came next day, an unusually busy one, receiving and dealing with

applicants. A deserted mother, once in comfortable circumstances, with 9 children, came seeking help for them, but we could only advise her what to do. An invalid father with four children asked us to take two, as his second wife illused and would not keep them clean. A friend called about three children who had been shut out by a drunken father while the mother was in the Infirmary, and asked shelter for them, which we gave for the night. A man whose wife was dead called to see if we would take three children for payment. Of course the Homes are not for such, and so we told him what to do with them, for which he thanked us. Another friend called about a family of five. The father died two years ago, and the mother that week. We agreed to help with these, and took in two others, a boy and girl, mother dead, and the stepmother illused them. A day's work like the above is trying, and we need very much the prayers of God's children that daily wisdom and strength may be vouchsafed. The next day we received 10s., and took in six children, four of whom looked as if they had not had food for some time, and certainly their clothes were not anything like sufficient. On the 27th our second party, numbering 92, sailed for Canada, and, as usual, some of the relations greatly annoyed us. We praise God for all the little ones rescued from the associations of evil in which they were brought up, and sent where they can begin life anew with better prospects. "Charlie and John" sent us 2s. 6d. on the 2nd of June, which was the only gift for the day. We took it as a token of God's interest in us, and blessed Him for it. A little boy, on his birthday, the 4th of June, sent 2s. 6d. "for Mr. Quarrier's orphans." His birthday would be all the happier, we have no doubt, for his remembrance of those to whom a birthday is no different from any other day. The following note from Herts, on the 7th, strengthened our faith: "Will you please be so good as accept of this small mite of 10s. 6d. for the poor orphans. I have heard long ago of Mr. Muller of Bristol; but it is, I think, not a year since I heard of your work among orphans, though Scotland is my native place. The more we trust God, the more we shall have cause to trust Him, for He ever proves Himself to be a faithful promise-keeping God." In our work we have ever found it so, although the more faith He gives us, the more we are tried. On the 9th £1 was sent from Ecclefechan, £1 from Lochwinnoch, and £4 0s. 8d. from Glasgow—all for the day. An application from Orkney to take in two orphan boys was received. Their parents were excellent Christian people, but at their death the family was left unprovided for. We agreed to take them, and a fortnight later they were brought to us. God has said, "Leave thy fatherless children and I will preserve them alive," and how true His promise has ever been. We praise Him for using us as an instrument, and desire to give Him all the glory. The next ten days were unusually trying ones, on account of the little money that was sent in. Our needs were increasing, and at the time we required over £20 a day for our current expenses. On Friday, the 10th, £1 5s. was all that we received; Saturday, £6 3s. 6d.; Monday, £1 5s.; Tuesday, nothing; Wednesday, 10s. from Anstruther, "praying that the God of all grace may supply your every need and strengthen you for your self-denying work." The

prayer stimulated us in our time of trial, and we thanked God for it. On Thursday nothing came; Friday, in stamps, 2s. 6d.; Saturday, £1 7s. 6½d.; Monday, from Paisley, £4; money of an only daughter gone home, £5; from Edinburgh £1, and some others, amounting to £1 17s. 6d. Although not a day's supply, we were very thankful, and took it as an earnest of more to follow. On Tuesday £3 6s. came. We took a little motherless girl, also a little boy, whose father died two years ago, and mother, not able to keep the boy, was to be put out of her house for non-payment of rent. On the 22nd the following was received from Gourcock, rebuking our unbelief, and leading us to praise our Father in heaven for His faithfulness:—"I have much pleasure in enclosing £100 in aid of the really Christian work with which you are connected, and which apply as you may see most needed—praying for continued blessing on your labours, and that of your fellow-workers." "Oh! that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men." On the 27th and 28th 10s. came each day, and on the 29th £10, with the following letter:—"Please receive enclosed £10, for sending a boy to Canada, from one who believes there is more probability of good resulting by thus separating a boy from his old surroundings in Glasgow, and giving him an opportunity of again beginning life in a new home."

On the 30th £4 was received from Kilmelfort; £5 from Whithorn, the legacy of an old lady, who, when alive, frequently sent to our help; and £10 from Glasgow—the day's supply. We took in two orphan boys whose mother had been buried the previous day, and the father died two years before. On the 1st of July little T. E. M. sent 2s. 6d. as a birthday gift, and an old helper in C. Atbridge sent us £5. We thank God for this friend, who, although he has to deny himself to be able to give, feels it a privilege and a pleasure to do so. On the 4th £12 10s. was received, and we took in a little boy whose mother is in a lunatic asylum, and the half-sister with whom he stayed abused him very badly. £4 10s. 6d. came the next day, and, at the same time, news that fever had broken out at the Home in Canada among the children sent out in May. Coming so soon after the joyful tidings of their safe arrival and warm reception, our feelings may be imagined on hearing that a little Edinburgh girl, and one of our little boys had died. Our first impulse was to start right off for the other side, and had it been with any hope of reaching in time to help, we would have done so. Our only resource was to call upon Him who saveth in time of trouble; and He heard the cry of His children on both sides of the Atlantic, stayed the disease, and preserved the lives of the others. The weekly letters were anxiously waited for, and when received brought encouraging news of recovery. The trial was a severe one, but we believe God has sanctified it in bringing us closer to Himself, and teaching us how to glory in tribulations also. On the 6th no money came, but the next day £50 gladdened our hearts. £20 came for emigration on the 12th, and at the same time letters from a rescued one in Canada, sent to Miss Bilbrough, and by her forwarded to us:—

DEAR MISS BILBROUGH,—I now take an opportunity of writing you this letter to let you know that I am well, hoping that you are enjoying the same blessing. I

am very happy in my home. I get lots of rides in the carriage. I go to church on Sunday with mamma and papa at Williamstown. I got safe home on Saturday afternoon. Everybody around me is very kind to me. The school is closing at the end of this month, but I'll go when it begins again. Give my kind respects to the rest of the workers. Jesus loves me. This is all at present, from your affectionate orphan,
L— McI—.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I am very thankful that you took me into your Home, and I should like you to try and get my little sister in too, for I'm sure she will never be as well cared for. God bless kind Mr. Quarrier and Mrs. Quarrier.

On the 13th £1 18s. 5d. came for emigration from a friend who evidently gives as the Lord prospers him. We have no doubt God will honour him for so doing, for the promise is, "Give and it shall be given unto you." For invalids £1 was sent on the 14th from one whose sympathies are with them. We took in an orphan boy. Father was dead, and the mother drowned herself to escape the illusage of her second husband. Also, an orphan girl, whose mother died in the poorhouse, of consumption. The four following days we received £6 4s. 6d. altogether, and we were crying to the Lord for help, when the following letter reached us:—"I have felt all this morning a strange impulse to send you a cheque for £100. You must have been asking for this, or I am at a loss to understand the feeling. I am sure your work must be specially requiring a small extra sum just now." Thus, in answer to prayer, God remembered our needs, and with full hearts we praised Him for His faithfulness. It may be He often lays it on the hearts of others who do not, like this friend, act upon it. In not doing so, they lose a great blessing, as the opportunity passes away, and the reward is lost. The next day nothing came; on the two following only 10s.; and on the 25th, £1 1s., from London; and 5s. from Aberdeen. We took in a girl who, when two years of age, had been adopted by a childless couple. Lately she had not done so well, and they returned her to her grandmother, who was unable to keep her. £16 came from Carnforth; £2 from Greenock; and £1 from Glasgow, on the 25th. Two fatherless children, in a fearful state of filth, were taken in; and also two orphan boys, whose father died in May, 1879, and the mother, through overwork and want of proper means, died in June of the same year, leaving the children destitute.

From Rothesay, £5; and from Galashiels, £6, came on the 2nd of August. We took in three little boys of 7, 6, and 4. The father died in July, leaving his wife with five little ones totally unprovided for. She has had to sell her home, and seek a situation, hoping by that means to be able to keep the two youngest. On the 5th the following reached us from Callander:—"I beg to enclose £2 for your Homes, to be applied as you see fit. My only regret is, that it is not more, 'but my God shall supply all your need according to His riches,' which is a blessed promise, and one which never faileth. May you have much blessing in the work."

On the 8th we only received £1 7s. 10d. and the two following days nothing at all. We took in two boys. The father died a good many years ago, and the mother married again and has four other children. Her second husband went off to America, and the poor woman was in such straits she did not know what to do. Fourteen shillings, "as the

Lord has blessed the sale of my work," and with the prayer that the Lord may continue to give His blessing, reached us on the 11th as well as £1 from Glasgow, and £2 from Kilmarnock. On the 12th nothing came. We took in two boys, of ten and seven. The father died in the Poorhouse two years before, and from that time the mother had struggled to maintain these two and another, but, finding it hopeless, she brought them to us to be sent to Canada. Also another, an orphan boy of ten. An aunt who had kept the boy from his father's death, found the responsibility too great, as when she was out working he got into mischief. £50 on the 13th made up for the lack in the previous week.

On the 15th ten shillings came "as the edging of the cloud with the silver lining." We thank God that the clouds of trial are the bearers of blessing, and that the silver lining so often shines through. From that date until the 22nd very little was received, but, that day, £100 came from a friend, who intended leaving it in his will, but thought it better to be his own executor. The Lord knew we had need of it, and even before we asked He was answering. The following letter received on the 23rd from a boy, sent to Canada two years ago, speaks for the success of the emigration work. He and his four sisters were left orphans, with no one to care for them, and the five were taken into our Homes. The boy was very anxious to go to Canada, so we sent him, and he is now working in the hope of having all his sisters with him some day. One was sent this year, and we got a home for her near him.

DEAR SIR,—I write you to let you know that I am well, and my sister Jane. I was very glad to see Jane when I went to the station, and I was happy to see Miss Agnes and Mrs. Dick there. I am very sorry that I did not write sooner, but we have been pushed very hard with our work this summer. We put up a very large barn, and there is seven feet of a stone wall under it, and then the harvest begins. We have our hay, barley, and fall-wheat in the new barn, when others have their wheat all out. This is a very wet harvest. I am now going to tell about Jane. She is well pleased with her home. . . . Dear Sir, I am learning farm work very fast. I can bind sheaf about with my master when I work hard; and he is a good binder. I know how to milk, harrow, and I ploughed the summer alone this year. I think I am going to do the fall-ploughing and I can do a little mowing. I hope you are well, and Mrs. Quarrier, and your large family. Please tell me how my little sisters are. I have been dreaming about them. Tell them that you got this letter from us. I am very thankful to you for what you have done for me and my sisters. I should like very much to send you some money. I have none worth much, but when I get more I will give you some. Tell me if my sisters are coming out next year, in your first letter, so I can get them good homes. I have little more to say at present, but remain yours truly,
R— R—

On the 2nd of September, £1 came as a "forgotten sheaf." How many forgotten sheaves there are which never find their way to the poor, as this one has. On the 5th, £10 was sent from Rutherglen, and £1 from Cupar Fife with the passage, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me." The little we can give or do for Him is so small compared to what He has done for us that we may well say like David, "What is man that thou art mindful of him." £5, enclosed in the following letter, came the same day from a friend, who wished his name kept private. "I herewith enclose £5 for the support of the

orphans under your charge and may the Lord's blessing descend more and more upon that department of His work in which you are so earnestly engaged." We took in a destitute young woman, also a working lad whose stepmother turned him out of the house six weeks before his father's death. On the 9th, £15 was received from Glasgow. We took in a boy of 14, father dead, and mother found him unmanageable and going wrong under her control. £1, "In memory of little Willie's birthday," was all that came on the 12th. Three girls were taken in. Their father before his death was in a respectable position, but the mother is now unable to keep on her house or provide for her family. On the 19th, £1 came in the following letter from near Edinburgh: "Please accept this registered letter, containing £1, towards your Homes for Destitute Children, with many thanks for what you are doing for their present and everlasting wellbeing."

The following came from Helensburgh:—"I herewith enclose £1 for the work of the Lord in your hands, with the earnest wish that your labours may be owned and blessed by the Master you seek to serve."

The only gift on the 17th, was 10s., "Amy's first gift to the orphans," from Canada, and by the same mail the following letter from a rescued boy in Canada reached us:—

MR. QUARRIER,—DEAR SIR,—I take great pleasure in writing you a few lines to let you know that I am in good health, hoping this will find you the same. I am still in my first place yet, being three years and three months in it.

Mr. Quarrier, you have been very kind to me in the past, and now I ask one more favour of you now. Will you be so kind as to tell me whether you could bring my brother out to Canada. I know he is in distress now, and I would like to help him as much as I can, so I went to Miss Bilbrough to ask what she thought about it, and she told me to write to you and ask you if you would bring him out, and I could pay Miss Bilbrough what you charge to bring him out. I will pay her whatever you say, and at any time you say. Will you write to me as soon as it is convenient, and oblige, yours truly,
J— S—.

On the 24th we received £3 as proceeds of garden produce, from Aberdeen. Very little came on the 26th, and only 10s. on the 27th when we took in a little boy brought to us by his grandmother. The father died a drunkard; also, an orphan boy of 12, who for some nights previous had been sleeping in closets or any place he could get. The following was received on the 29th:—

Enclosed please find cheque value £2 10s., being donation to your valuable institution, to be applied at your discretion. We were desired to remit the above amount to you by our late partner, who died 13th April, 1881, and we have now much pleasure in being able to forward the enclosed cheque in accordance with his request. Trusting the blessing of the God of all grace may ever attend the good work in which you are engaged.

God's blessing has manifestly attended our efforts, in answer to the prayers of His children. We value their prayers as much as their gifts, and trust they will, in the future, pray for us more earnestly than ever before. On the last day of the month we received nothing for the work, and the month closed with only £13 on hand for the City Home expenses, although there was more than a week's provision on hand for the other branches. We took in a boy of ten. The mother, at father's death two years ago, was left with eight of a family, two of which have

since died, and she found it a hopeless task to maintain all the others. On the 4th of October, we received the following application from a minister on behalf of two little ones, who have since been admitted to the Home:—

DEAR SIR,—I write on behalf of two orphan boys, to see whether it would be possible to gain admission for them to the Homes at Bridge of Weir. The parents were members of my church. The father died about two years ago, and the mother three weeks since. The only near relation is an aged grandmother about eighty. The oldest boy is in his eleventh year. The youngest is within a few weeks of two years. I will be glad to hear if it is possible for them to be admitted, and, if forms have to be filled, please send them to me. They could be got into the poorhouse, but both the grandmother and myself would much prefer that they should find a home where their spiritual interests are cared for.

Very many applications, similar to the above, have been received throughout the year, and the doors of the Homes have been opened to not a few, who would otherwise have had to accept the shelter of the poorhouse. On the 6th, £6 came in the following letter from Edinburgh:—"Last month I visited the Orphan Cottage Homes at Bridge-of-Weir. Like the queen of old I can say, 'The half had not been told me.' As a token of appreciation, accept the enclosed for their support. May the Lord be with you more and more."

£20 from Paisley on the 8th almost supplied our need for that day. On the 11th, "an Old Shoeblack," who had come back from New Zealand on business, called and gave me £1, in token of what had been done for him years before when he was in our Shoeblack Brigade. It was indeed the bread cast upon the waters found after many days, and it stimulated us to go on helping others.

On the 13th we took in 4 children—3 sisters and a brother—"whose father died of paralysis of the brain. Very many other cases were dealt with, but it is impossible to convey the misery in writing. It needs to be seen to be believed. The following letter from the father of a boy we sent to Canada, enclosing one from the boy, was most encouraging. He has been a hopeless paralytic in the poorhouse for the last five years, and is very grateful for the help given to his son:—

DEAR SIR,—I send you a letter enclosed I received from my son, John, a boy you sent to America about 8 years since. He appears to be comfortable and contented, and has a good prospect before him, which I hope he will in due time realise. If I had been able to walk, I would have come to you and thanked you personally, but I am unable for a long time past to be out of bed, except as I am helped in and out of it, and I have no prospect of ever getting any better. I hope you will be so kind as return me his letter when you have used it, as I would like to keep it.

MY DEAR FATHER,—I received your welcome letter and was glad to hear that you was much better. I am still in good health and strong. I am not getting wages at present, except my board and clothes. I am going to try and get wages this winter. I expect to get about \$4 a month chopping cordwood, and I may get a little more in the summer, as it is harder work and in the hot weather, so I hope soon to be able to send you some little help. I was thinking that I might save some of my wages, and by the time I am of age, buy a farm where land is cheap, and then, if I have good luck, I will make you a good home in your old days, but I will send you as much as I can until then. I suppose I must give up expecting to hear from mother. I have had to work hard this harvest; the grain, though short in the straw, is better than it has been for a few years, and we have had the hottest and driest summer I ever saw since I came to Canada. We have had no

rain of any amount since the 12th of July, when it was a heavy thunder storm. I helped to bind and draw into the barn the grain of my master's son. He had 655 bushels of wheat off 35 acres. To-morrow I will be helping one of our neighbours to thresh out his grain with the steam threshing machine. As I write this, I am herding the cows to let them get some good feed, for the pasture is all dried up for the want of rain. We have plenty of water for our cattle and horses to drink. There are large droves of cattle and horses going to the lake every day, and whole strings of teams drawing water for the use of the horses. I have got the ground ploughed for the fall wheat, but it is too dry to sow it till it rains. It is getting on to tea-time, so good-bye for the present.—Your ever loving Son,
J — C—.

£100 on the 15th, and the same sum on the 17th, came most acceptably, and relieved our minds as to the balance being on the right side at the close of the year. God is faithful, who hath not suffered us to be tempted above what we are able to bear, and we praise Him.

The following, from Edinburgh on the 20th, with £2 enclosed, led us to thank God on behalf of the giver:—

Having just read your most interesting Report of your work in Glasgow, &c., lent me by a friend, I cannot deny myself the privilege of asking your acceptance of a 'widow's mite' towards the fund, which, if spared so long, I hope to make annual. May an abundant blessing from on high rest on your labours of love in the future, as it has surely done in the past in a very striking way, and may the blessed work bring its sweet reward to your own spirit, filling your soul with thankfulness to Him who has all events, all hearts, all results in His own hands.

On the 24th, the following letter from Glasgow, signed "Nemo," gladdened our hearts. The unknown one, we trust, has realised that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." We were just waiting to be guided by the Lord as to special services to be carried on and work to be executed, and the gift came in answer to prayer, indicating the Lord's will in the matter:—"I beg to hand you, for your Orphan Homes, one pound, and a sum of fifty pounds (£51 enclosed), which I have at disposal, leaving you at discretion to apply the same as you see best for the benefit of these Homes."

On the 27th only £1 2s. 6d. came. We took in two orphan brothers, also a little orphan boy from Johnstone, whose sisters were unable to keep him, and a little girl of 6, whose mother, when dying, requested the neighbours to take the child to us, and see if we would take her. On the 28th £10 came in a registered letter from one among many friends in London, to help the rescue work. We took in two children whose mother, a decent widow, had been fighting a hard battle with suffering and want, but was forced to give up and submit the children to us. Also a little boy of 8, who was adopted two years ago by a lady in comfortable circumstances. Her husband, to her great disappointment, would not acknowledge the child, and so, for the sake of peace, she had to part with him, much to her sorrow.

Thus the year was filled up with many tokens of the Lord's favour, and much encouragement to trust Him for the future.

DEPARTURE OF OUR TENTH ANNUAL BAND OF CHILDREN TO CANADA.

The activity necessary for work like ours is of such a character that there is little time left for rest, and the greatness of the need is so constantly before us that, even were we willing to rest, we dare not while the children are perishing around us. Over and above the daily work of the Homes, the preparing of a party of children for Canada adds largely to the labour of all connected with the work. The selection of the children suitable to be sent, the arranging with their relatives and friends, who are alas! very often the children's greatest enemies, the providing and making an outfit for each child, besides the hundreds of odd things necessary to be attended to, all mean so much brain and physical exertion that many a time we feel as if we would give up, but for the sustaining grace of Him who has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." We praise Him for His manifest guidance in this department of our work in past years, and specially in this one. Taking the legacy left by the late Thomas Corbett of London to pay passages of children to Canada as an indication of the Lord's mind that He wished us to send a larger number this year, in the early part of it we resolved to do so. We had only 130 children in the Training Homes on the Govan Road at that time, and unbelief tried to assert itself, saying, that we could not send *more* with only that number in the Homes. It was only within a short time of the first party leaving that we were able to rise above it, and see that by sending some from the Cottage City Homes we might make up a party of about 140. To send such a large number at once was a difficulty, and as Miss Bilbrough had been anxious for some years to have the boys out earlier than we usually sent them, we decided to send two parties—one of boys in March, and one of girls in May. In the beginning of March, on looking over the 70 Cessnock boys, we found about 50 of them could, with safety, be sent. It must be understood that every child is not suitable for emigration, nor is it always desirable to send even those who wish to go. At the Cottage Homes there were nine boys, and in the City Home four, whom we considered suitable, and so a party of 64 was made up. The farewell meeting was held in the City Home Hall on Tuesday the 29th of March. Bailie Dickson occupied the chair, and a large number of friends gathered to ask God's blessing on the "outward-bound," and on those going in charge. While we feel sad at parting with the children, we rejoice that there is such a place as Canada that we can send them to.

These annual gatherings are very refreshing, and always lead us to praise God for the practical sympathy of those who, by coming, shew their interest in the work, and thereby encourage our hearts and strengthen our hands. Early on the morning of Wednesday, the 30th, the party of 64 boys, under the care of Miss Anna Bilbrough and our second daughter, sailed in the Allan Line S.S. "Manitoba," and as the ship was to put into Galway for some emigrants, I went with the party so far on their way. In their usual way, the Messrs. Allan made every arrangement in their power for the comfort of the children, and the accommodation set apart for them was everything that could be desired.

We left Greenock late on Wednesday night, and on Friday morning arrived at Galway, where I left them. An account of the voyage, arrival, placing out, and visits made to the homes will be found in extracts from letters received from the other side, given further on.

SECOND PARTY.

No sooner was the first party sent off than the vacant places began to be filled up by other needy ones, and we were indeed thankful that we had been led to send the boys earlier. Had we not done so, we would have had to refuse admission to many who have, by that means, found shelter with us.

About the middle of May, we set aside 68 girls and little boys, and these with 15 girls from Mrs. Blaikie's Home in Edinburgh, and 9 from the Maryhill Home, made up a party of 92 which sailed in the S.S. "Buenos Ayrean," under Captain McLean, on the 27th of May. Our youngest daughter and Mrs. Dick went in charge, and Mrs. McLean and Mr. George Williams also went with the party.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM CANADA, GIVING AN ACCOUNT OF THE VOYAGE, ARRIVAL AND PLACING OUT OF THE CHILDREN.

MARCHMONT HOME, 14th April, 1881.

After a rather rough passage we have been brought here in safety by our Heavenly Father. Although we left earlier this year we did not find it nearly so cold crossing as we expected. The ship rolled a good deal, and of course almost all of the 64 boys had the experience which those who cross the ocean usually expect—sea sickness. However they soon got over it, and enjoyed themselves the rest of the time. We had very comfortable quarters on board, which made it much easier for us to manage the boys. They behaved well, and although, boy-like, they were rather noisy occasionally, on the whole we had nothing to complain of.

Never having come by Halifax before, we felt a little anxious as to how we would get on with the extra railway journey, but all our fears have been disappointed, and in safety we have reached dear old Marchmont. We arrived at Halifax about 11 a.m. on Monday, the 10th of April, and were there met by Dr. Clay, the emigration agent, who made arrangements with the Intercolonial Railway Company to provide a first-class car for us. This they did, and at 3 o'clock we got on board. The boys were so excited at the prospect of the railway journey, and so taken up with the cars, which of course, are unlike anything they ever saw before, that it was a very long time before we could get them settled. All the way to Quebec the ground was covered with snow and ice, and it was a great treat to us to see the sleighs going over it, thus giving us some idea of what winter is like in Canada. We did not feel the cold, as there were two stoves burning in the car, and with so many of us in it we were rather the opposite of cold. The boys were greatly amused at the kind of tunnels they have here—that's what the boys called them, but they are only sheds built over the lines where snow is likely to drift, and so prevent the trains being stopped. On Tuesday night we reached Point Levi, and by that time the boys were beginning to think they had had enough of the cars, and wished they were at Marchmont. We got supper, changed cars, and left at 10 p.m. for Montreal, where we arrived next morning. The cars are not the best place to get sleep, and we all felt pretty tired in the morning, but after a hearty breakfast and a good wash we started again. The snow had all disappeared, and the country looked bare and desolate along the line. At a station about 70 miles from Belleville Miss Bilbrough came on the cars and gave us a hearty welcome to the new land. Notwithstanding the long journey, and all the discomforts, the boys behaved well, and at the different stations they were often remarked on and praised for their singing, which attracted the people. About 6 p.m. on the Wednesday night we arrived at Belleville, very tired, and so thankful to have a good bed to sleep in after two days and two nights in the cars, and twelve on board ship. Miss Bilbrough is delighted with the appearance of the boys, and so is everyone who has seen them. The day after our arrival quite a number of people came to the Home for the boys, and there is no prospect of us keeping them long here. The division of the parties is a very decided improvement as regards the work here and that on board ship. Miss Bilbrough has more applications for boys, and for girls too, than she will be able to supply.

13th May.

On Tuesday, 10th May, we left on the 6 a.m. train for Lindsay, taking two little boys with us. On arriving there we found no one awaiting us, and so hired a buggy to drive the twelve miles to the little village we were going to. There had been very heavy rain the day before, and, as our way was through swampy ground where the roads are made by placing logs alongside of one another, and covering them over with earth, it was not very pleasant driving, especially as, in some parts, the earth had been washed away, and the logs were floating about in some feet of water. Real corduroy roads they were, and no mistake. We got to the friend's house who had written for the children for some neighbours, and who has had one of our boys for three years, about 6 p.m., very tired and sleepy. Next morning we took the two little fellows to their new homes, in both of which there are no children. Before we left they were quite at home, running round the yard seeing all the animals belonging to the farm. Leaving them we went to see George and Archie, the two brothers who came out this year, and who are with two brothers on adjoining farms. Both are doing well, and giving satisfaction.

From there we drove to D—S—'s home and had dinner. Of course, he sat at table with us, and was just as much made of as the other children in the family. His mistress told us they had a little trouble with him, as he was so stubborn, but last winter he had been converted at some "revival" meetings held in the village, and his life since had been different, and quite consistent with the profession he then made. He has joined the Church, and, along with some others, takes part in a prayer meeting held once a week. He and his two brothers are quite near, and meet each other frequently. They are all highly spoken of in the neighbourhood. James and D— are splendid workers, but Joe is too young yet for that, and goes to school all the time. James has been a little unsettled by the neighbours, and it is a pity when he has a good home, and is doing well in it, that they try to get him to come to them, promising more wages, or some such thing. They know what value to set on a good boy. One well doing boy in a district often opens up homes for many others. I don't see how anyone can have a word to say against emigration. If they could only see the children now, and compare them with what they were in the old country, their mouths would be closed. The few who turn out badly are nothing to the many who would, humanly speaking, have done so had they been left in Glasgow; and the hundreds who are doing well would never have been in the position, nor had the prospects they now have, had not the Atlantic been placed between them and their former surroundings. We returned to Marchmont next day, arriving at 12 midnight. Miss Bilbrough has placed out most of the boys, and has applications for very many more.

We will be busy for the next fortnight getting the house ready for the girls coming out, although we have had no definite word as to when they are coming, but expect them by the "Buenos Ayrean."

9th June.

You would be delighted to receive the cablegram telling you that the party of girls had arrived at Quebec after such a quick passage—only ten days crossing. They had splendid weather, and cannot speak too highly of Captain McLean and the officers and crew of the good ship "Buenos Ayrean." They arrived here on Tuesday afternoon, the 7th of June. What a lot of little ones there are! They will soon find homes in this wide Dominion. Miss Bilbrough has arranged for us to take nineteen children up to Owen Sound on Tuesday, and a number of others are going off this week.

24th June.

On Tuesday morning, the 14th, we left on the 5 a.m. train for Toronto, with nineteen children. We left off three at stations on the way, and took the others on with us to Owen Sound, where we found Mr. David Ross had places arranged for them. When we left Marchmont all was seemingly right and the children well; but, on our return on Saturday night, you may imagine our dismay to find that scarlet fever had broken out among them the day we left, and that two of the little ones had died in our absence. It has been an anxious time for Miss Bilbrough and us all, and yet our Father's hand is in it all, and we believe this strange experience will be blessed to us. What a change the last fortnight has brought about. We little thought last Sabbath, when we were all gathered in the afternoon in Miss Bilbrough's parlour, singing so heartily the hymns we all love, that before another Sabbath two of our number would have passed away to sing the new song. Yet so it was, and we have again realised that we know not what a day may bring forth. About fifty of the girls had gone to places before the fever broke out, so that there are not so many in the Home as there might have been. Of course, we are not sending any away now, and there is extra work for us all. The weather is cool, and the likelihood of the fever spreading is lessened by that. Eleven of the children have taken it. We are praying that it may not spread further.

8th July.

In answer to prayer God has blessed the means used, and the sick children are all progressing favourably, and none of the others have taken it.

On Tuesday, 28th June, a party of three of us, with our horse and buggy, started on a visiting tour among the children in Prince Edward. The first place we stopped at was M. McL—'s, and she got dinner for us, after which we started again, and drove until tea time, visiting several boys and girls along the way, finding all of them doing well.

On Wednesday we reached Picton, where we received a hearty welcome from Mrs. B—, who has Jane D—. She put us up for the night, and next morning, after breakfast, and a hearty invitation to come back again, we drove off. A drive of four miles brought us to the home of Johnnie H—, who, if you remember, was returned for being self-willed and disobedient, and a day or two afterwards his master wrote to get him back, as he had had no peace since Johnnie left, and they could not do without him. He is now doing well, and his master says he is a good worker, and can nearly hoe two rows of corn to his one. From J—'s we went to G— M—'s, and found her busy at work. She was greatly disappointed that we had no time to wait until she would get us some strawberries, of which they have a great abundance. We next visited two of this year's girls, both of whom are perfectly at home and happy. At the next house we stopped we had dinner, and then drove to Agnes K—'s home. She called at the Home last week, and asked us to visit her. She goes to school regularly, and has an excellent home. There is another elder girl in the same house, and both of them are doing well. As we were leaving, Agnes went to the stable, and brought out a beautiful little pony, which had been given her. A little further along the road we found another girl, A— T—, with two elderly people, whose family, grown up, have left them for homes of their own. Mr. S— is a most intelligent man, and having read a report of your work, was delighted to meet some of those engaged in it. Some of the people here think it is supported by Government, and on being told the true state of matters, like many at home, they cannot understand it. Those two good people did not seem as if they could bestow enough kindness upon us, and it was most refreshing to hear their good wishes. A short distance from their house we saw the lake on the mountain—one of the sights in that part of the country.

By the time we had seen it, it was getting dark; and as we had made no arrangements for our lodging at night, we had to hurry on. At the first Post Office we asked if a Mr. D— lived near, and a gentleman standing at the door said, "That's my name." He asked us to go to his house, and put up for the night, which we did, and were most kindly entertained. I doubt if there are many at home who would take in three strangers and a horse and buggy at 9 p.m., but here, wherever we have gone, we have met with nothing but kindness—indeed the people seemed delighted to have us. It is quite a common thing to hear it said, "I should like to have you come and make us a long visit." Mr. D— has Mary C—, a strong healthy lassie. We gave her a letter from her friends at home, and she promised to write them. After a good breakfast, our horse fed, and with the promise of a welcome should we ever be in the neighbourhood again, we left our kind friends and went on our way.

Daniel S—'s was our next stopping place, and we found him out in the field, as, being Dominion Day, it was a holiday. He has not altered much, and is still small for his age and delicate looking. In his last place he was not strong enough for the work, and a farmer's wife seeing him at the school examination, and hearing his smart answers and who he was, applied for him, so he is now with her, and she sends him to school, and means to give him a good education.

On the next farm Mary M— is with an old lady as her daughter. We did not see her, as she had gone on a visit to Belleville, and was to call on Miss Bilbrough. She is spoken of here as the young lady, and she certainly dresses like one. Crossing to the Bay shore we visited Johnnie L—, who has been sick all winter, and kindly nursed by Mrs. K—. Katie Q— is in the same home and both are happy.

At Katie T—'s we put up and had dinner. Mr. and Mrs. M'Connell would have been delighted to see her so happy with her "grandpa" and "grandma," who cannot speak too highly of her. She and Martha B— see each other often, and both think themselves fortunate to get such kind friends. Martha's home is in the next post-office, and we visited her. She was quite distressed at first when she saw us, thinking we had come to remove her, but when we explained matters she was all right, and asked after her brother, who has been out in Canada for some time. He since called at the Home and we gave him Martha's address, and he has gone on a visit to her. The next place we stopped at we waited for tea. The farmers' wives never seem to have any scarcity of provisions, and it is most surprising how quickly they prepare a meal, and never seem to take a number of visitors amiss. The people in this house have had one of the girls for six years, and now she is going to get married to a well-to-do young farmer, and they want another girl to fill her place, which will not be easy, as they

think so much of her. We promised to speak to Miss Bilbrough, and they are to come over to the Home and visit us and get another.

In a farm house near by we found Katie A—, now grown a young woman, and very different to what she was when she sold matches on the streets of Glasgow. We left Katie's about 6.30 p.m., and drove 13 miles to the next house, where we knew one of this year's girls had found a home. Before we reached the house it grew very dark, and we were afraid the people would be in bed, but remembering the kind invitation Mr. M— had given us when he came to the Home for the little girl we drove on. As we expected, the people were in bed, and in driving up to the door the dog started to bark at us. We roused the people, and when we told them who we were they quickly made ready rooms for us and put us up for the night. The little girl Agnes could hardly contain herself for joy when she saw us, and with great pride she took us round the house and grounds, showing us her new home. It was a great pleasure to us to hear her new "ma" speak of her so kindly as "my little girl." Agnes has a brother in Scotland, and all she wants now is that he will come out too and be with her. Next day being Saturday we hoped to have returned to Marchmont, but found it impossible, so, after visiting several children we stayed over Sabbath at Wellington. In the morning we went to the Friends' meeting house, and there found one of our girls, who is very happily settled. On Monday we started for home, reached Belleville about 4.30 p.m., after a week of most enjoyable travelling. It does one good to see the homes of the children, and how they are treated in them, and also to see the beautiful country and the abundance of crops, fruit, &c. We found the children who had been ill nearly well again, and we are now making arrangements for placing out again.

The following letters of applications and testimonies from some who have taken children into their homes will help to show the successes as well as the discouragements of the work on the other side. The first is from a friend who had one of last year's boys. The boy wished to have his own way and left him.

14th April, 1881.

MISS E. A. BILBROUGH,—DEAR MISS,—Your card at hand. As to my being discouraged about taking another boy—had I no interest in the matter, only my own convenience, perhaps I should not take another; but here is a home for some poor boy, and I do not feel free to close the door against him. Can I not have at least a little patience, when you require so much? I am sorry the boy has taken a wrong course. I hope, at least, some of those prayers offered up from good Christian hearts for the orphans of Scotland will be heard and answered, and be very effectual in leading him into the fold of Christ. I have been authorised to get a boy for a young man of some considerable wealth. He is unmarried, lives on a farm of 150 acres of land with his mother—only the two, with an abundance of everything. A steady boy would answer him; but as there may be a lack in government on the part of the young man, a wild boy would not do so well. You will oblige by selecting a boy for our family. Please choose the boys, and notify me by telegraph, giving the date of the morning when they leave Belleville on the Grand Trunk Railway. I will meet them at five o'clock same afternoon with my buggy and horses. H—B—

Miss Bilbrough sent the two boys to him, and has since had several letters telling of their good behaviour. The following is also an application for a boy similar to hundreds Miss Bilbrough receives. It will serve to show what a difficult task she has in deciding which home to send a boy to.

25th April, 1881.

MISS BILBROUGH,—DEAR MADAM,—I received your letter on Saturday, and was glad to hear that you could send us a little boy. I want you to choose out of your little flock of boys, a boy that will have a good disposition. I suppose you would like to know what our occupation is. Well, we follow farming, and we live three-quarters of a mile from church, school, and also Sunday School, and he will have the privilege of attending them. You can send the boy on Thursday, the 28th, and I will meet him.

We have only one child, four months old, and Mrs. E— told me to tell you to send one that will be good to our baby. No more,—I remain, yours truly,

W—H—E—

W—B— was sent, and in the course of a fortnight the following reply was received:—

22nd May, 1881.

DEAR MISS BILBROUGH,—I suppose you are beginning to think it is time you were hearing from Willie. Well, he arrived here on Wednesday safe and sound, and I am

well pleased with the choice you made for me so far. I think he is a fine little boy. I received your card, and Willie received his books and tracts all right. I hope he may read them carefully and prayerfully. And I hope and pray that God may enable me to show a good example before him. I suppose you would like to know what church we belong to. Well, we belong to the C. Methodist. I have not sent him to school yet, but I will when I get him books and whatever is necessary for him to take to school. I have been telling Willie that he ought to write to you and tell you what he thinks of his new home, and he says he will. So we will send our letters together. Mrs. E. told me to tell you to come and see us, and see Willie also. He was at Sunday School yesterday. I think I must close.—From your friend,

W—H—E—

J—B—, one of this year's boys, whose history says—"Father dead, killed by falling from a ship; mother not well doing, and now in prison"—has found an excellent home, and his new father writes:—

27th April, 1881.

MISS BILBROUGH.—It is with great pleasure that I write you a few lines to let you know that we got home safe. I met John at the station about twenty minutes after he arrived. You could not have selected me a boy to have suited me better. We like him well, and you need not be afraid but what he will be well used. He was out where I was ploughing to-day. He told me to tell you he was driving the horse. I am going to keep him at home this week, and he will start to school on Monday, and I will take him to Sabbath School with me. He is not a bit lonesome; he is whistling around as if he had been here for one year. Please let me know how old he is; he says he is ten. He is very small for ten; he might have made a mistake. We send our best wishes to you, and that you may prosper.—Yours truly,

J—S—

The next two explain themselves; and we would only add that the two children who have blessed those who have taken them are only examples of very many others. We bless God for the homes and hearts opened to receive the little ones, who, if kept at home, would in all likelihood grow up seeing nothing but evil:—

DUMMER, 1st January, 1881.

MISS E. A. BILBROUGH.—DEAR FRIEND.—I now endeavour to enclose you a few lines to tell you how David is getting along, and how well he liked his Christmas present. I should have written to you long ago; I hope you will pardon me for not doing so. I wish you could have seen David when he received his present. His little eyes danced with delight when I read your letter to him. He often talks about you and Mr. Quarrier. He is so contented; I have no children of my own for him to play with, still he never seems to be lonesome. He is getting along well in all his studies; he is in the senior part of the Part Second. He is a good speller. I do not think I could have got a better child. I often think he is too good for this world, he is so wise. I never knew him to tell me an untruth nor say a bad word. If he hears anyone say a bad word he will say to me, "Ma, sure Jesus will not love them." He seems to like his Bible so much; he will always try to read some in it every Sunday. You would be surprised to hear him read the Ten Commandments. His pa says he is going to make a good man. I hope he will. I intend to give him good schooling. He says I am to tell you that he loves Jesus, and he will not forget you. I would like to find out when his birthday is. He will soon be able to write to you. He is growing tall, and getting better looking every day. He says I am to tell you that he is very much pleased with his books and cards, and is very thankful to you for them.—From One that Loves You,

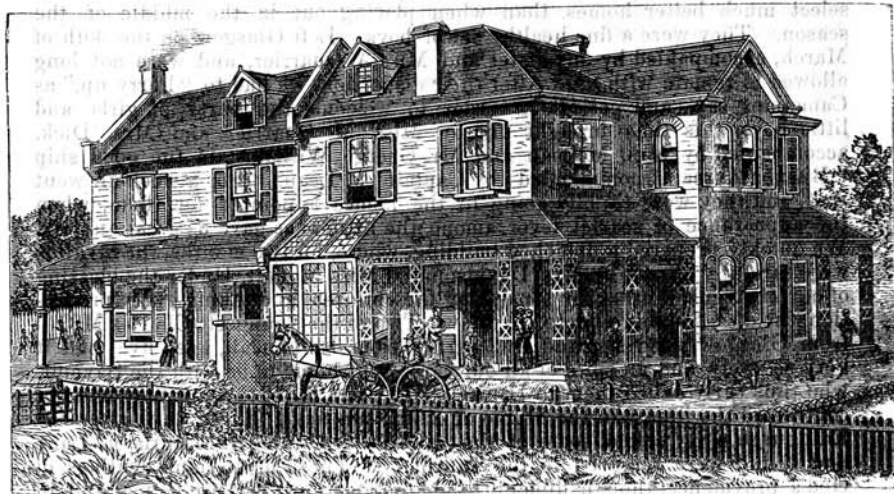
D—M—M—

17th January, 1881.

DEAR FRIEND.—We have just received the parcel of books and papers sent little Emma; and hasten to acknowledge them. I am happy so tell you she is in the best of health, having never seen one sick moment since I brought her home; also that our brightest hopes are realised in our darling. She is the most loving and affectionate little one I ever knew, and very intelligent and quick to learn, filling the house from morning until evening with singing and merry prattle. Her pa calls her his "Little Sunbeam," and she is a favourite with all who know her. We intend going to Belleville next month, and you shall see Emma. You would scarcely know her; she has improved so. We had her baptized last fall. When you write, please direct E—B—. We had not mentioned her former name, and do not wish it known at present. I will now close by sending our best wishes to you and all who are interested in the welfare of the orphans.

W—D—B—

MISS BILBROUGH'S HOME, CANADA.



Marchmont Home, Belleville, 12th Oct., 1881.

MY DEAR FRIENDS.—The return of another October reminds me that it is my usual privilege and pleasure to send you a few notes of our proceedings during the past year. I am convinced by the increasing interest shown in the emigration of children, that a few words from this side of the Atlantic will not be unwelcome; and again we have to record the loving kindness and unflinching faithfulness of Him, under whose wings we have been led to trust. Like the disciples of old, when asked by the Master—"When I sent ye without purse, lacked ye anything?"—we must answer emphatically—"Nothing."

It is very restful and helpful to His workers to feel that, if "in all our ways we acknowledge Him, He will direct our paths;" and that He has done so very strikingly during the last ten years we think must be evident to all. At that time it was thought a visionary and chimerical undertaking to transplant children to the comparatively unknown province of Ontario. Many difficulties and objections were raised, and failure predicted; but, as time goes on the wisdom of the undertaking is more and more apparent. Not only children but artisans, agriculturists, and capitalists are turning their attention towards the North-West, and seeing in the boundless millions of fertile acres a more promising future than any afforded in the Old Land.

You will be glad to know that of the 156 children, sent out from Scotland this year, most have been placed in homes. A few remain with us who have slight ailments needing care and attention, and these, with the number of inevitable returns, prevent our getting rusty. Our schoolmaster and his wife, who have been with us over a year, are getting in well to the work, and relieve me of much care by taking almost entire charge of the younger children.

Finding the need of more commodious premises, in accommodating the large parties, when first sent out, I determined to apply a legacy, left me by an aged relative, for the purpose; and this spring put up an additional wing to the home, consisting of a large school-room, 32ft. by 27ft., and dormitories above, with cellar and cistern. This makes the Home more complete, and enables us to separate and train the children better.

We found the greatest possible advantage in receiving the boys' party in April. The farmers were pleased to get them so early in the season. They got inured to the climate before the intense heat came on, and we were able to select much better homes, than when placing out in the middle of the season. They were a fine healthy set of boys. Left Glasgow on the 30th of March, accompanied by my sister and Miss A. Quarrier, and were not long allowed to remain with us. After their dispersion, we had to "hurry up," as Canadians say, and get all in order to welcome the party of girls and little boys, this time brought out by Miss M. Quarrier and Mrs. Dick, accompanied by Mrs. McLean and Mr. George Williams, in the good ship "Buenos Ayrean," commanded by Captain McLean. For a week all went well, and they were rapidly going to the homes appointed for them, when the appearance of scarlet fever among the little ones gave us great anxiety. We quickly prepared a detached building, where, for two months, the invalids were carefully nursed by Mrs. Davidson and Miss Moffatt. Under the blessing of our Heavenly Father, by separating the children, and taking every precaution, the disease was restricted to a few. Two of the youngest (Charles McGill from Glasgow, aged six, and Isa. Turner from Edinburgh, aged five) had it very severely, and, in spite of all our care, went home to be with the Saviour, who thus early called them to Himself. It was a relief to know they had not contracted the illness in the Home or on the journey. Three days after the Edinburgh party sailed, some of the children remaining in Lauriston Lane had it, and were removed to the Infirmary. These mysterious dealings of God's providence, though difficult to understand now, will all be made plain to us hereafter. We found great benefit from our enlarged premises in this enforced detention of the children.

We have had very many interesting visits paid to the children this year by Mr. L. W. Thom, who has travelled through the length and breadth of Ontario. He says:—

"In the district of Owen Sound, where I visited upwards of eighty children, and gleaned a considerable knowledge of the field, I am happy to state that my reports of the children, as a whole, are very satisfactory. One of the chief reasons to which we attribute the success of the work, under God, is the zeal and energy of Mr. David Ross, of Leith. Though a business man, he devotes much of his time to the work of the Lord. He was amongst the first contributors to the Marchmont Home, taking an interest in the work from its very commencement. He first interested his own friends and neighbours, making application to the Home for children. In this way he made a beginning, and has continued receiving applications and children, until the work has reached its present proportions. It was surprising to find his personal knowledge of the circumstances and surroundings of every child. No father could take more interest in his own children than he takes in the fatherless and orphans; and, when I remarked how wonderfully successful he had been, he replied, 'It could not be otherwise, as every child, when received into the Home at Glasgow, was made a special subject of prayer, and the same principle was carried out in Canada.' He has had his trials and his appointments, as every worker in such a mission experiences, but his comfort is, that it is the Lord's work, and he can bear the trials for His sake."

"It may be asked, Are all our children comfortably situated, and are they invariably giving satisfaction to their employers? I answer, in the eighty visited in this tour, we only found three unsatisfactory cases. Of course, we must always expect to find a few restless spirits who refuse to be controlled, and who will persist in mapping out a course for themselves. But this is not to be wondered at. How often we find, in many a well-brought-up family, some of the members turning out wild and unruly, and who will not be controlled by their parents. The marvel is that we have so few, considering their antecedents. We can truly say, 'What hath God wrought!'"

We still think much of our success is owing to the constant watchfulness and oversight exercised by us. The following notes of a tour are written by the Rev. Charles Watch, who, accompanied by Mr. George Thom, spent a fortnight in visiting seventy children. Both Mr. Watch and his wife have taken a deep and practical interest in the work, and believe it is of the Lord. Mr. Watch says:—

September 12th was a beautifully clear, sunshiny day. Everything is packed. Our bag is pretty well filled with presents of books and tracts for the children. The horse and buggy are at the door. It always seems hard to leave Marchmont, but, after farewell greetings, and hearing those behind say, "God bless you," and "We shall remember you at the throne," we drive off on our mission. Mr. George Thom has been for many years an earnest worker among the children, so we went, not lacking experience. Best of all, we took our Father's words of promise, "Certainly I will be with thee," and "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with Mine eye." Leaving Trenton, we had seen five homes; children well and happy. M. C., a this year's girl, felt a little home-sick. She is enjoying the privileges of a good home; everything found her but clothes; her wages are four dols. a month, with a promise of more.

We learnt a lesson at this place—a very suggestive one. We had with us a little book of instructions, children's names and addresses, &c. We thought, after enquiry, that possibly the book might be wrong, and it would be better to follow other advice. So we had a few miles' drive over a hilly road, only to discover that we were on the wrong track. We thought: That is so much like the way God's words of advice are treated; and the human heart is inclined to listen to any voice by the way, rather than take counsel alone of God. We went on our way, very thankful for this lesson. At a very comfortable home we found Agnes K., aged six, just a year out. The little boy of the household refused to be friendly with us until he was sure we were not going to take away his adopted sister, Aggie. We heard of a boy (J. H.) getting seven dols. a month in the summer and school in the winter. He is converted, and loving Jesus. Our way for two days led us up hill and down hill—and such hills! If there was any change at all it was in the twists and turns at the bottom of one hill, only to lead to the foot of another. While I was fully occupied driving Fan, the pony, my companion was pointing out the beautiful scenery by the way, and, after each turn in the road, trying to discover, according to the sun, the direction in which we were travelling. These were two profitable days. We saw eight children, and heard good news of another. One boy is getting ten dollars a month in summer, and schooling in winter; another is the leading voice in the church choir, and when asked the minister's text of last Sabbath replied, "What is man that thou art mindful of him," &c. Then came two very interesting cases—David G. and Colin M.; found them engaged at a threshing. They were with two brothers, receiving good wages, and going to school in winter; both converted, and loving the Master's service. The minister takes great interest in these boys, and speaks well of them. Then another boy, A. G., who has had five years' continuous schooling. What a contrast! In Scotland there was awaiting these children the poorhouse and its fare, while here they sit at the table and have of the abundance in Canadian farm homes, and if you knew not you would suppose the little ones were sitting beside their own father and mother. At home you had them on the streets, but here you see them in the schoolhouse, sometimes leading the way, often holding their own in the classes, mingling without any distinction with the children of the best-to-do-people in the community. On the Sabbath day they go to Sabbath School, and can show you the prize books they have taken. In church they sit in the family pew and hear of Jesus. Well might we all say of this work, "It is the Lord's doing, and marvellous in our eyes." At Westwood we saw two girls, Elizabeth B. and Bessie F.; one has the character of being kindly, neat, careful, honest, &c., the other is a very happy and strong-looking girl, has received excellent training, and promises well. At Peterborough Mr. T. drove to Lakefield, and returned much rejoiced at the two good homes he had visited, and the bright prospects of Agnes P. and Kate D.; and I, in searching for a girl, met with a lady friend of Miss Bilbrough's, a lover of the work, who said, "Do send, for myself and friends, information of the progress of your work." On the Lord's day Mr. Thom had an exceedingly good time with the children of the Sabbath School. On Monday we attended a Sabbath School tea meeting; found one of our little boys at it—David M.; he was very happy. We each spoke a few words to the children and friends assembled. We saw John M'G., who is ill with consumption. We prayed that he might know Jesus. Surely it was the Lord's doings to place this sufferer in so kind a home. By Wednesday, the 21st, we reached the village of Pickering, a beautiful section of country. We found ten children in this neighbourhood, all in good homes. Not a complaint did we hear of any one of them; all seemed happy. Some we found at school, some at play; others have

grown into young men and women, and were at their work. At Hampton we saw Katie B. She was joyful and happy in her place. At Oshawa we saw Rachel M., who, with Jessie C., has been adopted by a well-to-do business man of the town. They are this year's children, and if seen in Glasgow now, they would be called "little ladies." At Grafton we were cheered on our way by the sympathy and good wishes of a minister's wife, who takes a deep interest in the work. We did not see Margaret or Mary M'D.; they were both at school. At Brighton our work of visitation was finished. We saw here our two last boys. We were welcomed at Marchmont on Saturday, Sept. 24th, having travelled 366 miles, and seen about 60 children. Did you not meet with discouragements? will be the query of some one. Yes, some few, but not so many as we naturally expected. Children are not all above a fault, and those who have children have not all learnt the ways of perfection; but we are persuaded that those boys and girls will bear comparison with the same number of children in any section of country, many of whom, however, have had superior advantages. We previously knew none of these children we have just seen in their happy Canadian homes, but we knew many of their class in England, and we thought how great would be the delight, and how many prayers of thanksgiving would be offered up by your helpers, and the readers of your report, could they have shared with us our toil of pleasure, and been eye witnesses of all we saw. To see the fruit of this work is to have more faith in it. If it were of man, we might expect it to come to naught, but, being of God, it standeth.

"Not unto us; our childish gifts we bring,
Because Thou askest all, and will receive;
O give us larger power to toil and sing,
And still for more to labour, pray, believe.

"Not unto us; O Lord of lords supreme,
Whate'er we work, Thou workest—Thine the praise;
O wake us, cleanse us, light us with Thy beam
And work, in us, through us, to endless days."

Many of the little boys have got excellent homes. The following letter from a new father shows how soon they had taken the little fellow to their hearts:—

I here write to let you know that W. M'F. got here safe; he was well attended to by the lady that brought him; he was sleeping in her lap when she got to the station—my wife and I were waiting there for him. We were not disappointed—we are well satisfied with him, and he is quite contented here. There is no one to bother him—we have no one, only ourselves and him. He never was the least strange with us—he was very anxious to start, so that he could drive the horses. We could not get one to suit us better. Mrs. M'F. is greatly taken up with him.—Yours with respect, J. A. M'F.

Some of the girls' letters are quaint and full of particulars relating to their new life. The abundance and variety of the fruit is a great enjoyment to them. The following are specimens of many which we constantly receive:—

September 5th, 1881.

DEAR MISS BILBROUGH,—I thought I would write you a little note to tell you I got safe home, and it is a nice place I have got, and I like it very well. Will you please tell me how Mrs. Dick is? I hope you are well yourself, as it leaves me. Please will you tell me if there is any of my little playmates taken since I came here. I send my kind love to Mr. Quarrier and his wife, and their family, and to Mrs. Dick and yourself. I have been to a tea since I came down here, in a wood. I work well, and am a good girl. Mrs. P. is to send me to school, if spared till winter. We have been getting nice curns (currants) and berries, and will soon have plenty of apples, all which I love very much. This is a busy time here, as it is hay time. I am not quite acquainted with the work, as everything is strange to me, but I hope I will soon get into the way of things better. Please tell Miss Agnes Quarrier and Miss Anna Bilbrough that Walter is getting on well, and goes every Sabbath to the school. I must say good-bye, hoping that God will bless you, and keep us all from evil.

R. W.

September 2nd, 1881.

DEAR MISS BILBROUGH,—I am glad to write to you. I am keeping well. I go to school, and I learn geography and grammar. I like to go to school. I got a letter last night from Miss M. S.; she told me that you wrote a letter to her, and told her what a nice place I had. Dear Miss Bilbrough, I am so thankful to you for getting me such a nice place. Mr. and Mrs. A. are very kind to me. I like to nurse baby—it is so sweet—and little Maggie too. Dear Miss Bilbrough, please tell J. H. and M. I. I send them my love, and all that are left. I would like to know if you have heard from any of the girls. Mr. and Mrs. A. give me a lot of nice things. We have got a lot of little

chickens; I go down every morning and night, and feed them. I was sorry to hear that one of the girls that came with me in the train was delicate, and had to come back to the Home. I hope she is stronger now, and has got to a place. When the berries were ripe, I liked to go out and pull them off the vine; I like to pull the apples off the trees. We had a lot of strawberries, and gooseberries, and raspberries. I take little Maggie and baby, and put them in the wagon, and take them out to walk, and I pull chestnuts and give some to Maggie and baby; and when I go out to walk, Maggie always wants to come too. Dear Miss Bilbrough, this is all I have to say to-night. I will write a longer letter the next time.—I remain, yours affectionately, P. W.

You would have been amused to see the departure of G. F., aged 6, for his new home. The circumstances were these:—One of our older boys who had studied for a teacher, and has now entered the ministry, has a circuit a hundred miles back; he brought an application from one of his members for a little boy, so G. was chosen—his box packed and sent off by stage the day before, while G. accompanied his new friend in a "sulky," supposed only to hold one. How proud and happy he looked as he drove off. The long journey was full of adventure. When about 50 miles back, they came upon woods on fire. For some distance the road, composed of logs, covered with earth had been burned through, and it was impossible to cross over, so, unharnessing the horse, he succeeded in inducing him to face the fire at the side of the road, and got him safely past, returning for the sulky, which he pulled through. At last they got on *terra-firma* again; but ere long more burning woods and roads loomed in the distance. They resolved to push through, when met by two road inspectors who assured them it would be impossible, so they had to return, and take a totally different path. The life of a minister in these backwoods is not without its hardships and difficulties, especially in the severe winter weather. W. T. has three Sunday appointments, with about 35 miles to drive—many would think that sufficient without the preaching! G.'s little brother did not manifest much sorrow at parting with him. On inquiring into the reason, the little fellow said, "G. said a bad word, and then he said he did not say it, and he did not tell the truth, and I don't like him!" Strange what curious ideas children have! However, now he is very anxious to be near him, and I am keeping him in the Home, hoping another application may come from the same quarter.

After our Summer's work was nearly over, and knowing of the deeply interesting Conference going on at Northfield, Miss M. Quarrier and I resolved to take a little rest and change in this New England village. Starting from Montreal at 7 A.M., we reached our destination in the evening, obtained board in a private family, and proceeded to make ourselves acquainted with all that was going on. We had heard much of the beauty of the village and surrounding country from Mrs. Blaikie, who had spent a fortnight there last summer; but, like many other places, it requires to be seen to be fully appreciated. I cannot do better than quote a few remarks of Mrs. A. Preston, whose varied literary writings are well known:—

You must stay more than a few hours to enjoy the changing lights of morning, mid-day, sunset, and moonlight upon the placid river, the picturesque hills and woodlands, the broad meadows, abounding in every shade of green, with which growing and ripening vegetation is capable, and upon the distant undulating hills, and the blue mountains in the shadowy distance. It is a fit place to retire for a season from the busy world and all ordinary occupation, for Scripture study and prayer; for we must acknowledge instinctively that God alone was the Creator of the wonderfully beautiful scenery which meet the eye at every turn.

"Mr. Moody's house and grounds are at the head of the broad, grassy, shadowy street, which stretches southward for three miles or more, shaded by rows of magnificent trees. The dwellings are, for the most part, substantial, square, two-storied mansions, here and there shooting out a bay window, piazza, or portico, each surrounded by its own green-shaded lawn and well-kept garden, brightened by beds of brilliant flowers. On our way from the station we met Mr. Saukey, his handsome face beaming with the good-nature and quick

recognition that wins all hearts. As we drove up to the foot of the plank walk leading to the Seminary Building, one of the Indian girls, in whom the whole country takes a lively, sympathetic interest, tripped out upon the porch with her hands filled with fresh ferns, with which she was decorating the rooms. As the carriage stopped, Mr. Davis came running down the walk, and gave the new-comers cordial greeting. "There are no more rooms to be had in the Seminary Building," said Mr. Moody to me, yesterday. "They were all taken 30 days ago. Still, there is room enough in the village for all who will come early. If all come who are expected, there will be more than there were last year." Mr. Moody is driving about managing everything with his characteristic despatch. Dr. Andrew Bonar, of Scotland, who, with his daughter, is in this party, has a strong, combative Scotch face, softened and lightened by a decided *spirituelle* expression. He is the brother of Dr. Horatius Bonar, the poet: his fame in expounding the Scriptures has preceded him—he is the guest of Mr. Moody.

"The meetings continue to grow in interest, and Dr. Bonar to increase his hold upon the people. There is such a nameless charm in his manner, in his quaint Scotch accent, in his "shining face," and in his speaking gesture, that it is impossible to give an idea of him, even if his words were reported literally. "I want these meetings to be entirely informal," said Mr. Moody, "has any one a question they would like to ask? Don't sit down, Dr. Bonar," and the old man was like a picture standing there on the low platform, with his gentle dignity, beaming down upon the upturned faces, and answering pleasantly and cordially, the few questions that were asked. "Which do you get the most comfort from—the Bible or prayer?" asked Major Whittle. "Oh," said Mr. Bonar, "I don't separate them." Other questions from Dr. Goodwin, Col. Clark, &c., followed. Dr. Bonar's simple, child-like manner, his frank, winning face, coupled with his evident familiarity with the Scriptures, and his learning, are captivating. The company of Christian workers and others fairly hung upon his words. Mr. Moody gave some reminiscences of the late Robert M'Cheyne, whom Dr. Bonar had touchingly alluded to."

I cannot forbear transcribing here some original lines, written in my album, by Mrs. A. Preston, entitled:

THERE'S GREEN GRASS UNDER THE SNOW.

"The work of the sun is slow
But as sure as Heaven, we know;
So we'll not forget,
When skies are wet,
There's green grass under the snow."

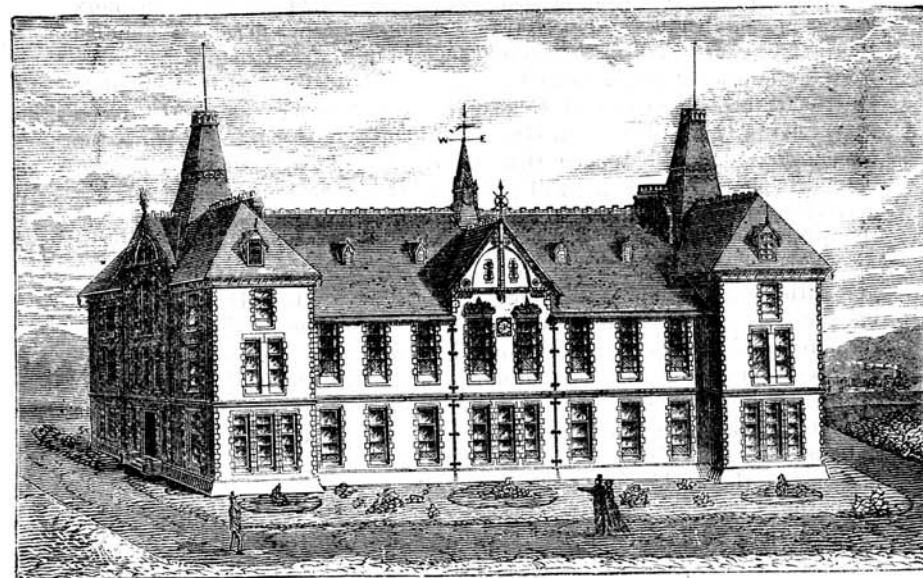
"When the winds of winter blow,
And moan like voices of woe,
There are birds and flowers,
And April showers,
And green grass under the snow."

"We know it is ever so,
In this life's uneven flow.
We have only to wait,
Though it may come late,
For green grass under the snow."

"We are greatly rejoiced to hear of the prosperity and enlargement of the Cottage Homes, and all the success given by our Heavenly Father, in providing friends, means, and helpers, and all that is needed for the carrying on of such a great work. That He may continue His blessing and favour, and give it still more abundantly, is the earnest daily prayer of,
Yours in Christian work,

ELLEN AGNES BILBROUGH.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR. TO HOUSE 350 CHILDREN.



CENTRAL BUILDING.

THE "Harvest Home" is a time of joy to those who have to do with the fruits of the earth, for it is then they reap the reward of all the ploughing and sowing, waiting and working. To the Christian worker likewise there comes a time of rejoicing, when he sees the fruit of his labours in whatever field the Lord has called him to work in. In this branch of our work our joy this year specially is "more than tongue can tell." After ten years of praying, planning and working, the Lord has given us the realization of what we long hoped for, and has granted us the desires of our hearts. To Him be the glory and the praise! In the beginning of the work, when £20,000 was named as the sum necessary to build these Orphan Homes, by most people it was thought to be nothing short of presumption to imagine that that amount would be given, and there were very few, if any, believed it would come. Now we have to bless God that He has not only given us the £20,000, but £10,000 over and above, and that within a shorter period than we ourselves thought of, thus fulfilling His own Word, "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think." The Lord gave us faith to believe that the money would come, but our expectations as to the quarters it would come from have been disappointed, and He has taught us again that we should not trust in man, but in Him who holds the hearts of all men in His hands. Is it any wonder that, looking over the past, we feel constrained to raise anew "a stone of Ebenezer" to Him who has so richly blessed us. When the year commenced we wanted four cottages, and

these have all been given, and, in addition, the Invalids' Home, which we have long prayed for. On the 3rd of December, 1880, we received from "friends" in Aberdeen £1054 10s., which, along with £50 10s. sent before, and £200 to follow, is to build a house in memory of M. B., to be called the Aberdeen Home. The dear friend to whose memory this is given, although an invalid for years before her death, was one of the first to exert herself to interest friends in the North to help in the work, and of her it might truly be said, "She hath done what she could." On the 26th of February of this year, our hearts were again gladdened by receiving from a friend in Greenock £1500 to build and furnish the Greenock Home. I rejoice that Greenock, as my birth-place, is not behind in sharing the honour of providing Homes for our country. What a privilege to be able in one's lifetime to give, and then to see the good the gifts accomplish. A week later we received £1500, per Rev. Dr. Aikman, given by a family in memory of their beloved mother, to build and furnish the "Anderston Home," reserving to the Rev. Dr. Aikman and his successors in the ministry of Anderston U.P. Church, the preferential right to nominate for admission to said Home orphans and other destitute children." There are many monuments erected which cost immense sums of money, and do no good to the living; but it is not so with these Homes, and nothing can better perpetuate the memory of any one than a house to shelter the perishing little ones, who will rise up to be a blessing in the world.

On the 28th of March we received from a lady, connected with Glasgow, the sum of £2000 to build the Invalid Children's Home, which will also give us accommodation for hospital cases—a house we have been praying for for years, and it has now come. The little dying consumptives, and others who are not suitable to be kept in the Infirmary, nor yet to be amongst healthy children, will have a home provided for them, where they can have the love, care, and treatment which they need. Many, hearing of the gifts to this branch of the work, say—"Mr. Quarrier is a fortunate man and should be happy." Yes, we are happy in the Lord's work, and still we are not without trials, for while we have much to encourage us, we have many difficulties to contend with; nevertheless, we can testify to the Lord's goodness in the trial which teaches us patience, while the blessings lead us to more thankfulness. The friend who gave this house wished to invest funds for its maintenance; but, although many will be surprised, we have advised otherwise, as we do not believe in endowments for the Lord's work. We believe God will provide in the future through His children, as He has done in the past. The work has been and is carried on in dependence upon God, and to Him we look for our daily bread; whereas, if we had invested funds, being human, we might be led to trust them, and other than Him "who giveth us all things richly to enjoy." Amongst all the children in happy homes in our land we don't think there can be any who realize so much as those in our Homes do, that it is their Heavenly Father who feedeth them. The dear friend, into whose heart the Lord put the desire to build this Home for the Invalids, has since gone home to be with the Lord, leaving her husband and children to carry out her wishes in regard to this piece of work, and we trust to see the fruit of her generosity.

On the 18th of October, a friend in Paisley sent £1300, to build the "Paisley Home," reserving to the Rev. Andrew Henderson, of Abbey Close U. P. Church, Paisley, and his successors in the ministry of that Church, the preferential right to nominate for admission to said Home orphan and destitute children." This gift completes the group of ten cottages, originally contemplated, and our hearts are full of praise and gratitude to God for thus fulfilling our desires.

These buildings, for which the money has been given this year, are now progressing; and, by the middle or end of next year, we hope to see the group completed and the whole in working order.

At the beginning of this year we had 103 children in the four houses occupied, 90 others have been added during the year, making in all 193 who have been sheltered there. Of these 9 boys were sent to Canada, on the 30th of March, and 17 girls on the 27th of May, and 6 others were disposed of as per summary. No. 5 Home was opened about the middle of January, and was quickly filled up; and as No. 6 was not dry, and could not be occupied until later on in the year, we were at a loss where to put the children, and so decided to send the 26 to Canada, which gave us room for so many more. When the new houses are finished we will have accommodation for 350. It is our intention to add to the group a training ship on land, to cost £1500. This we expect to get soon. The health of the children in these Homes has been specially good, and we cannot be too thankful for the beautiful locality the Homes have been placed in, and the fresh air, which is necessary for the children, who, in many cases, have been so neglected before they come to us, that we ourselves are surprised when they get strong and well. Their behaviour and contentment are all that could be desired, and it is real joy to us to see the happiness of each family under the fathers and mothers.

Each house has its own playground, where the little ones enjoy themselves after school hours. On Saturday afternoons—which are half holidays—the boys go off to a large field to play cricket and football, while the girls amuse themselves with their own games, or take a walk with the mother. The two donkeys given by a friend are a source of amusement and pleasure to the children, with whom they are great favourites. We have two saddles (one for boys and one for girls), and the little ones often get rides, which they thoroughly enjoy.

The donkeys, Charlie and Eagle, are very much attached to one another, and it is a difficult matter to get one to go alone to Bridge-of-Weir. When it does go, it comes home at a very much quicker pace than it went at, and when the two meet, it is most amusing to see their delight.

Throughout the year the children have many social gatherings, and these are a treat to them and to all who are privileged to be present. The principal ones are on the evenings of the Annual Meeting and the departure of the children for Canada, on New-Year's Day, and on Hallowe'en. While they are so happy and comfortable, they do not forget others not so well off, and out of 1d. a-week (which is given for good behaviour) most of the children give ½d. towards the collection on Sabbaths; as the result of this, at the close of the year £6 13s. 3d was handed to me "to help their poorer brothers and sisters of the streets."

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, every alternate Monday, in the *North British Daily Mail*. The full name of each donor, if known, is entered in the cash-book.

November 6.—Miss S. G., Blairgowrie, £1; G. B., Aberdeen, for emigration, £2 10s; Mrs J. M., parcel of clothing; J. C. J., Crail, £10; Miss L., Crossford, parcel of clothing; from C. and H., 28 lbs. nuts for Hallowe'en; from Wigtown, £1; Mrs J. M., parcel of clothing; Mrs W., parcel of clothing; Mrs B., with best wishes, £1; J. F., £1; W. B. H., Matlock Bridge, 10s 6d. The following donations have been sent in during last fortnight for City Home Refuge and Mission:—J. T., Hogganfield, 10s; John Knox's Free Church S. Schools, 16s 6d; Mrs G., Falkirk, 10s; Free St. Luke's S.S., 14s 7d; a Friend, 10s; a Friend, Helensburgh, parcel of clothing; J. J., Paisley, 16 boxes corn flour; Mrs R., Cambuslang, parcel of clothing; D. G. H., parcel of clothing.

November 20.—Mrs M., £1; Grange F.C. Young Men's Bible Class, Kilmarnock, per J. A., jun., £1; T. K., Gourrock, £1; from Children's Church in connection with Paisley Road F.C., per A. G., 15s 3d; Uddingston Union Hall S.S., per Mr M., 10s; Mrs O., Bombay, per Miss H., £5; J. G. C., Paisley, for emigration, £2; Mrs A., for rent of Girls' Home, £50; Mrs B., parcel of clothing; from a Girl trained in the Home, 4s; M. S., an old Home girl, 6s; Misses A., Tighnabruach, 10s; Miss G., Strathaven, £1; Mrs M., £3; "In Memory of Our Baby," Johnstone post-mark, £1; A. H., Bridge-of-Allan, £1; Mrs M., parcel of clothing; An Anonymous Friend, £20; W. and J. P., 52 pairs stockings and socks; Mrs R. Croydon, £5; Blackfriars Established Church S.S., 19s 0½d; Misses M., Paisley, £2; J. M'C., Hillhead, £1; Miss M., Longniddry, £2; from Cupar, with the words, "Your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of these things," £2; Mrs B., Houston, per Rev. J. E. F., Kilmalcolm, 4s; H. L., £20; J. S., £5; Miss M'C., Crosshill, £2; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 11s 3d; M. C., 10s; C. B. and Mrs A., £2; from a Friend, Largs, 5s; C. and D., £20; Mrs D., 5s; Registered letter from an Oban Friend, £1 10s; Miss E., Hillhead, £1; from Mount Florida U.P. Church S. School, per J. H. W., £1 7s 2d; Mrs L., parcel of clothing; E. and J. J., Rothesay, 12 pairs stockings, &c.; Miss R., London, per D. T., £1. The following donations have been sent in during last fortnight for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Mr and Mrs T., Eday, Orkney, £1; Mrs S., Gourrock, £2; Mrs W., per do., 10s; Two Old Workers, £1; Mrs C., Inveraray, per W. M., 10s; Mrs M., parcel of clothing; Legacy of the late James Denny, after paying legacy duty, &c., per M. C. and G., £41 12s 6d; Mrs S., Monkton, £1; W. L., 10s; Miss M., £1; Miss S., Stirling, £1; Mr M'F., barrel of apples; from a Friend, £2 10s; Miss W., Brechin, £1; from Nemo, Dunoon, £1; Three Sisters, Partick, £1. The following has been sent in for Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—Miss M., £25.

December 4.—A. C., Govanhill, 10s; Clyde St., Port-Dundas S.S., 13s 8d; Rev. J. G. T.'s Bible Class, Buchhaven, £1; J. H., Montrose, per J. M., £1; Strathbungo U.P. Church Mission S.S., per G. D. S., £2 0s 7½d; collected by Friends, per Miss R., £3 4s 10d; from Sincere Wellwishers, per Miss R., £4 12s 2d; J. N., 10s; Two Sisters, £2; "For Bread and Butter," £10; Miss L., 10s; Mrs E., Helensburgh, 12 pairs socks; J. W., £100; J. C. W., £20; C. T., £50; from East Free Church S.S., Rothesay, per W. B., £1; J. G., London, £3; Mrs H., Edinburgh, £1; R. T. G., £10; G. S., Coatbridge, £5; Mrs S., socks and neckties; Mrs W., parcel of new clothing; Miss W., £1; W. M'K., Elderslie, £5; Miss S., Helensburgh, £1; N. M., Sorbie, £1; St. Vincent Parish Church Sabbath School, per T. C., £1 4s 6d; Miss E., Hillhead, seven chemises; Miss M. C. R.'s counter box, Helensburgh, for Cottage Homes, per R. B., £1; B. B., Gourrock, £50; Mrs F., Lenzie, £1; Miss M. C., Dalwhat, £1; W. D. M., Carlisle, £1; J. C., Kilbarchan, a cheese for Cottage Homes; D. L., Pollokshaws, quantity of dishes; Mrs M., Strathaven, £1; Miss M., £2; G. L., Edinburgh, £5; S. T., Renton, £5; Miss C. R., Cupar-Fife, 5s; Miss B., Dalwhat, £1; from Mission Funds of Camphill U.P. Church, per W. P., £10; A. B. K., £10; collected by Miss N., Moffat, £6 2s, Bristo U.P. Church S.S., Edinburgh, per Rev. G. E. J., £1 10s 3d; Miss D., Whithorn, £1; Mrs M., Hillhead, 10s; from an Old Friend, Ardentinny, a sheep to feed the lambs; Mrs F., £1; "A Servant," 10s; Mrs W., Dunblane, £10; collected in a railway carriage, 29th Nov., 1880, per N. R. H., Dumfries, 5s; Miss S. C. J., Croydon, parcel of clothing; Miss D., 5s; J. M'K., Langbank, quantity of scarfs, petticoats, &c.; Mrs W., Dennistoun, £1 1s;

J. W., £1; Miss G., Johnstone, £5; Mrs G., Collessie, Fife, £1 for Cottage Homes. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Mission and Mission Work during last fortnight:—Mr and Mrs D., £1; A Friend, 5s; Miss G., £1; J. W., for ground-annual of City Home, £100; Mr C., £1; Miss W., Dunfermline, £2; A Working Man, £5; W. F., 5s; T. K., £5; J. J. & Co., £5; J. H., Innellan, £5; P. S., 2s 6d; A. M. W., 13 shirts; J. M'C., parcel of periodicals; Mrs L., Hillhead, £1; Miss F., Hillhead, £1; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 13s 2d; Mrs A. B. C., Bothwell, £2 10s; A Friend, Kent Road, £1; Miss H., Stirling, £1; Mrs L., Edinburgh, for "Young Women's Shelter," £2; do., for Night Refuge, £1; from Gartmore, towards the £1000 wanted for evangelistic effort, £1; W. J. G., £10; A. M., £10; Mrs M'I., parcel of clothing and 1s, M. G. G., Edinburgh, £10; Kent Road U.P. Church Young Men's Bible Class, per Mr S., 7s 4d; Mrs J. M'C., Helensburgh, 2s; found in boxes, £2 18s 10d; I. D., Aberdeen, 3s; A Poor Widow, per I. D., 2s 6d; Miss C. N., Gourrock, £1; Mrs B., Bothwell, parcel of clothing; Mr M'L., 5 lbs tea; Mrs H., Partick, £1; D. H., Helensburgh, £1; First Fruits, 2s 6d; Two Workers, 10s; J. K., £2; Mrs G., Collessie, Fife, £1. The following donations have been sent for Orphan Home Building Fund:—Mrs M., Aberdeen, £300; In Memoriam, M. B., do., £200; legacy of the late Miss J. B., do., £540 10s 10d; J. M'G., do., £5; J. D., do., £5; J. H. B., do., £1; W. R., do., 10s; W. G., do., 10s; Mr B., Rosemount, do., £2. The above, from Aberdeen, amounting to £1054 10s 10d, is to build a cottage to be called the "Aberdeen Home."

December 18.—F. H. S., Folkestone, Kent, 2s 6d; J. B., Inverness, £1; R. M'D., £2 2s; Miss F., Comrie, £1 1s; A Friend, Ceres, 10s; Miss L., Windygates, £1; An Anonymous Friend, £1; Mrs M., Portobello, £1; Mrs S., Bridge-of-Allan, 1s 6d; Mrs B., £2; Mr and Mrs E., Irvine, 5s; Miss W., do., 2s 6d; A Class of Little Boys in Baptist Church Sabbath School, do., 7s; J. W., do., 12 knitted mufflers; J. B., do., 4 pairs knitted stockings; Queen's Park U.P. Church S. S., per P. F., £7; Elderslie Wallace S. S., per W. A., £1 for Cottage Homes; R. D., Ayr, £1; Alice, Bath, £1; a Lady at Noon Meeting, £1; Mrs R., 5s; A Friend, Wigtown, to assist in taking a child to Canada, £5; Mrs and Miss G., Dumfries, £5; Mrs F., Aberdeen, £1; Rutherford Mission School, do., £1 4s; Miss M., Broadford, do., £1; M. S., 2s 6d; Mrs B., £1; J., a quantity of toys for Bridge-of-Weir Homes, for the Orphans, £1; A. F. P.'s S. S., Alloa, £2; Miss B., a dress; Mrs L., a bath; Miss B., Keith, 4 pair socks and 2s 6d; A Friend, per M. A. T., Jedburgh, £1; Free St. Mary's S.S., Govan, per C. G., £2 14s 10½d; Miss F., Kirkmichael, large parcel of new clothing; G. T., £5; M. G., Kirkmichael, 2s; R. P., £10; Mrs L., Appin, £1; Mrs M., do., per Mrs L., £1; A Friend, £1; J. B., Greenock, 10s; A. C., do., 5s; Effie, do., 2s; Archie, do., 2s; Little Tot, do., 1s; R. C., do., £1; Mrs R., do., parcel of gospels, children's books, cravats, &c.; G. A., 7s 6d; R. M., Broughty Ferry, per Miss T., £1; Mrs B., do., per do., 5s; Mrs E., Melrose, 10s; Mrs W., parcel of clothing made at a working party, Dolphinton; Mrs E., 2 boys' suits; from Managers of Poor, Pittenweem, per D. C., to take a girl to Canada, £10; J. B., Helensburgh, £5; R. L., a new circular saw; Miss E., Largs, quantity of remnants, &c.; C. J. M., Kirriemuir, £1; Mrs A., Irvine, £1; J. H. G., in stamps, 3s; Parkhill S.S., Aberdeen, per W. C., 8s; a Friend, Dunoon, 12 pairs stockings, piece of cloth, &c.; W. C., Paisley, £2; Mrs A., parcel of petticoats, &c.; Mrs L., Dundee, £2 for emigration; Mrs C. S., Melrose, 10s; J. H., Langloan, 3 memorial volumes of Janet Hamilton's poems. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work during last fortnight:—"Help," 10s 6d; W. A., Ayr, 10s; Mrs A., £1; Mrs J. M'L., Tarbert, £2, G. M., £2 2s; Mrs A., Edinburgh, £10; for New Year's treat, 5s; Miss R., a cloak and hat; H. M'L., 2s 6d; Free Church Bible Class, Auchterarder, per Mr B., £1; Free St. Mary's Sabbath Forenoon Meeting, Govan, £1 4s; Miss M., Stirling, parcel of chemises, socks, and night shirts; Miss L., Helensburgh, 12 pairs stockings; Buchanan Court Hall, parcel of girls' clothing; Mrs B., Dunoon, £5 for street children's treat; East Campbell Street U.P. Church Sabbath School, 14s 4d; Mrs F., Duntocher, parcel of clothing; Mrs M'F., 36 loaves; A Friend, parcel of clothing; R. H. H., parcel of clothing; A. D., £10; A Friend, Gatehouse, 5s; Mr M., Markinch, 10s; Mrs T., for New Year's treat, £1, Mrs L., Appin, £2; Mrs A., Pollokshields, parcel of stockings; A Little Girl's saved pennies during the year, 2s 6d; Mrs L., clothing, books, toys, &c.; A Friend, parcel of buttons; Antigua Place S.S., per A. M., £2 16s; Mrs B., Largs, parcel of remnants, &c.; from the Master's Treasury, Grangemouth, £2; "No My Own," £1; "Roses," for New-Year's treat, £1; A. P., for do., £1; Miss C., Aberfeldy, £5.

January 1.—From Union S. S. Ednam, per A. M., Kelso, £1 18s 6d; N. W., Grocer and Provision Merchants' Soiree Fund, per H. S., £1 1s; J. B., 5s; John's Box, 2s 6d; A Wellwisher, Greenock, £25; One who desires to be unknown, £2 10s; Free West Church S. S., Stirling, per W. W., 10s; Miss W., Windygates, 10s; Mrs A. C., Kinross, 5s; Bath Street U.P. Church Mission Sabbath School, £1; Cowglen Sabbath School, per S. B., 8s; Henrietta, 6s; Kinnie, 8 pairs stockings and £1. A Lady at noon meeting,

10s; Mrs C., Edinburgh, £5; F. C., Largs, £2 10s; Mrs M., Inveraray, £1; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 11s 3d; Mrs A. M., Greenock, £1; A Mother and Children, £2 10s; Miss S., Bridge of Weir, £1, for Cottage Homes; Mrs J. L. B., do., £1, for do.; Mrs D., India, per J. W., £2; Camphill U.P. Church Bible Class, £1 9s; R. N., Loanhead, 10s; J. H., Darvel, £1; An Anonymous Friend, a Christmas gift for the orphans, £100; Mrs T., £1; J. G., £2; J. G., jun., £1; Dr M., parcel of *Good Words* and £1; Miss M., £1; Misses S., £1 10s; J. and A. M., Wishaw, £1; J. B., £1; Dalnuir Sabbath School, per J. G. W., 16s 4d; A. and G. M., six crochet petticoats; G. G., parcel of clothing; Govan Free Church Sabbath School, per Mr F., 10s; Hutchesontown U.P. Church Sabbath School, £1; Rutherglen West Parish Sabbath School, £1; Mrs J., Lanark, 2s; J. H. H., £1; Two Friends in Helensburgh, three pairs stockings, &c. and £2; J. M. D., £2 2s; Proceeds of Bazaar held by Young Ladies in School, 1 Claremont Terrace, £10; A Friend, 2s 6d; Scholars and Teachers of S. Mission School, Kirriemuir, 6s; Mrs M. S., Kilmarnock, six pairs stockings; Mrs G., Paisley, £1 10s; Eglinton U.P. Church Sabbath School, £1; A. A., 11s 10d; R. H., 10s; Mrs R. C., Alloa, £1 and parcel of cotton and winey; voluntary offerings at entertainment in Kilmalcolm Hydropathic Establishment, per J. M., £5 10s; Miss C., parcel of felt and straw hats; I. F., Hamilton, £1; Mrs R., Hamilton, one pair stockings and 2s 6d; J. B., jun., 10s; Mrs F., Hawick, for emigration, £5; Queen's Park Church Congregational Sabbath School, one month's collection, per J. M'G., £1 12s; Queen's Park Church Mission Sabbath School, one year's collection, £4, per R. N.; J. D. B., £10; Mrs W., quantity of toys, chairs, &c., A Friend, three pairs stockings; Mrs M'C., Stranraer, per Miss M., £1; Mrs B., Lochgilphead, £1; Westmoreland Road Presbyterian Church Sabbath School, Newcastle-on-Tyne, per A. M., £1; As the Lord has blessed the sale of work, 10s; E. K. R., Bridgeton, a New-Year's offering, 6s 6d; R. C., Linlithgow, 3s; Miss G., Helensburgh, £4; D. I., Kirkcaldy, £4; J. W., do., £5; Shamrock Street U.P. Church Advanced Boys' Class, 14s 3d; Mrs W., Largs, per Miss M., 5s; C and M. D., do., 5s; Miss H., do., 2s 6d; J. R. B., Fairlie, 10s; Mrs S., Largs, parcel of books, &c.; Misses F., Broughty Ferry, per Miss T., 10s; Miss H., do., 10s; Mrs S., do., 5s; Collected at Christmas Breakfast Table, per N. J. C., 2s; Mrs Y., tree, toys, and oranges; The Widow's Mite, 10s and three pair stockings; A. A. R., Edinburgh, £2, per C. A.; J. G. P., Hamilton, £1; Kent Road U.P. Church Mission, £2 2s 9d; W. F. B., 5s; J. J., Edinburgh, 4s; Sabbath School, Kilbogie, per W. H., 10s; F. M. R., £1; X., Paisley, parcel of clothing and 5s; Lansdowne Juvenile Missionary Society, per T. B. B., £6; J. M., 5s; North Strand Mission Sabbath School, Dublin, per H. B. D., £1 6s 8d; J. M., £2; Missionary Box Preston Sabbath School, Markinch, per G. B., 7s; W. S., Dundee, £5. The following donations have been sent in for the City Home Refuge and Mission during last fortnight:—M. L., Crieff, £10; Mrs S., quantity of shirts, chemises, socks, petticoats, &c.; London Road U.P. Church Sabbath School, £2; Mrs F., Pollokshields, 2s 6d; Miss W., 1 dozen collars; Mr. R., quantity of tea bread; A Friend, Lamlash, 5s; "Restaurant," for New-Year's treat, £6; R. A. B., for do., £2; A. S., Hyeres, £5; Mrs L., two parcels clothing; Miss G., Johnstone, evergreens; Mrs F., Paisley, for Young Women's Shelter, £1; Mrs H. S., Paisley, for do., 10s; Mrs A., Xmas tree and quantity of toys, &c.; Miss S., neckties for tree; J. F. Langside, £3; Mrs C., fancy articles for tree, &c.; Mrs F., toys for tree; D. M., Uddingston, £1 for New-Year's treat; Mrs H., a turkey and 5s; A. P., £1; Miss M., £1 for New-Year's treat; W. L. & Co., £2; W. M., a turkey; Livingstone Memorial Church Sabbath School, Blantyre, per W. B., £1; Friends, for New-Year's treat, per Mrs I., 18s 6d; J. T., Buckhaven, £1; Sabbath School Class, Falkirk, per Mrs W., parcel of clothing; D. L., Pollokshaws, quantity of crockery; J. R., £5 5s; J. B., £2; Mrs P., Hillhead, two parcels clothing; a Wellwisher, two dozen socks and stockings, one dozen scarfs, &c.; Mrs T., 5s; E. G., £1; G. H., 2s 6d; Miss L., Xmas remembrance, £2; Miss J., per A. J. K., Greenock, £2; "Tot," Greenock, 10s; Employees of Clyde Paper Co., £2; Mrs W., parcel of clothing; Mr M'F., a quantity of bread; A Friendly Tanner, 10s; Mrs F. K., per J. C., £1 for New-Year's dinner; S. C., Sheffield, £3; W. A., £1 for New-Year's treat; Buccleuch Street U.P. Church Sabbath School, Dalkeith, per A. T., £2 14s 2d, for New-Year's treat; A. T., do., £5; a Friend, 10 dozen 2 lb. currant loaves; Mrs F., Hawick, £5; John Street U.P. Church Juvenile Missionary Society, £2; Mr M'F., a quantity of bread; T. T., for treat, £1; Mrs M'E., per Mrs S., 10s for Young Women's Shelter; Mrs T., for treat, 5s; Miss M., articles for tree; Miss M. B., dolls, &c., for tree; Bluevale Sabbath School, per T. B., £3 11s 8d; J. T. Torrington, £1; Miss M'B., do., 10s; Mrs D., dolls, cuffs, &c., for tree; Mr M'L., parcel of tea; T. F. M., parcel of books, stockings, and woollen handkerchiefs; A Manchester Man, £2; C. P., for New-Year's treat, 10s; "Give, and it shall be given unto you," 17s; found in boxes, in December, 7s 6d; W. C., £1; Children's gathered pennies for New-Year's treat, Paisley, 5s 6d; Mrs M., Paisley, 9 pairs stockings and 12 pinafores; Miss M'C., articles for tree. The following has been sent in for Orphan Cottage Home Building Fund:—Ellen and Robert M., Lochans, for Cripple and Invalid Children's Homes, 5s.

January 15.—For Orphan Cottage Homes, £2 2s; W. C., £1; Mrs C., £1; Dr. D., Greenock, per R. B., 10s; Machine, 10s; Miss B., six pairs socks and £1; First Fruits, 2s 6d; Two Servants, Mentone, 10s; Mr and Mrs M'N., Ayr a New-Year's Gift, £10; Cambridge Street U.P. Church Sabbath School, £4; J. E. M., Tarbert, £2; J. A., £1; Elgin Place Congregational Sabbath School, per J. N. M., £2; Mrs G., Langbank, £5 and toys; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, 10s 10d; Mrs J., 5s; Mrs S., Bridge-of-Weir, hoods and scarfs; School Girls, Kilmalcolm, parcel of clothing; Y. M. C. A., Auchinleck, per R. M'L., 17s; G. G., Aberdeen, £1; M. C., £1; Mrs C., Renfrew, £1; Miss M., Bonchurch, I. of W., £2 2s; Crosslee Sabbath School, 10s; Mrs H., Ibrox, basket of toys; D. M. S., parcel of clothing; U.P. Church Bible Class, Kirkmuirhill, per J. M., £1; Congregational Sabbath School, Helensburgh, per R. R. L., £3; West Barns Sabbath School, Dunbar, per R. R., £1; a Friend, Ceres, 15s; a Christian Servant, do., 2s 6d; Baptist Church Sabbath School, Cupar-Fife, per Miss D., 10s; Mrs W., Belfast, £5 0s 6d; Downhill Sabbath Morning Mission Meeting, £2; Miss G., Dalkeith, £2; Cathedral Square U.P. Church Bible Class, per A. B., for Cottage Homes, £1; Cranstonhill Free Church Bible Class, per Mr L., 11s 6d; Christmas Tree, per Miss L., £6; Mrs M., Paisley, 5s; Mrs F., Cathcart, 6s; R. M., 5s; collected by some Young Friends, £2; Mrs M., Belfast, 1s; Minnigaff Free Church Sabbath School, per W. M'L., Newton-Stewart, £1 6s; a Friend a New-Year's offering, 10s; Friends in Johnstone, £5; E. A., Kilmarnock, £1 1s; Sabbath School in connection with Blairingone Parish Church, Dollar, per J. W., 10s; Mrs T., 12 pairs stockings and socks; Sir Michael Street U.P. Church Mission Sabbath School, Greenock, per R. L., £1 12s 1d; Langside Road U.P. Church Congregational Sabbath School, per J. S., £1; Junior Class, Grange Free Church Sabbath School, Kilmarnock, per Mrs W. T., 18s; Wigtown, £1; Mrs F. K.'s children, Hastings, 7s 6d; a Friend, Ryde, Isle of Wight, £10; Miss C. R., Cupar-Fife, 5s; "Rispaun," 10s; Mrs U., 4s; Mrs R. R., Pollokshields, £1; Little Nelly, 2s 6d; Helen Jane, 6d and one pair stockings; Miss S.'s Sunday Class, Port-Glasgow, 7s 5d; J. A. N., £1 for Bridge-of-Weir Homes; a Mite from Jamie and his Friends, Laurencekirk, 5s; E. U. Church Sabbath School, Galashiels, per G. C., £1; Mrs E., Largs, per Mrs G., £1; J. K., do., per Mrs G., 10s; W. C., do., per Mrs G., 5s; Mrs A. H. M'L., do., per Mrs G., 5s; Mrs M., Moffat, per Mrs G., 2s 6d; Mrs G., 22 yards flannel for slippers; part proceeds of charges for admission to Royal Polytechnic, per J. A., £8 8s; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 13s 5d; J. G. M., £3; Z., £1; Mr B., per J. H., 10s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission during the last fortnight:—Mrs R., a cake and 5s; Children's Collecting Box, £3 0s 1d; Mrs C., 5s; Mrs C. and Children, 5s; a Friend, Liverpool, box of toys, &c.; Mrs A., £50; R. W. R., 10s; an Invalid, Cowcaddens, 5s; R. L., Aberdeen, 5s; W. S. S., London, per M. C. and J., Glasgow, £20; a Visitor, 1s; Mrs C., parcel of clothing; G. M. K., Lochgilphead, 10s; a Thankoffering, Port-Glasgow, 10s; Mrs M., Invergarry, £1; Mrs F., £1; Miss K.'s Bible Class, Tron Parish Church, £1; L. I. G., Cathcart, two dozen pairs stockings and socks; J. R. W., Bellingham, parcel of clothing; Calton Parish Church Sabbath School, per W. R., jun., £1; Miss M'C., for street children's treat, 10s; Mrs H., £1; Mrs S., 10s. The following has been sent in for Orphan Cottage Home Building Fund:—C. M. L., Aberdeen, for Aberdeen Home, 2s 6d in stamps.

January 29.—Miss M., £1; Mrs W., Stirling, parcel of new clothing; Free Church S. S., Fort-William, per J. M., 10s; a Friend, 8s; a Little Boy in Free Church S. S., Houston, 3s 9d; M. A., Bridge of Allan, for Homes at Bridge of Weir, £2; Mrs M., Dollar, for do., £2 10s; collected from Friends by Mrs H., Ardentiny, £24 12s; Mrs H., three pots jam; a Friend, per Mrs S. G., Auchencraig, £1; Portland Place S.S., Kilmarnock, per J. C., £1; Bible Class do., per J. C., 10s; part contents of contribution box, S.S., Balruddery, Longforgan, Dundee, per W. S., 10s; Bible Class in Kinning Park, per T. M. M., 11s; Mrs M. A., Edinburgh, £5; J. W., Kirkcaldy, 2 pieces of winey; Miss G., 5s; R. L., Bellingham, 2s 6d; Sabbath Evening Class, Greenock, per Miss L., 10s; Mrs M. L., 2s 6d; from Cupar-Fife, with the words, "Your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of these things," £1; G. B., Aberdeen, £5, for "outfit of a lassie to Canada;" Friends, per Miss C., 17s 6d for outfits; Mrs T., meat; J. A., 5s; E. U. S.S., Leith, per J. S., £3 3s; Miss H., Kilmalcolm, sweets and fancy articles; C. C., Edinburgh, 5s; Mrs C., 8 pairs stockings; Misses C., 10s; a Friend, per do., 3 pairs socks; a Friend, per do., 10s; Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, Troon, per J. M., 14s; Tollcross F.C. S.S., per J. N. M'B., 5s; Hutcheson F. C. S. S., per W. D., £1 4s 6d; Mrs Y., 12s; Miss J. W., Bath, £1 for Cottage Homes; J. E. C. C., Westerham, £10; Miss S. C. J., Pau, France, £5; W. B. H., Matlock, £1 1s; Govanhill U.P. Church S.S., per Mr M., £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission during last fortnight:—Miss M., for street children's treat, £1; a Friend, lot of old clothing; price of a Pick, 2s 6d; T. K., £1 10s and a bag of oatmeal for destitute cises; J. B., Stirling, 5s; Mrs T., 5s; Govanhill U.P. Church Mission Boys' and Girls' Sabbath Morning Meeting, Polmadie, per A. B., 10s; W. G., 10s; M. L., Hillhead, £1; A. M.,

Paisley, for treat to street children, 10s; Mrs M., do., for do., 10s; a Wellwisher, £5 for do.; Miss C., 2s 6d for do.; W. A. Forfar, £2; M. F., Comrie, 10s; Mrs A. A., Keswick, £2 for street children's treat; a Friend, London, 6s; an Aged Friend, do., 1s; Mrs H., Alloa, for street children's treat, 10s; A. W., Isle of Wight, for do., £1; a Lady, Scripture texts and mottoes; Miss J. W., Bath, for relief of necessitous cases, £1; a Friend, periodicals; J. C., Edinburgh, £1; J. H. S., Canada, 10s; Mrs M'F., 2s 6d; Mrs D., for street children's treat, 5s; Mrs Y., Crosshill, parcel of clothing; Mrs A., Portobello, £1. The following donations have been sent in for Orphan Cottage Home Building Fund:—Misses M., per A. C. B., Aberdeen, £4 for Aberdeen Home; a Friend, per Mrs S., Aberdeen, £1 for do.; a Friend, per Mrs S., do., 10s for do.; Y. M. C. A., J. B.'s Class, Aberdeen, 13s 6d for do.

February 12.—Miss S., Helensburgh, six pairs socks; Mrs S., Port-Glasgow, parcel of clothing; I.O.G.T., 6s 6d; "Rita," magazines; Anderston Free Church Sabbath Schools, collected in October, per A. J., £2 5s 6d; Mrs H., £1; I., Dumbarton Road, £5; Mrs G., East Kilbride, petticoats and stockings; D. L., 10s; a Friend, per Mrs M'F., Portobello, 5s; Miss G., 4s; Mrs G., Aberdeen, £1; Miss C., Ibroxholm, £1; Barr Street Children's Church Meeting, Paisley, per A. D. G., £1 3s; T. M., 5s; R. K., Partick, £5; Miss M. A. L., Ceres, Fife, 7s; J. A., parcel of pieces for dresses and £1; Sewing Class Scottish Girls' Friendly Society, Y.W.C.A., Aberdeen, per Miss C., parcel of new clothing; J. G., Edinburgh, £1; Shamrock Street U.P. Church Advanced Girls' Class, 10s; J. A. B., Paisley, £20; J. M'K., 10s; Gorbals Parish S.S., per R. B., £2; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 2s 9d; Mrs G. R., Portmahomack, £1; Mrs H., per Miss M., £2; A. C. O., London, for outfits for Canada, £200; Mrs C., for emigration, £100; W. B., 10s; "Money gathered by a little one now in Glory," 6s 2d; G. G., 2 shirts and cloth for more; G. O., per L. T. C., £50; W. S., 10s for Cottage Homes; Lochee Baptist Church S.S., per J. P., £1 10s. The following donations have been sent in for City Refuge and Mission during last fortnight:—R. K., Paisley, quantity of books; Adelphi Bible Class, per J. M'D., 12s 9d; Found in boxes during January, £1 15s 4d; "Honest Indignation," £8 6s 8d; M'C. & Co., per Mr B., £2 2s; Mrs A., 5s; "An Old Herd," 5s; "Give and it shall be given unto you," £1 3s 1d; First Fruits, 2s 6d; Two Workers, 10s; Miss E., Aberfeldy, £10; A. S., £5; Cathedral Street Mission Bible Class, per Mr G., 10s; a Friend, Freuchie, per Rev. J. P., 10s; J. A. B., Paisley, £10; H. C., London, £1; Miss J. C., London, £1; An Anonymous Friend, £10; Trinity Free Church Sabbath School, per J. K., £1 10s 10d; D. D., 10s; G. O., per L. T. C., for evangelistic work, £50; Miss D., 10s; Mrs H., Lenzie, £2.

February 26.—Crosshill Y. M. C. A., per Mr C., £1 12s; Mrs B., Braemar, 2s; Miss M'K., 5s; A. M'N., 5s; R. W. G., 2s; a Friend, 5s; J. A., 2s 6d; A. B., 2s; W. G., 2s; J. G., 1s; G. B., 1s; J. R., 1s; J. M., 2s; M. W., 1s 6d; E. M'D., 2s; J. M'D., 1s; Mrs C., 2s; J. C., 1s; C. D., 1s; J. S., 2s; J. W., 2s; J. A., 1s; E. R., 1s; J. H., 1s; J. D., 1s; G. M., 1s; J. M., 1s; J. A., 1s; A. M'H., 1s; J. T., 1s; R. L., 1s; C. M., 1s; A. M'R., 1s; G. O., 1s; G. H., 2s; W. M'H., 1s; J. N., 1s; J. R., 1s; J. S., 1s; J. J. S., 2s 6d; J. S., 1s; H. M., 1s; N. M'D., 3s; W. S., 1s 6d; P. G., 1s; a Friend, 1s (the above in small sums from Braemar was collected by T. H.); a Friend, per Miss J. B., Irvine, £1; N. F., 10s; Crown Terrace Baptist Church Ladies' Working Society, Aberdeen, a box of clothing; J. M'K., Langbank, £1; a Govan Joiner, £1; L. S. D., £1; Misses M'N., £1; Mrs B., £1; R. L., £5; M. A. T., Jedburgh, 10s; Mrs M'G., Greenock, parcel of clothing; J. and A. M., Wishaw, box of girls' hats; J. F., Kirkcaldy, £2; Mrs M., Markinch, £1; Mrs G., £1; Kelvinside Avenue Forenoon Meeting, £1 1s 7d; two sisters, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 10s; Miss C., Largs, £1; Miss S., Croydon, £7 and parcel of clothing; Glencairn S.S., per Mrs M., £1 3s; Bible Women's Class, Piccadilly Street Mission, in connection with Wellington Street U.P. Church, 7s 6d. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission during last fortnight:—Brown Street S.S., in connection with Adelaide Place Baptist Church, 24 bags tea bread; a Friend, 5s; Scotch Canadian Tour Fund, per H. M'N., £10 10s; R. R., Hamilton, £5; Miss K. Partick, 6 bed mat; Proprietors of *Evening Times*, £5; Hamilton Free Church Sabbath School, Port-Glasgow, £1; a Friend, Hillhead, £1; J. H., parcel of clothing; Miss J. A., Edinburgh, £4; Mrs G., £1 and 5 pairs socks; Dunfermline Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, per A. J., £1 4s; M. N., box of napery.

March 12.—Sabbath-school Children in St. George's Road U.P. Church, per D. F., £2; W. P. W., per A. H., £3; Mrs M., Largs, £5; Mrs J. C., do., £1; Misses L., do., £1; Miss W., do., 10s; Mrs T. C., do., 10s; Mrs A., do., £1; Mrs K., do., 10s; J. B., do., £1; Mrs J. C., do., 10s; Miss B., do., 5s; Mrs P. M., do., 10s; Mrs D. M'L., do., 10s; Miss O., do., 5s; A. Y., do., 5s; Mrs A. K., do., 2s 6d; Mrs M'G., do., 2s 6d; Mrs J. C., do., 2s; Mrs J. H. M., do., 2s; a Friend, do., 1s; D. J., do., 5s; Miss M., do., 3s; Miss C., do., 2s; Mrs H., do., 2s 6d; Miss N., do., 2s; a Friend, do., 1s 6d; Mrs J. R., do., 3s; Miss C.,

do., 2s 6d; Mrs H. P., do., 5s; Mrs M., do., 2s; Dr C., do., 2s 6d; H. C., do., 2s 6d; Mrs T. S., do., 2s; L. S., do., 4d; the Small B.'s, 5s; a Friend, 2s 2d—the above sums from Largs were collected by Miss B.; Miss E., Hillhead, £5 and two pairs socks and under-clothing; "a Sister in the Lord," £1; T. F. R., Paisley, 10s; W. D., Cardross, £1; Miss M. C. R.'s counter box, Helensburgh, per R. B., £1 for Cottage Homes; "First Fruits," 2s 6d; "the Lord's Tenth," 16s; from Wigtown, £1; U.P. Church S. S., Kinn, per E. B., £1 0s 11d; Miss E. H., Hamilton, 5s; P. M. K., Edinburgh, 5s; W. M., Montrose, £2; Misses S., do., 10s; Misses S., do., 5s; Mrs F., Canterbury, per Mrs F., £2; A. P. R., Roseneath, £1; anonymous, 6d in stamps; J. G., Killearn, parcel of clothing; M. G., do., 2s 6d; a Friend in Lenzie, £1; E. J., £2; Mrs T., £5; Mrs M., Portobello, £1; East Campbell Street U.P. Church Mission, £1 4s 7½d, for Orphan Homes of Scotland; Mrs B., a double perambulator; Mrs H. M'L., 5s; Mrs K., parcel of periodicals; G. L., Edinburgh, £20; a Friend, clothing; collecting box of a Friend, Bridge-of-Allan, 5s 6d; Miss M'C., 12 pairs stockings; J. S., £10 and 10 pairs stockings; Mrs S., £1; Mrs J., Shandon, £1; Mrs S. G., Auchencairn, 10s; Mrs F., Pollok-shields, £1; Miss M., parcel of underclothing; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 3s 8d; J. S., jun., for do., 7s 6d; Miss L., parcel of clothing and stockings; Free Middle Church S. S., Paisley, per J. H. Y., £1; Mrs R. M., 5s; M. E., Motherwell, per Miss D., 3s; P. S. and T. U., periodicals; East Campbell Street U.P. Church Children's Church, per J. G., £1 2s 7½d; A. B. K., £20; Mrs R., Broughty Ferry, per Miss T., £1; A. K., £10; J. L., Kilmalcolm, two hams; T. M., 5s in stamps; J. Y., London, £10; R. B., Aberystwith, £1; Ivy Place S. S., Stranraer, per M. J., 10s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission during last fortnight:—Mrs A. A., Edinburgh, per C. A., 5s; G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, 10s; a Friend, per do., 2s 6d; Mrs S., London, 3s in stamps; Miss M., £1; Mrs W., Edinburgh, £2; W. H. L., £5; Mrs K., 10s; a Friend, C., £2; Mrs Captain S., wincey and galatea; found in boxes in February, 15s 11½d; J. R., Perth, 2s 6d; B. E., £20; a Friend, 5s; New Stonelaw S. S., Rutherglen, per Mrs S., £1; Free Grange Female Bible Class, Kilmarnock, 5s; W. C., £10; Surplus of Cranstonhill and Wynd Schools' Soiree, 19s; Mrs M'L., 2s and parcel of clothing; Miss L., quantity of hoods, scarfs, &c.; Mr M'F., 14½ quartern loaves; D. D. M., 9s 6d; J. G., Largs, "to feed the laddies," £5; A. L., jun., Aberdeen, £1; J. H. S., 2 jackets; W. R., quantity of bread left from soiree; W. C., £2; H. R., Edinburgh, £10; W. M., Kincardine, £20; W. A., Forfar, £2; a Lady Friend, per R. H., Kirkcaldy, £1. The following donations have been sent in for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—A. L., Greenock, to build and furnish the "Greenock Home," £1500; from a family, in memory of their beloved mother, to build and furnish the "Anderston Home," £1500, per Rev. Dr Aikman.

March 26.—A Friend, per G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, 2s 6d; L. I. G., parcel of knitted articles; D. M., £2; U.P. Church Sabbath School, Kilmalcolm, per J. G., £2; Miss C., £5; a Friend, per do., 2s 6d; W. M'N., Uddingston, £10; a Friend, per K. S. and G., £10; Miss M., five pairs stockings; Anonymous in stamps, 6d; A. B., Irvine, £10; J. F. M., Edinburgh, £10 for passage and outfit of a boy to Canada; money left by a little boy gone home, per J. B., Paisley, 10s; Milton Sabbath School, Bowling, £1; W. J. M., 12s; Mrs H., knitted scarfs and neck ties; Misses L., Lenzie, 12 petticoats; a Friend, per J. L., 2s 6d; Mrs K., £2; a Friend at Noon Meeting, £5; Miss B.'s S. School, 4s; Mrs C., per Miss C., 5s; A. M., Torquay, £5; Mrs H., Helen-burgh, 8 pairs socks; Miss F., Dunoon, 6 pairs stockings; R. A. B., £10 to buy a donkey and harness for the Cottage Homes; a Loving Mother, £1; W. C., per Mrs M., 10s; Whiteinch U.P. Church S.S., West, per A. N., £1 0s 9d; J. H. D., £10; T. M., for Cottage Homes, 2s 6d; Mrs C., Edinburgh, £1; W. C. M., £1; Miss D., per Miss R., 3 pairs stockings; Mrs L., 5s; Mrs E., Melrose, £1; J. M., a cheese; Mrs A., 27 shirts; a Friend, Dunoon, 6 pairs stockings and 2 scarfs; Mr H., New Zealand, per Miss R., £1; Mrs J., New Deer, per do., £1; Friends at Stirling, per do., 10s; Mrs R., Kirkintilloch, per do., 5s; A. G. F., per do., 2s 6d; Mrs J.'s S.S., New Deer, per do., 10s; Mrs M'C., Edinburgh, per do., 5s; Miss H., Edinburgh, per do., 5s; Miss S., Edinburgh, per do., 2s 6d; Mrs C., per do., £1; Miss B., per do., 10s; Mr F., per do., 10s; C. & Co., per do., £2; G. & G., per do., 5s; Mr B., per do., 5s; Mr S., per do., 2s 6d; Mrs M., per do., 5s; Mrs D., per do., 2s; "Nobody," 6d; collected by a Little Girl amongst her friends, £2 10s; H. B., six dozen Bibles for boys going to Canada; Miss R., five pairs socks and stockings; Mrs M., Kilmalcolm, four pairs socks and stockings; Mr K., Aberdeen, £1 1s; Misses M., do., £1; Mr O.'s S. S., do., 10s; Miss S., do., 5s; Miss M., do., 4s; Miss M'H., do., 2s 6d; Miss J. C., do., 2s 6d—the above sums from Aberdeen were collected by Mrs S.; J. E. H., Helensburgh, £2; Friends, Montrose, quantity of new clothing; Miss R., 18 chemises; E., £3; a Thank-offering from a Working Man's Wife, 10s; Mrs A., £2 wincey and 36 print dresses, 12 petticoats, 30 nightgowns, and 12 chemises; Barkip, £1. The following donations have been sent in to the City Home Refuge and Mission during last fortnight:—W. A. C., £5; D. S., Fraserburgh, £5; N. M., quantity of tracts; Miss

K., Helensburgh, 6 shirts; Miss M., do., 6 scarfs and 6 pairs stockings; a Friend, 5s; Mrs I., 14s; A. P., parcel of groceries; Mrs C., Edinburgh, £5; Mrs W. S., parcel of printed matter; A. C. W., periodicals and 8s 6d; Mrs C., per Mrs R., Port-Glasgow, £1; A. T., clothing, Mr H., 10s; T. Brothers, London, 2 cases preserved fruit, "Give and it shall be given unto you," 8s 2d; Miss R., Bristol, £5; D. M. S., parcel of old clothing; Mrs D., Gourrock, £1; from a number of different friends, periodicals and tracts for distribution in Canada.

April 9.—Miss B., Dunoon, 3 dozen shirts; Cardonald S.S., per J. F., £1 10s 7d; J. B. and A. M., Irvine, 11s 6d and 2 pairs stockings; Miss M., £1; W. M., Callander, per W. A. C., towards horse and cart, £1; Mrs H., Largs, 9 pairs stockings and 3 scarfs; Miss J. H., 12 pairs cuffs; a Friend, 2s 6d; a Friend, a dress; Mrs K., quantity of printed matter; W., Croydon, £5; Mrs W., 18 pairs socks; Mrs L., per Mrs L., parcel of underclothing; W. C., £20; a Friend, per Miss R., 5s; Miss C., Campbeltown, 5s; from Friends, Dunlop, £8; Mrs H., £5; "The Widow's Mite," 12s; Thread Street U.P. Church Bible Class, Paisley, for Orphan Homes of Scotland, £1 5s; D. K. A., by Old Meldrum, £1; Mrs R., Croydon, to take a little girl to Canada, £10; J. W., Haddington, £1; St. George's-in-the-Fields Sabbath School, per J. H. T., £3; R. B., sweets and little books for boys going to Canada; Mrs I., Hamilton, 3 night dresses; a Servant, do., one pair stockings; T. T., £20; Mr H., 5s; Mrs E., Largs, to take a girl to Canada, £10; Dumbarton Working Boys and Girls' Religious Society, £1 8s; A. B., £1; Mrs M'G., £1; Mrs U., 2s 6d; a Friend, four scarfs; Miss M'G., Helensburgh, quantity of clothing, hats, &c.; T. M., in stamps, for Cottage Homes, 5s; J. M'K., Elderslie, £5; Mrs J. H. D., 11 pairs stockings; Mrs A., 28 shirts; from E. and J. J., Rothsay, quantity of clothing; F. H. M., Servia, £50; "a Friend in China," per G. O., £5; from "Wigtown," with the words, "Still trust in God," £1; Mrs M'G., parcel of clothing; a Friend at noon meeting, £2; Cambridge Hall Lord's-Day forenoon meeting, £1 7s; Mrs M. S. Kilmarnoch, in stamps, 10s; Miss B., per Mr H., 2s 6d; a Friend in Greenock, £2; Mrs A., Cambuslang, £1; Mrs D., £1; Mrs S., Port-Glasgow, parcel of clothing; Mr E., Kettering, 10s; B. & Co., £10; Brown Street Christian Church Sunday School, £1; Mrs B., £2; J. E. H., Helensburgh, £2; Mrs M., Wooler, to take a child to Canada, £10; Mrs M. and Friends, do., box of clothing; a Friend, per do., 2s 6d; Free St. George's Young Women's Bible Class, per Mrs J. C. R., 12s; a Friend, three pairs stockings; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 9s 9d; from Camphill U.P. Church Sunday School, per A. C., £6 14s 8d; Miss H., Pitlochry, parcel of underclothing and stockings; from Friends, Montrose, parcel of clothing, &c.; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £2 13s 7d; Mrs K., parcel of clothing. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission work:—Mr M'F., 22 4-lb. loaves; Mrs S., parcel of periodicals; Miss M., £1; Miss R., Greenock, £1; Miss D., 4s; J. C. H., £10; a Friend, 6d; Mrs H., clothing and books; Mrs A., printed matter; Mrs W., clothing; Mrs J. H. D., £10; a Friend, quantity of furnishings; from Pollokshields Free Church S.S., per W. M'G., £2 5s; F. H. M., Servia, £50; a Brother and Sister, 5s 6d; a Friend, 2s; J. U.'s Bible Class, Paisley, 11s; found in boxes, £2 19s 8½d; G. Brothers & Co., £1; legacy of the late Miss Jamieson, per Messrs MacGeorge, Cowan, & Galloway, £20; Cunningham Free Church S.S., per J. H., £2 5s 7½d; A. J. K., £10. The following has been sent for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—From a lady connected with Glasgow, to build Invalid Children's Home, £2000.

April 23.—R. M'G., a thank offering, £1; "Maggie," Coatbridge, £20; M. and J. C., £1; Mrs M'G., shirting, 3s; Three Sisters, £1; a Widow Lady, six pairs stockings and 10s; Miss M., £1; Miss M. M. F., Comrie, £1, also 5s, with Ex. xxx. 12 to 16; M. G., Rothsay, £1; Adelaide Place Baptist Church Bible Class, per D. T. B., £1 7s 4d; a Friend, per J. B., Edinburgh, 12s 6d; D. D., Girvan, 10s; J. P. and Mrs T., Eday, Orkney, £1; a Thankoffering from a Friend (Lanark post-mark), in stamps, 10s; Pollok Street U.P. Church Minister's Bible Class, £1 15s 10½d; S.S. Children, Tighnabruach, four pairs stockings; Miss L., Crosshill, 18 pairs stockings and six pairs socks; Mrs M., Pollokshields, quantity of clothing, &c.; J. S., for support of an orphan for a year, £15; Belmont Crescent "Dorcas," per Miss W., 79 articles of new underclothing; Miss W., toys, &c.; J. B., for keep of Cottage Homes, £10; "Anonymous," Mentone, £40; Miss W., Airdrie, £3; Mrs C., Belfast, per Miss R., parcel of underclothing; Miss S., Elgin, two pairs stockings; quantity remnants, per Mrs I.; a Friend, four pairs stockings for little girl three years old; Mrs B., Dunoon, £20; Mrs A., 27 shirts; a Wellwisher, three pairs stockings; Mrs M., Hillhead, parcel of pinafores and stockings; J. O., £20; Miss M., parcel of magazines; Miss I., parcel of clothing; Mrs T., Paisley, 31 articles of new clothing; Govan St. Columba Free Gaelic Church S.S., per J. B., 10s; Mr M., Govan, large quantity of fish; Mrs M., £5; George Street Baptist Church S.S., Paisley, per A. M., £2; Mrs M'K., Renfrew, remnants and scarfs; Miss R. and her pupils, parcel of underclothing; Miss M., Hamilton, per Miss R., parcel of under-

clothing; Miss G., Hamilton, per do., underclothing; Mrs M'N., 12 boys' scarfs; a Friend, six pairs stockings; Whitehill Juvenile Missionary Society and Band of Hope, per Miss L., 26 pairs socks and 10 shirts; R. L., Aberdeen, 2s 6d in stamps; a Friend at sewing meeting, a piece of cloth; Mrs H., Dunoon, per R. A. B., parcel of magazines; Messrs. W. & J. J. K., per R. A. B., ornamental stained glass windows for Cottage Homes. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—"Maggie," Coatbridge, £20; two Workers, £1; First Fruits, 2s 6d; the Lord's tenth, 8s; a Friend, per Miss W., 10s; a Friend, per W. J. S., £1; Free High Church Sabbath School, Paisley, per W. C., £1 6s 6d; An Invalid, 10s; M. J. S., quantity of books; Macleod Parish Church S.S., per J. B., £3; J. O., £5; H. C., 83 lbs. lunch cake; Mr and Mrs T. B., £10; Warrock Street Children's Forenoon Sabbath Service, per T. B., 10s; J. W., 5s; J. J., per Mr B., 2s 6d; T. D., £2 2s; Workmen in Dalzell Iron and Steel Works, Motherwell, per Mr C., 10s 6d in stamps; Girls in connection with Christian Work Society of E.U.P. Church, Strathaven, per M. S., 10s; "Give, and it shall be given unto you," 10s 5d; Mr S., East Kilbride, 10s; "From the Master's Treasury," Grangemouth, £2; Mr M'F., 10½ qr. loaves.

May 7.—An unknown Friend, quantity of clothing, &c.; Calton Mechanics' S. Schools, per Mr T., £1; a Friend, parcel of papers; a Friend, Kilmacolin, parcel of clothing; from Wellwood, per Mrs H., 2 pairs stockings and 2s 6d; R. G. S., £1; Mrs R., quantity of underclothing; balance of testimonial fund and soiree, per M. M'P., £1 16s 5d; a Well-wisher, Dumfries, 5 pairs socks; J. K., £3; "A Yachtsman," London, for horse and cart at Cottage Homes, £50; from H. C., London, 8 white pigeons for Cottage Homes; J. C., do., a doll's house and toys for "Invalid Children's Home;" J. R., Croydon, to take a boy to Canada, £10; E. B. A., £5; Mrs B., £2; "Winnie and Cecil," £1 13s; M. B., Herts, £1 1s; from Calderhead, S.S., Shotts, per H. P., 15s; Mrs H., 24 knitted neck ties; Miss M., £1; G. T., to take a child to Canada, £10; Mrs A., 18 wincey and 2 dozen print dresses and 12 night dresses; W. B. H., Matlock, 10s 6d; Miss B., Dunoon, 36 shirts; Miss B. and Friends, Greenock, £10; J. G. C., Paisley, for emigration, £2 5s; Miss M., Longniddry, £3; M. L., Madras, for emigration, £7 11s; Mrs M'G., clothing, books, toys, &c.; Mrs W., 12 pairs stockings; Mrs S., Largs, £1; M. E., do., £1; J. C., do., £1; Mrs J. C., do., 10s; Mrs S., do., 2s 6d; Mrs M'G., do., 5s; Miss E., do., £1—The above sums from Largs were collected by Miss E.; Free Church Bible Class, Bridge of Weir, per Rev. T. C., £1 3s; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 12s 6d; a Friend, Crossford, £2; a Friend, per Mr S., 5s; Mrs G., 1s; Collected by Free South Church Mission S.S. and Children's Church, Aberdeen, per D. W. A., £3 9s 4d; Mrs D., parcel of clothing; J. T., £12; Mrs J. T., £5; "Wee Alick T.," £3; a Friend, parcel of clothing. The following donations have been sent in during last fortnight, for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—T. M., in stamps, 5s; Mrs M., a coat; Kinning Park Free Church, S.S., £2 2s 3d; Miss M. H., Campbeltown, 5s; Henderson Memorial Church S.S., £1; M. F., Brighton, Sussex, £10; Tron Parish Church S.S., £1; A. F. P., Alloa, £10; Mrs H., 5s; Mrs C., parcel of clothing; Miss C., meal barrel, &c.; Found in boxes in April in City Home, £3 2s 1d; Mrs S., parcel of clothing; from Friends, per Mrs S. C., Auchencairn, £1.

May 21.—A Friend, per Miss C., £1; Mrs C., four pair stockings; T. S. Johnstone, £1; Miss C., Campbeltown, 10s; Mrs F., Duntocher, stockings, &c.; a Servant, 10s; Miss W. and Friends, Dunlop, box of clothing; quantity of fancy bread from Free Church Normal College Soiree; A. B. C., Callander, in stamps, 6s; a Thankoffering for recovery of a little one, 5s in stamps; A. K. B., 10s; M. B., Ayr, £1; D. C., in stamps, 1s; Miss D., six pairs stockings; from Bridge-of-Allan Sewing Meeting, per Mrs H., parcel of new clothing; Miss F., Kirkmichael, large quantity of new clothing; Mrs C., parcel of new clothing; C. P. C., £10; Mrs M., Johnstone, £5; proceeds of lecture by Miss F. in St. George's Road Free Church, £6 0s 3d; collected at mothers' meeting, per Mrs A., 10s; Miss S., Helensburgh, seven pairs stockings; Mrs T., 10s; Queen Anne Street, Dunfermline, U.P. Church Mission S.S., £2 15s; Miss K., eight pairs stockings; Misses W., Stirling, per Miss T., £10; from Trustees, Greenock, to help to keep three children, per J. S. D., £30; Miss D., Greenock, £1; J. T., Dalkeith, to assist in maintaining two boys, £11 14s; found in boxes Cottage Homes, £2 13s; Mr B.'s Bible Class, Langholm, per W. O. C., £1 11s 3d; Marshall St. Baptist Church S.S., £2; Mrs A., Partick, parcel of clothing and 2s; Rev. J. D. M'G., Wick, £1; L. & N. W. W., £1; Miss M., 14 pairs mitts; M. H., £1 1s; W. S., Longforgan, 10s; Sunday S. Class, Hamilton, per Miss E. M., parcel of clothing; Mrs P., for emigration, £6 6s; Mrs L., Edinburgh, parcel of clothing; Miss B., Stornoway, per Miss R., 10s; Miss C., Fifeshire, per do., £1; a Friend, Perth, per do., 5s; from Orkney, per do., 5s; U.P. Church Bible Class, Lochgelly, per do., 15s; Bible Class, Crossgates, per do., 3s; Mr A., Glasgow, per do., 10s; Mr M., per do., 5s; Mr R., per do., 2s; Mrs W., per do., 2s 6d; Miss D., per do., 5s; Miss M., per do., 5s; Miss M., parcel of periodicals; R. B., two parcels sweets and parcel of books

for children going to Canada; Dennistoun U.P. Church Bible Class, per G. P., £1 11s; Miss M. F., £2; Miss I., for emigration, £6 6s; from Paisley, parcel of clothing; Mrs M'C., parcel of clothing; Crown Terrace Church, Aberdeen, Ladies' Working Society, per J. & A. G., large box of new clothing and boots; a Friend, 10s; E. M'A., in stamps, 5s; Dr M., Kirriemuir, £1; Legacy left by the late Thomas Biggart, Dalry, per J. S., for Glasgow Homes (£500) £250 (other half for City Home) Misses L., Lenzie, £1; Miss M., four pair stockings; Mrs H., £20; Mrs C., parcel of clothing; Mr M., Govan, quantity of fish; from T. & R., three castings; Port-Glasgow Working Boys and Girls' Religious Society, per D. M., £1 3s 2d; Mrs D., 7s 6d. The following donations have been sent in during last fortnight for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—A. C., Paisley, £2; A. A., per Rev. J. S., 10s; Nobody, £1; Mrs W., furniture, &c.; Miss A., Edinburgh, £1; Mrs K., parcels of papers and clothing; a Friend, "C," £1; J. T., £25; M'L. & Co., parcel of tea; stockings, &c., from Queen Anne Street U.P. Church Mission S.S., Dunfermline; Mr B., parcel of clothing; Mr W., Craignish, five bags potatoes; Legacy left by the late Thomas Biggart, Dalry, per J. S., £250; a Friend, 1s. The following donations have been sent in for Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—Legacy left by the late Thos. Biggart, Dalry, per J. S., £500; Mrs S., Aberdeen, per A. C. B., for "Aberdeen Home," £100.

June 4.—Miss M., £1; Miss M. S., 1 pair stockings; Markinch Mission Schools, per R. B., 9s 6d; R. S. & Sons, £1; Miss C., Ibroxholm, £1; a Friend, magazines; Mrs K., parcel of clothing; a Mother, 10s; T. M., for Cottage Homes, 5s; Mrs H., 6 knitted neckties and 5s; J. S., Paisley, pea flour, meal, &c., for Orphan Homes, Bridge of Weir; F. B. & Co., per W. H. L., quantity of pails, basins, and wire netting; from a Mother, £1; W. H. H., Kilwinning, 10s; Cardonald S.S., per J. F., 15s; "In memory of a dear sister gone home," £1; Mrs T., 6 pairs stockings; from the Young Ladies attending Mrs S.'s School, Dowanhill, per Miss R., £5 14s 10d; from Largs F.C. S.S., per J. M'Q., £2 10s; Two Friends, a thankoffering, 10s; R. A. B., £10 14s; from W., Greenock, 5s; a Friend, per Mrs R., Croydon, 10s; Whiteinch Free Church Bible Class, per G. L., £2 7s; Mrs B., Rothesay, two donkeys for Cottage Homes; a Friend at Noon Meeting, £2; First-fruits, 2s 6d; A. F. P., Alloa, per W. C. & Sons, £1; Mrs B., Largs, £1; Misses L., do., £2; Mrs H. K., £2; Miss R. B., do., 10s; J. G. S., do., 10s; L. T., do., £1. (The above sums from Largs were collected by Miss E.) Miss M'P., for Bibles, £1 5s; from Charlie and John, 2s 6d; H. B., Bibles for Girls going to Canada. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—One month's collection of the Stirling Working Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, £23s 11d; a Friend, parcel of clothing; Mrs M'L., parcel of clothing and 2s; Miss A., odds and ends; J. C., Aberdeen, £1; Mrs G., 5s; W. M., a feather bed; Mrs S., Partick, 5s; Linthouse S.S., per Mr M'G., £2; R. L., Aberdeen, 2s 6d; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 9s 4d; a Friend, per Mr M., £2; from a Friend, per Mrs S. G., Auchencairn, £1; "The Lord's Tenth," 8s; C. M'Q., Bunessan, 10s; made at weekly work party, per Mrs C., Kirkmaiden, Wigtownshire, "150 garments for the sake of those who helped me," "from an Old Herd," 5s; Miss H., Kintyre, £1; Mrs L., Campbeltown, 10s; Mrs M., do., 10s; Mrs C. C. G., do., 5s; J. R., do., 10s; Mrs C. M., do., 10s; Mrs M., do., 10s; Mrs R. C., do., 5s; Mrs W. M'N., do., 5s; Mrs D. C., do., 5s; Mrs D. C., do., 5s; W. H., do., 2s 6d; Mrs M., do., 2s 6d; Mrs B., do., 5s; Mrs W., do., 2s 6d; Mrs S. G., do., 10s; Mrs R. G., do., 5s; Mrs H., do., 5s; Mrs M'F., do., 2s; Mrs R., do., 5s; J. M., do., 5s; Mrs C., do., 5s; Mrs T., do., 5s; Miss M., 2s 6d; Mrs B., do., 10s; Mrs M'K., do., £1; Miss D., do., 3s; Mrs M'N., do., 10s; Mrs M., do., 5s; Mrs G., do., 5s; Mrs P., do., 5s; Mrs J. M., do., 5s; Mrs R. G., do., 5s; L. C., do., 5s; Miss M., do., 2s 6d; Mrs W., 10s; J. S., do., 10s; Mrs F., do., 5s; Mr M., do., 5s; Mr M'K., do., £2; Miss M'N., do., 2s 6d. (The above sums (in all £15) from Campbeltown, were collected by Miss M.) The following donation was sent for Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—Miss M., £25.

June 18.—Mr and Mrs C., per Mr S. G., Auchencairn, £1; from a little boy on his birthday, 2s 6d; Miss M. C. R.'s counter box, Helensburgh, per R. B., £1; from Kirkintilloch, £1; Miss L., Barkmay, Herts, 10s 6d; G. R., Dundee, £5; collected by children of Dowanvale Free Church, Partick, per D. S. R., 13s 6d; collected by the children of Lansdowne Congregational Sabbath School, to pay for a girl to Canada, £10; from Charity Cup Joint Committee of the Scottish Football Association, per P. M'N., £10; Leith Sabbath School and Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, per R. S., £1 0s 10d; W. C., £2; J. R., Paisley, £1; Mrs L., Lochwinnoch, £1; D. M. S., for emigration, £2 0s 8d; Mrs M., £2; W. B., Ecclefechan, £1; Mrs M., Campbeltown, box of books; Mrs F., £1; East Park Free Church Sabbath School, 5s; James' Street U.P. Church Sabbath School, Paisley, £4; Sighthill Free Church Sabbath School, £2 0s 6d; from Friends, Stirling, per Miss S., 3s 6d; Mrs H., 5s; Mrs P., Hamilton, £1; R. F., Anstruther, 10s; a Friend, parcel of stockings; a Friend, in stamps, for Bridge-of-Weir Homes, 2s 6d. The follow-

ing donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Miss W., Largs, clothing and hats; Miss L., Montrose, 1 bedcover; K. & Sons, 68 quarter loaves; from a Friend, with good wishes, per Miss S., Stirling, £1; from Charity Cup Joint Committee of the Scottish Football Association, per P. M'N., £10.

July 2.—Free St. Stephen's Sabbath School, £1 7s 6d; Thread Street U.P. Church Sabbath School, Paisley, per A. P. R., £4; "money of an only daughter gone to glory," £5; Miss B., for Cessnock Home, £1; Mrs. R., per A. F., £2; a Friend, Gourrock, £100; from Wigtown, £1; a Friend, £10; Miss H., Duntocher, quantity of books, &c.; Established Church Sabbath School, Dumbarton, per D. M. D., £1 8s; whip money, 3s; Mrs. S., Dalmuir, parcel of clothing; Mr. W., Bathgate, parcel of clothing; a Friend, Edinburgh, 5s; a Friend, do., 5s; whip money, 2s 6d; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £3 4s 4d; T. M., for Cottage Homes, 5s; Mrs. T., £1; from Hillhead, £1; from Campbeltown, £1; from "There," 10s; Mrs. T., 10s; N. M., £1; J. W., to take a boy to Canada, £10; W. B. H., Matlock Bridge, £1 1s; Mrs. M'N. and Daughter, Kilmelfort, £5; children of Annfield Mission, per R. C., 13s 3d; W. L., £1; Miss E., Largs, parcel of underclothing; G. S., Coatbridge, £5; a Friend, Largs, 4s; W. C., do., 5s; Mrs. R., do., 2s 6d; Misses B., do., 3s 6d; Mrs. D. P., do., 10s; Mrs. B., do., 5s; Mrs. J. C., do., 3s; Mrs. H., do., 5s; Mrs. G., do., 2s 6d; Mrs. W., do., 2s 6d; R. S., do., 5s; Mrs. A. J., do., 4s; Mrs. F., Paisley, 7s 6d; Mrs. H., do., 3s; M. E., Largs, £1—the above sums from Largs and Paisley (in all £4 2s 6d) were collected by Miss E.; two workers, £1; W. L., Paisley, £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Mr. G., Edinburgh, £1; a Friend, 10s; R. T., £1 5s; "Little Minnie," 2s 6d; Miss L., 6s; J. W., Stirling, £5; Mrs. B., Bothwell, parcel of clothing, &c.; Miss M., £1; Miss T., 7 pairs stockings; Mrs. M'F., 6½ quarter loaves; Miss J. A., Edinburgh, £4; from G. & F., Wishaw, 10s and a quantity of millinery, &c.; Mr. W., Craignish, 5 bags potatoes; A. B. K., £10; legacy by the late Mrs. Hannay, Whithorn, per J. S., £5; found in boxes in June, 15s 6d; Mrs. C., 2s 6d; a birthday gift from "Little T. E. M.," 2s 6d; Mrs. M., Pollokshields, parcel of clothing; W. F. B., 10s; Cambridge Hall Sabbath Forenoon Meeting, £1 3s; A. B., £1; Mrs. K., Hillhead, parcel of clothing.

July 16.—J. E., Hamburg, 3s; divided money, per Mr. L., £1 4s; Mr. S., £2; Mrs. S., £1; A. Q., £1 10s; R. R., Hamilton, £5; J. A., Bowling, £1; G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, 10s; from H., Kilwinning, box of sweets; Mrs. B., Paisley, clothing; W. J. T., 5s; W. M'L., Newton-Stewart, £1; from a Friend, 10s; R. L., Aberdeen, 2s 6d; Crossford Free Church, S.S., per Mr. O., £1 2s; Mrs. H., Jedburgh, £1 10s; from Ruthford Church, Aberdeen, children's service, junior division, per Mr. T., 10s 6d; Mrs. R., Aberdeen, 2s; Mrs. W., Bellahouston, parcel of clothing; a Friend, per G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, 2s 6d; Leather, £11 19s 6d; G. M. M., Rothesay postmark £1; balance of contributions at Conference of Bridge of Weir Christian Workers, £2; Mrs. A., £50; L. G., for Bridge of Weir Homes, 10s; from a member of Free St. Mary's, 5s; J. L., quantity of toys, &c.; Miss E., 6 chemises and 2 pairs socks, and £1; Mr. S., 3s 6d; A. P. L., Helensburgh, for Cottage Homes, £15; Mr. K., 5s; M. H. H., for emigration, £20; Mrs. D. M., Dundee £1; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 18s 5d; "Nobody," £2; Miss M., to help invalids, £1; M. J. M., Lesmahagow, 10s; Mrs. U., parcel of clothing and 2s 6d; Free Church Sabbath School, Laurencekirk, per J. C., 6s; "whip money," 3s 6d. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—From two friends, 6s; from Dorcas Meeting, Union Hall, parcel of clothing; from scholars and teachers of Free St. Clement's Sabbath School and Forenoon Meeting, Aberdeen, parcel of underclothing and socks made by the girls, per J. S., £50; Mrs. F., Rothesay, 10s; Annfield Mission Sabbath School, per J. G., 17s 4d. The following sums have been sent in for Orphan Home Building Fund:—Miss M., Aberdeen, for "Aberdeen Home," per Mrs. S., £1; Miss M. G. T. S., for do., 2s 6d.

July 30.—A Friend visiting Cottage Homes, £1; Cranstonhill U.P. Church Bible Class, per J. C., £1; T. M. (in stamps), for Cottage Homes, 5s; from a Friend, Ceres, Fife, per A. M., £1; another Friend, do., 2s 6d; Mr M., Govan, quantity of fish; from F. & G., Wishaw, 10s; from a Scotchman in London, who feels constrained to help now, £100; Miss H., Pollokshields, 10s; Mr. M., 10s; Oswald and Amy, Aberdeen, 5s; Miss E., socks and chemises, and £1; A. M., Greenock, £2; from Friends, Carnforth, to help two boys, per J. L. P., £16; D. J., a perambulator; W. J. G., £5; Mrs E., for girls' keep, £1; R. T., £4 4s; found in boxes in July at Cottage Homes, £7 8s 7d. The following donations have been sent in for City Home and Refuge Mission Work:—A Friend visiting in City Home, £1; E. D. D., Ayr, in stamps, 6s; W. R., Edinburgh, box of old clothing; "Give, and it shall be given unto you," £1 3s 10d; Mr B., small parcel; J. C., Inveraray, 10s; Wellpark Free Church S. S., Greenock, per Mr C., £3 17s 6d; A. F. & J. P., 10s; M'L & Co., parcel of tea and quantity of rice; G. K.,

London, parcel of tracts, &c., and £1 1s; from Alloa Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, per W. M., £1 6s.

August 13.—Miss B., Dunoon, £1; Anderston Gospel Temperance Meeting, £1 2s; a Friend, with Eccl. xi. 1, £1; from Campbeltown, £1; J. M., Rothesay, £5; H. B., Galashiels, £5; A. B., do., £1; two Workers, 10s; from Wigtown, £1; Major L., Madras, being balance of £10 to take a child to Canada, £2 9s; Greyfriars U.P. Church Religious Purposes Society, per P. L., £2; Mrs D., Dumbarton, £1; Baptist Church S.S. Rothesay, 10s 6d; Misses H., Mearns, parcel of clothing; Partick Free High Church S.S., £1; Shawlands Church Bible Class, 5s; a Friend, Bridge of Weir, gooseberries; a Friend, per Mrs S. G., Auchencairn, £1; W. M., Callander, £2; Miss W., St. Bees, per C. A., 5s; C. A., 10s; a Small Mite, P. M., Largs, £1; a Friend, in stamps, 2s 6d; Miss B. W., Arbutnot, 5s 4d; a Friend, per Miss A. M., Ceres, £1; sent as the Lord has blessed the sale of work, in stamps, 14s; E. A., Kilmarnock, £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Found in boxes for July, £1 6s 5d; D. R. M., £1; Mrs W., Stirling, £2; a Friend, parcel of pamphlets; Mrs A., Partick, parcel of clothing; a Friend, gooseberries; Miss M., £1; Mrs F., £1; Mr M'F., 20 quarter loaves.

August 27.—From Free St. George's Mission, children's church, Paisley, per J. W. P., 12s 9d; from a Friend, Govan, parcel of clothing and hats; Mrs. R., two dresses; from Loan, S.S., per Mrs. W. S., Tarduff, 18s 1d; Mission Box, Houston, per J. M. L., £1; Mrs. T., 8 pairs stockings; J. M. S., 4 pairs stockings; M. J. M., piece of tweed; A. C., 10s; Mr. H., 5s; D. M' A., £1; M. A. L., Ceres, 7s; A. S., Edinburgh, 10s; Mrs. C., 2s 6d; Miss M., £1; a Friend who intended leaving this sum in his will, but now thinks it best to be his own executor, £100; J. A., 8s 6d; Miss M., Stirling, 2 parcels shirts, socks, and chemises; M. W., £3 10s; D. M. S., for emigration, 19s 4d; Mr. S., Johnstone, to take two girls to Canada, £20; Miss E., Largs, £1, also set of silver ladies; J. Y. S., do., £1; Mrs. M., do., 6s; Miss B., do., 4s; N. M., jun., £1; Mrs. G., Wishaw, 10s; J. P., Tillicoultry, £10; "The goodness of the Lord endureth for ever," 10s; a Friend, Stirling, hamper of gooseberries. The following donations have been sent in during last fortnight for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—J. G. O., £50; Miss L., socks, furnishings, &c.; "The edging of the cloud with the silver lining," 10s; Mrs. K. H., Edinburgh, parcel of clothing; Mrs. F., Largs, per W. J. S., 10s; Mr. K., 8 quarter loaves; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 10s 3d; a Friend, 5s; T. L., 10s. The following has been sent in for Orphan Cottage Building Fund:—A Friend, Tillicoultry, being balance for "Ebenezer Home," £66 11s.

Sept. 10.—From Stirling, parcel of shirts and socks; Mrs. B. P. B. and Friend, Croydon, to take two children to Canada, £20; Mrs. S., Port-Glasgow, 7 pairs stockings; "In memory of a loved one gone home," 5s; "Forgotten Sheaf," £1; a thankoffering, £1; Mrs. R., 5s; Dr. M., 10s; from Cupar-Fife, with Psalm cxvi., 12, £1; Cambuslang Free Church S.S., £2 4s 6d; Miss K., Largs, £2; whip money, 4s; a Friend, London, for treat for children, £2; J. M., £5; children's box, Candleriggs Mission S.S., per A. M., £1 14s 6d; Wigtown, £1; whip money, 10s 6d; Mrs. F., Hawick, £2; R. L., Aberdeen, 2s; A. B. C., £1; two Friends, per Mrs. S. G., Auchencairn, 15s; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 9s 10d; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £1 13s 4d; A. B. K., £10; C. R., Cupar-Fife, 3s; from a Scotchman, £5. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Miss J., Liverpool, 10s; J. M., quantity of tea bread; The Boys, 8s 6d; J. M. H., Tayinloan, £20; found in boxes, £1 5s 6d; a little boy's saved money, 12s; C. A. R., £10; Mrs. K., perambulator, toys, &c.; G. and F., Wishaw, hats and hoods; A. P., parcel of tea; H. J. W., quantity of twine; Mrs. R., parcel of clothing, socks, &c. The following has been sent in for Orphan Cottage Home Building Fund:—From a Scotchman, being balance for "Washington Home," £95 0s 8d.

Sept. 24.—Mrs. C., Cove, £5; Scotch Independent Church S.S., 12s; W. A., £1; T. M. for Incurable's Home, 5s; "In memory of little Willie's birth day, Sept. 12th," £1; Miss H., Mearns, parcel of clothing; Mrs. G., £3; saved money from children in Leith, 2s; Mr. M., Port-Glasgow, £1; J. H., parcel of handkerchiefs; R. M'G., Moscow, £2; an Invalid, Cowcaddens, 10s; Mrs. U., 2s 6d; a Friend, 30 hares; Miss M., £1; a Friend, Cupar-Fife, £1; Mrs. D., Dumbarton, £1; A. C., Crosshill, £1; W. L., Joppa, £1; P. B. J., £1; "Amy's first gift to the orphans," Canada, 10s; Mr. H., Largs, per Miss E., £1; Senior Bible Class, South Hetton, per F. H., 12s; Mrs. W. M., 5s; A. H., per Dr. H., 10s; N. R. H., 5s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—A Friend in City Home, £1; J. B., Irvine, £1; from Young Men's Mission Institute, school slates, pencils, copy books, reading books, &c.; Mr. M' L., 10lbs. tea; from a friend, C., £2; G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, 10s; Miss J. S., Helensburgh, £1; W. B. C., quantity of clothing; Mrs. D., Dumbarton, 17 pairs socks; Free West Church

S.S., per C. B., 10s; the widow's box, 5s; Miss M' L., 5s; Mrs. H., 5s; Mrs. H., £1; J. H., £1.

October 8.—A. C., Grangemouth, £1; produce of garden, Parkhill, £3; Miss C., Ibrox Holm, £1; U.P. Church S.S., Mount Florida, per J. H. W., £1 4s 1d; Mrs. G., £1 and quantity of clothing; Established Church S.S., Innellan, per Miss D., £2 2s; Mrs. M., per J. H., 5s; Mrs. F., 4 pairs stockings; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £3 5s 3d; a Friend, Carnforth, per J. L. P., £1; A. C., Hillhead, for Cottage Homes, 10s; B. C., do., 10s; whip money, 2s; two workers, 10s; Miss M. A. T., Portobello, 5s; Miss E., Hillhead, £1; D. M'G., parcel of books; J. A., Uddingston, 9 pairs stockings; a Friend, 2 pairs stockings; Dudhope Free Church Sabbath School, Dundee, per J. R., 16s; two Friends, Johnstone, £2; a Lady, Kirkcaldy, per Mr. H., 7 chemises and 1 pair stockings; Miss B., Edinburgh, £1; Mrs. S., do., £5; from Margaret, serge and wincey; Mrs. A., £1; Mrs. D., £1; Miss M., Longniddry, £3; Drumfin S.S., per J. W., 9s; J. A., Edinburgh, £1; Little Peter, 2s 6d; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 11s 7d; M. M' M., Edinburgh, £6; J. P. T., Eday, Orkney, £1; from Wigtown, £1; R. M' D., £1 1s; J. A. B., Paisley, £10; Mrs. T. G., Canada, £1. The following have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Fund:—H. M., Wishaw, parcel of clothing; W. C., £2; an unknown Friend, £5; "Rohr," £5; Mrs. M'N., a dress and 2s; Mrs. H., Helensburgh, 8s; Mrs. M., girls' hats; a Friend, Lenzie, basket of fruit and vegetables; Mr. H., Edinburgh, 10s; C. and S., Annan, £2 10s; "For the Orphans," D., £1; Captain T., parcel of clothing; J. K. and S., 45 quarter loaves; Mrs. C., parcel of clothing; Mrs. C., box of periodicals; T. T., £10; commission on insurance, per C. A., £1 2s 6d; a Subscriber, odds and ends; from Cupar-Fife, "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," £1; found in boxes in Sept., £1 18s 8d; J. A. B., Paisley, £10. The following has been sent in for Orphan Cottage Home Building Fund:—P. S., Heathcot, per A. C. B., for "Aberdeen Home," £1.

October 22.—Miss S., £1; A. B., £1; Mrs. T., for Bridge of Weir Homes, £1; Miss E., Hillhead, £1; "An Old Shoeblack," New Zealand, £1; Mrs. F., £1; Mrs. M., £1; H. B., 2s 6d; "Perhaps more will follow," £1; Miss H., Pitlochry, £1; Miss C. M. A. S., per do., 10s; Miss E., Cellardyke, a box of clothing; F. West Congregational Church S.S., Airdrie, per W. G., 9s; J. J., Paisley, 1 cwt. Corn Flour, G. S., £50; T. M., in stamps, 10s; R. W., £1; Y. W. C. A., Glenluce, per Mrs. W., parcel of clothing; A Friend, a Jacket; J. L. G., registered letter, £10; Cardross Free Church S.S., per J. W. B., 5s 11d; Mrs. F., Alloa, 6s; From a Little Boy "in gratitude to God for His mercies in saving his life," 10s; A "Widow's Mite," Edinburgh, £2; Mrs. O., Alexandria, £20; Miss M. C. R.'s Counter Box, Helensburgh, per R. B., £1; A Friend, registered letter, Weston-super-Mare post mark, £1; Mrs. F., Duntocher, two parcels clothing; Mrs. H., Innellan, £1 and six pairs stockings; Miss M., £1. The following have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission work:—From Children's Church connected with Bristo U.P. Church, Edinburgh, per G. F. J., £2; two Workers, £1 4s; J. J., Paisley, 1 cwt. Corn Flour; "Give and it shall be given unto you," £1 7s 6d; J. K., £2; G. S., £50; A Friend, £100; J. R. W., Grangemouth, "for Jesus' sake," £2; Mrs. A., Edinburgh, £2; Miss A., do., £5; A. T., £1; Mrs. J., Millerston, quantity of baking apples; Mr. M'F., lot of breakfast rolls, &c.; Mrs. A., Edinburgh, parcel of shirts and stockings; A Friend, £1. The following have been sent in for Cottage Home Building Fund during the fortnight:—Q., Dumbartonshire, to enlarge play shed and offices of "Dumbartonshire Home," £100; J. B., Paisley, to build a cottage to be called "Paisley Home," £1300.

October 31.—Kilmarnock Boys and Girls' Religious Society, per W. A., £4 13s 2d; from John, Maggie, Jane, and George's missionary box, 6s; A Friend, 5s, for nuts for Halloween; C. T., £5; K. & M., £5; Mrs. A., £1; Mrs. C., Edinburgh, 12 pairs socks; W. A., Ayr, 10s; J. H., Johnstone, £1; A Thankoffering, Largs, £1; Bible Class, Dunfermline, per Miss M. S., 5s 3d; Little Windie's Thankoffering, Manchester, 2s 6d; A Lady Friend, do., £1; Friends, Aberdeen, a quantity of wincey; Mr. R., £1; Little Boys in the Country, £1; M. C., £1; Legacy by the late Miss W. S. Fleming, per A. Y., £10 10s; A Servant's mantelpiece box, 10s; Mrs. B., with best wishes, £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Fund since 22nd inst.:—A. H. E., Largs, lot of clothing; J. S., Blantyre, barrel of apples; Mrs. S., Gourcock, £2; "Nemo," £1; "Nemo," left at disposal, £50; Miss L., wool; Parkhead and Westmuir Bible Class, per J. H., 10s; L. B., 10s; Mrs. S., 2s 6d; A Friend, for work of rescue, £10; Mr. B., 23½ qr. loaves; W. J. S., a barrel of apples; Collections at City Hall and found in boxes at City Home in Oct., £21 0s 3d; Collected by the Children in the Bridge of Weir Homes throughout the year, and given to help their poorer brothers and sisters of the streets, £6 13s 3d.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND AND DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S EMIGRATION HOMES. Dr. ABSTRACT of CASH TRANSACTIONS, for the Year ending 31st October, 1881. Cr.

Oct. 31, 1880.	£1227	5	13
To Balance at date, being Cash on hand and in Bank,	£3565	4	7
Oct. 31, 1881.	21	9	0
To Donations and Legacies received during year,	85	0	0
" Found in Boxes at Cottage Homes during year,	144	10	0
" Rent of Niddingshill Farm and Lodge at Cessnock,	4	0	0
" Sums received from other Institutions for Expenses of 24 Children Emigrated to Canada,	14	19	4
" Sum paid back by a girl sent to Canada,	118	10	7
" Proceeds of Gifts, Photographs, and Sundry Articles,	28	3	2
" Wages earned by Boys,	3981	16	8
" Interest from Bank,			

Oct. 31, 1881.	£1084	5	3
By General Expenses of Eight Homes at Elmpark, Cessnock, and Bridge-of-Weir,	424	10	7
" Wages to Superintendents, Matrons, Kitchen Servants, &c.,	275	18	7
" Furniture, Alterations, Repairs, &c., during Year,	175	11	9½
" Rent, Taxes, and Insurance,	1116	7	1
" Emigration Expenses of 156 Children sent to Canada, Donations in Money to Miss Billbrough, Belleville Home, Canada,	325	0	0
" Reward Pennies to Children for Good Conduct,	30	16	9½
" Printing, Stationery, Postages, Photographs, and Advertising,	78	12	11
" Cost of Horse, Cart, Van, Harness, &c.,	83	18	0
" Medical Charges at Bridge-of-Weir Homes—Dr. Syme's Account,	21	3	6
By Cash in Union Bank on Deposit Receipt,	500	0	0
" do. do. on Current Account,	158	14	0
" Cash due by City of Glasgow Bank,	3	7	2
" Cash on Hand,	662	1	2
	30	16	1½
	£5209	1	9½

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* This Sum is specially for Emigration. ** Subject to Rents, &c., due on 11th November.

GLASGOW, 15th November, 1881.—I have audited the Books containing the Intrmissions of Mr. Quarrier for year ending 31st October, 1881, in connection with the Orphan Homes of Scotland and Destitute Children 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 with a balance on hand of Thirty Pounds Sixteen Shillings and One Penny Three Farthings, and the Sum of Six Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds One Shilling and Twopence in Bank.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

ORPHAN COTTAGE HOMES—BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Oct. 31, 1880.	£519	10	10
To Cash in City of Glasgow Bank at date,	59	19	5½
" on Hand,			
Oct. 31, 1881.	£3274	16	0
To Donations and Legacies received during year,	29	15	5
" Interest from Bank,	8804	11	5
	£8884	1	8½

Oct. 31, 1881.	£4052	7	6½
By Payments to sundry Tradesmen for work done during the year,	£3300	0	0
" Cash in Union Bank on Deposit Receipts,	1185	6	10
" " " on Current Account,	346	7	4
" " due by City of Glasgow Bank,	4831	14	2
	£8884	1	8½

* This balance will be absorbed by the Contracts already entered into for the Building of the Homes.

GLASGOW, 15th November, 1881.—I beg to certify that the Sum in Bank on 31st October, 1881, at the credit of the Building Account of the "Orphan Cottage Homes" amounts, as stated above, to Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-one Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Twopence.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

CITY ORPHAN HOME REFUGE AND MISSION.

Dr. ABSTRACT of CASH TRANSACTIONS for the Year ending 31st October, 1881. Cr.

Oct. 31, 1880.	£79	12	0
To Balance at date, being Cash on hand and in Bank,	£1587	12	9½
Oct. 31, 1881.	719	19	10
To Donations and Legacies received during year,	51	14	5½
" Collections at City Hall Meetings, and found in Boxes at Homes,	49	9	1½
" Proceeds of Soree Tickets, Gifts, and Sundry Articles,	0	14	9
" Interest from Bank,	2409	10	11½

Oct. 31, 1881.	£1444	8	6
By General Expenses of City Home and Refuge, Food, &c.,	212	5	2
" Wages to Superintendents, Matrons, Kitchen Servants, &c.,	165	11	8½
" Ground-Annual, Taxes, and Insurance,	98	19	8
" Furniture, Alterations, and Repairs,	£34	8	6
" Cost of Repairing Damage done by Fire,	70	0	0
" Less received from Westminster Fire Insurance Company,	14	8	6
" Relief given to Necessitous Cases, Funerals of Poor Persons, Street Children's Annual Treat and Tea Meetings,	73	12	7
" Premiums of One Penny per Shilling to Working Boys on Wages, and Reward Pennies for Good Conduct,	75	5	11½
" Evangelistic Expenses, including Rent of Halls, Payment of Evangelists, Tracts, Advertising, &c.,	132	3	4
" Cash in Clydesdale Bank on Current Account,	242	15	8
" Cash on hand,	29	11	10½
	272	7	6½
	£2489	2	11½

* This Balance is subject to Half-year's Ground Annual, £78 15s., due 11th Nov.

GLASGOW, 15th November, 1881.—I have audited the Books containing the Intrmissions for year ending 31st October, 1881, in connection with the City Orphan Home Refuge and Mission, compared the Vouchers, and find all correct, closing with a balance on hand of Twenty-nine Pounds Eleven Shillings and Tenpence Halfpenny, and the sum of Two Hundred and Forty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Eightpence in Bank.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

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

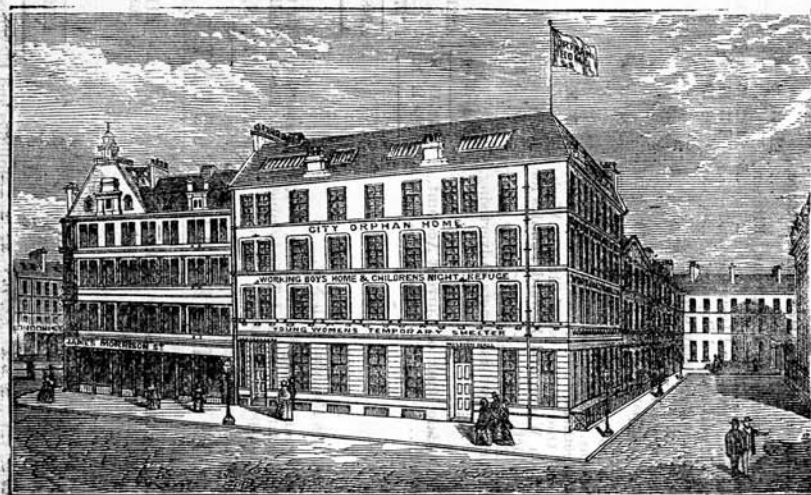
Oct. 31, 1880.	£115	5	3
To Balance at date, being Cash in Bank,	£100	0	0
Oct. 31, 1881.	4	7	1
To Donation received,	104	7	1
" Interest from Bank,	£219	12	4

Oct. 31, 1881.	£211	5	11
By Amount due by City of Glasgow Bank,	208	6	5
" Cash in Union Bank on Deposit Receipt,			

GLASGOW, 15th November, 1881.—This Account is correct, and closes at 31st October, 1881, with a balance of Eleven Pounds Five Shillings and Elevenpence due by City of Glasgow Bank, and Two Hundred and Eight Pounds Six Shillings and Fivepence on Deposit Receipt with the Union Bank.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

CITY HOME REFUGE AND MISSION.



AMONGST the voluntary institutions of our country for the helping of the helpless, there are few that do so in as many varied ways as the above. Standing in a locality where want and misery abound, with its doors open night and day, it assists the class for which the building was given. At the beginning of the work, those who wanted help and advice from us came to my place of business and to my own private house; but when the City Home was built, we set apart one hour a day, when we could be consulted there. At that time that was sufficient, but during the past year it has taken, on an average, two hours a day to deal with, advise, and help the needy ones who have come. A friend, sitting in the office the other day, remarked that it reminded him of the children of Israel coming to Moses in the camp with their complaints to get advice and comfort.

It is no easy matter to continue from day to day, and from month to month, hearing the tales of sin, sorrow, suffering, and wrong which are brought before us; and were it not for the daily supply of wisdom, patience, and sympathy that the Lord gives, the poor instrument would have broken down long ago. We sometimes think of the advice given to Moses by his friends, that he should divide his work, and question if he were relieved, or the work better done, by adopting it. Many say we ought to divide our work with others; but although we avail ourselves of the help of those who are willing hearted, there are certain pieces of work which one cannot give over to another. Besides all have not the time nor the experience, nor compassion, necessary to deal with the ignorant, the erring, and the sinning. The help given by the workers in the Home and others we value most highly, as, but for their co-operation, one-tenth of the work could never have been accomplished. We are praying that the Lord will raise up others who will not only give their spare time,

but themselves to the work, and be willing to take whatever place God sees fit to give them.

Those who give to the work, and those who pray for it, combine with the workers to make it a success, and all will have their reward. The donations that come day by day speak to us of the interest of God's children in the work, as well as of His knowledge of our needs, and we would seek to see in all the hand and favour of Him who gave His life for us, that we in return might give our life for others. One of the branches of the work, in connection with the above, is the

YOUNG WOMEN'S HOME,

which is the first preventive one in our city for the helping of young women, from 14 to 25, who are in danger of being led astray. It provides a shelter for servants who have been thrown out of a situation and are destitute, having no means to keep them; and we also take in girls who have never been trained to work, and teach them house work, sewing, &c., fitting them to be servants. On leaving the Home for situations, we provide them with an outfit, and thus put them in the way of helping themselves. The following are a few of those helped by this branch of the work during the year:—

M. H.—Shortly after her mother's death, a year ago, the inhuman father left her in company with another woman. Mary then went to an aunt—whose husband is undergoing a term at Perth Penitentiary—now cohabiting with a low fellow, who beat and abused Mary while living on her earnings at stick selling. She has also been very ill-used by the aunt; and, brought up in the midst of vice, in its most revolting aspects, would have no chance of doing any better than her cousin, who is now on the streets. Mary often slept on stairs, rather than return to the miserable den she had to call home.

J. M'M., 17 years.—Father—a confirmed drunkard—ran through a considerable sum of money left him, in a very short time; and mother, who is also a poor sot, would have “smashed J.'s brains out” had the friend, who brought her here, not gone to the rescue. Two brothers have had to seek a house elsewhere, and an elder sister—a clever and educated girl of 22—drowned herself in the canal four or five years ago, driven to despair by harsh treatment, and the utterly hopeless state of affairs at home.

J. S., 15 years.—Since the mother's death, a year ago, the father, a quay labourer, has only been in lodgings, and such a poor miserable wretch is he, that, not content with his own earnings, he has taken all he could from Jane, and several times even pawned her boots and clothes for drink.

J. S., 15 years.—Was sent to us by a friend in Edinburgh, as entirely beyond the mother's control, but no wonder, when we think of her upbringing by parents, who, although once respectable, have fallen into the lowest depths through drink, the mother pleading in extenuation of her own crime the long continued and terribly harsh treatment of her husband. Recently he broke nine of her ribs, and cut her face dreadfully.

The Home also provides accommodation for

WORKING BOYS

from 13 to 18, who have no home, nor friends able or willing to look after them. This is a class above all others the most difficult to manage, for, in many cases, before coming under our care, they have been allowed to do pretty much as they liked, and have learned to deceive by being deceived. It seems almost impossible to make them believe we act from distinterested motives, and although they may be starving and utterly destitute when they come to us, as soon as they begin to earn a

few shillings they act as if they kept us instead of us keeping them. When tried by such ingratitude, we are led to remember our own ingratitude to God, and that helps us to bear and forbear with those who so sorely try us. The following are from our History Book, and show the characters of some taken in :—

T. H., 14 years.—Was taken in 2 years ago and only remained a day. Now the aunt who harboured him sadly regrets her folly, her husband positively forbidding him to cross his door, he has proved so self-willed and disobedient.

H. M., 14 years.—Travelled all over the country with his father, who has a show, but got tired of that sort of life, and has been sleeping in a stable for several nights back. Since the mother's death, 18 months ago, the other members of the family have been working for themselves, with the exception of two sisters who still accompany the father.

J. M'L., 14 years.—Deprived of mother when 6 days old, and father, 8 years ago, was sent by Parochial Board to the country. Can neither read nor write, and has no friend who can help him in any way, his only brother being barely able to push for himself.

W. T., 15 years.—Born and remained in Calcutta till 8 years of age, and it is now nearly two years since sent adrift by reputed father. Was twice in the Home before, but suffered so great privation during last absence that he was here a dozen times begging to get one chance more.

J. M'F., 18 years.—Also in for a third trial. Left when a mere child with a drunken, immoral mother, in a low locality. His early training was most unpropitious, and need we wonder, with all the care and vigilance which can be exercised, that seeds of vice so plentifully sown in childhood should spring forth now? Had he not been provided with medical skill (as well as food and shelter sometimes) when out of the Home last winter he would not have been alive to-day.

In addition to these two branches, there is the

CHILDREN'S NIGHT REFUGE,

where children from two to thirteen, who may be found sleeping out, or otherwise, may be brought at any hour of the day or night. During the year a great many of this class have been helped, their cases enquired into, and the children dealt with accordingly. We keep them in the Home until we find whether they have friends able to take them, and if so, we return the children. In this way we have been the means of gladdening many a mother's heart, made sad by her child running away.

Older ones, above the age mentioned, we lodge outside until enquiry is made, and then, if found suitable, we take them into the Homes. We would repeat again that we will gladly assist any friend who may find such cases, if they will only be at the trouble to bring them to us. It is too often the case that people, to save themselves trouble, give a child a penny, and think no more about it; whereas, if they would only follow the case up they might be the means of saving the child from being lost to society. The following cases are specimens of many helped :—

J. R., 9 years.—Persistently stuck to a fabrication of lies, and after father and mother were found and he was handed over to them he returned or was brought back at all hours of the night on eight other occasions, but his parents being Roman Catholics preferred seeing him go to ruin than be trained here, and the Magistrate's power—before whom he was brought—was apparently limited to sending him to the Poorhouse, from which he was just handed back to the parents as usual.

J. C., 14 years.—Parents only discovered after corresponding with people in half-a-dozen places.

W. W., 12 years.—Found sleeping in a closet. Found his story about parents' death utterly false.

J. M'M., 11 years, about whom a paragraph appeared in *Evening Times* of 26th April, was sent 4 years to Industrial School at Paisley, as being beyond parents' control.

J. L., 15 years.—Said parents were dead, and an aunt with whom she was residing off to Australia, so was taken on trial, but through correspondence the sorrowing parents were discovered, and right thankful to God the good Christian people were for their daughter's restoration.

The fourth branch of this part of the work is the

EVANGELISTIC AND MISSION WORK.

In all true Christian work the Gospel must have its place, or the work will lack the essential power to lift up those we seek to help out of sin and misery into the favour and friendship of God. The various churches throughout the city have their own work, and try in various ways to bring in the wanderers; but while they do that, there are tens, I might say hundreds, of thousands of our population who seldom enter a church door. With such a state of affairs what we need is, that every follower of the Lord Jesus should do all in his or her power to bring the Gospel within the reach of those who will not come to seek it for themselves. The difficulty does not lie so much in the greatness of the field or in the feebleness of the efforts put forth, as in the want of faith on the part of those whom God commands to preach the Gospel to the lost. The heathen ignorance and terrible indifference of those whose immortal souls must live for ever either in heaven or in hell, demand that greater sacrifice should be made to reach them ere it be too late. The old commandment still stands unrepealed, "*Compel* them to come in that my house may be filled." Our method in the past has been to engage tried evangelists, whom God has used in other parts of the country, to reach the class of non-church goers among whom our work principally lies. It has been our privilege, during the past year, to have three of these servants of the Lord preaching in our own hall, in the City Hall, and other places. In January, George Hughes, of London, was with us for a fortnight, and after him, Henry Holloway, of Manchester, who has been owned of God amongst the lowest class of society.

In April and May, George Williams laboured with us with great acceptance, and after an absence of five months in the United States and Canada, has returned to work as our evangelist for the winter. During the month of October the gospel has been preached nightly by him in our own Hall, and in the City Hall on Sabbath evenings, to large audiences. Besides these special efforts, we have held a meeting for boys and girls every Sabbath morning, and during last month one in the evening also. Hundreds have been converted through these instrumentalities, and we have no doubt we shall meet in the Church above very many who have at these meetings been brought to the Saviour. Not only have we seen many cases of single individuals, but of whole families brought into light and liberty through the Gospel. The mission we seek to conduct is unsectarian in its character, our sole aim being to win souls for the Master, whose we are, and whom we serve.

EXTRACTS FROM OUR HISTORY BOOK.

M. M., 13 years.—Decoyed from Elmpark by foster brother, before children sailed for Canada last year, and by him taken to a shebeen, and kept hid away for some time. Is only too pleased to get another chance. Mother at Perth on a 12-year term.

R. E., 11 years.—Another, who has learned how foolish it is to be led by relatives sometimes; for since she was persuaded to leave the Home she has been very much knocked about, and had she not been received here again there was no alternative but the Poorhouse.

J. F., 13 years.—In this Home, from 1877 to 1879, when mother took him out, to please a Roman Catholic friend, who apparently had no other object than his removal from the Christian training he would get here, and when that purpose was accomplished let him drift where he liked. His mother and stepfather lead an awful life, constantly drinking and fighting when together, and alternately leaving each other and their children.

A. J. T., 13 years.—Came here under a false name, and telling lies about her friends. Found father to be a man who had made a bad bargain by taking a second wife from behind a public-house bar; so that at home Annie saw and heard nothing but what was vile and offensive, and was often sent by stepmother to beg.

J. M., 6 years.—Adopted by a lady, whose husband squandered all her means drinking and gambling, thus compelling her to leave him, go into service, and part with James.

S. and J. F., 9 and 6.—Father a Christian man, but consumptive for twenty years; received such a shock by his wife's removal to Lenzie Asylum—for lunacy brought on by drink—that he died from the effects of it.

T. B., 12 years.—Mother drowned herself three years ago, owing to the cruel treatment of her second husband when the worse of drink, which occurred very often. She has been sleeping on stairs and in cellars for weeks past.

M. C., 12 years.—Hawked the country as far as Fort-William with a blind woman, to whom her mother, a poor inebriate, had handed her over; but while there the old woman got "drunk and disorderly," and Mary left her in charge of the police.

R., J., M., and C. J., 16, 10, 8, and 5 years.—Deserted by father 7 years ago. Mother died of consumption, induced by privation and want.

J. and J. L., 9 and 5 years.—Mother died a victim to intemperance, and father a hopeless lunatic.

M. and A. T., 6 and 3 years.—Father died at sea, and mother is anxious to remove them not only from the want and misery, but also the bad locality and associations, her poverty has driven her into.

J. S., E. B., J. K., and J. S., 13, 10, 8, and 7 years.—Left penniless at father's death, 5 years ago, but helped along by the liberality of neighbours, until the mother's death, before which she expressed a desire that they should be placed in Mr. Quarrier's Homes.

K. D., 13 years.—Brought here by a friend, who could scarcely believe that such deception as Katy was detected in could be practised by one so young. Given back to father, but again found begging on the streets by Mr. Quarrier, and taken in here, as only hope of rescue from a life of shame.

J. B., 11 years.—Mother has been for a year in Poorhouse Hospital, and father very dissipated, often turning the children out when he came home drunk. John has got acquainted with a number of bad boys, and is beyond such control as was exercised at home.

E. and J. D., 8 and 5.—Parents never married, and these last few years the mother has led a terrible life of debauchery and misery.

J., T., and W. M., 10, 9, and 5 years.—Father died in Poorhouse, and mother has still three children to support.

A. and M. T., 13 and 11 years.—Mother died of consumption 5 years ago, and father was carried to a drunkard's grave last year.

W. and T. G., 8 and 6.—Father, six years an invalid, died 12 months ago, and since then the mother, a married daughter, her husband, and these two children, have been living in a single apartment.

W., I., and E. C., 9, 7, and 5 years.—The children of a sergeant of police, who dropped dead at the foot of his own stair, leaving his second wife all she can manage in a baby only a few months old.

SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S WORK.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR.—The year commenced with 103 children; 90 new cases were received from the City Home, making a total of 193. They are accounted for as follows:—Sent to Canada, 26; sent to City Home, 5; ran away, 1—leaving at present in the Home, 161.

CESSNOCK AND ELMARK HOMES.—The year commenced with 95 in the Homes; 157 new cases were received from the City Home, making a total of 252. They are accounted for as follows:—Sent to Canada, 99; to service, 3; adopted, 1; to Bridge-of-Weir, 1; to City Home, 1; returned to friends, 20; dismissed, 2; ran away, 4—leaving at present in the Homes 121.

CITY ORPHAN HOME.—The year commenced with 77 in the Home—56 boys and 21 girls. During the year we have taken in 281 boys and 204 girls, making a total of 562. These are accounted for in the following:—

I. Boys.—105 were sent to Cessnock and Elmpark Homes, Govan Road; 58 to the Orphan Homes, Bridge-of-Weir; 10 went to lodgings, having sufficient wages to maintain themselves; 4 were sent to Canada; 1 to country service; 1 to the Mars Training Ship; 1 died; 4 were handed to the Parochial Board; 1 was sent to the Deaf and Dumb Asylum; 3 were dismissed; 6 absconded with wages; 10 left of their own accord; 71 casuals were returned to their relatives and friends in various towns besides Glasgow, namely, Dublin, Belfast, Londonderry, Liverpool, Leeds, Manchester, Carlisle, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Wishaw, Paisley, Greenock, Falkirk, Coatbridge, Airdrie, &c.—leaving in the Home 65.

II. Girls.—52 were sent to Elmpark Home, Govan Road; 32 to the Orphan Homes, Bridge-of-Weir; 42 to service (besides these 15 others were helped into situations); 1 was adopted; 3 were sent to Canada; 2 went to lodgings; 1 was dismissed; 5 left of their own accord; 1 was sent to City Poorhouse; 60 were returned to their relatives and friends in various towns, as above—leaving in the Home, 26.

During the year we have permanently helped 564 children, and in the same time temporary assistance has been given to 204 casuals, giving a total of 768 who have passed through the Homes.

In the same time over 200 evangelistic meetings were held, with an attendance of from 100 to 500, in our own Hall, and in the City Hall, of from 2000 to 3000. Band of Hope meetings for children were also conducted. Services were held in lodging-houses, and thousands of tracts were distributed.

OUTSIDE WORK.—Besides those helped in the Home, about 2500 men, women, and children in different stages of destitution and distress received advice or assistance at the City Home. For 40 of these we are 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. 500 nights' lodging were paid for needy houseless ones in the Model Lodging-houses; many widows and others had assistance to pay rent and were otherwise helped.

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, £3837 6s. 8d.; for the City Home Refuge and Mission, including £720 earned by boys, £2409 10s. 11½d.; and for Orphan Cottage Home Building Fund, £8304 11s. 5d.—the total amount for all purposes being £14,655 13s. 7½d., besides quantities of clothing and provisions. This amount, although larger than we have received in any previous year, has all been needed, as the work has increased, and for the year to come we will need still more. We will require from £6000 to £8000 for the maintenance of the Govan Road and Bridge-of-Weir Homes, and from £2000 to £3000 for the City Home Refuge and Mission, besides money to build the Training Ship and put in order the grounds, roads, &c., at Bridge-of-Weir. The money on hand for the buildings is all contracted for, and that for the maintenance is comparatively small, as a glance at the balance sheet will shew, so we have to trust the Lord for the future of the work, as we did at the beginning. Our prayer to Him is that He will hold up our goings in His statutes that our footsteps slide not, and we ask our fellow-helpers to pray with us that He may be glorified in all we undertake for Him in the coming year. The work accomplished, placed alongside other works, may seem great, but while we are truly glad at what has been done, we feel sad at heart at the great sea of suffering around us which as yet seems untouched.

The Ground Annual of £3200 on the City Home is still a burden. We praise God for another £100 sent towards the lessening of it, and pray that He may send the £3000 still required to remove it altogether, as well as all the necessary supplies for the doing of His own work.

SPIRITUAL RESULTS OF THE WORK.

THE spiritual results of the evangelistic work have been very encouraging throughout the year; and while it is not desirable to give numbers, we would state that many of the churches have added not a few to their membership as the result of services held in connection with the Mission. For the results among the children we have every reason to praise God. The following letters from the workers in the various Homes will be read with interest by our friends:—

WORKING BOYS AND YOUNG WOMEN'S HOME, JAMES MORRISON STREET.

Amongst our boys and girls we have those whom God has chosen and called, and who, according to their light, abilities, and opportunities, are striving to render a loving service to Jesus.

We thank God that during the year many girls who were found without a friend or a farthing, have not only been placed in positions where they can maintain themselves respectably, but during their sojourn with us been led to know the Sinner's Friend, through whom they have become "heirs of all things," "Having the promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come." Considering the snares and temptations a great city like ours presents to the young and inexperienced, how blessed that they should have the Holy Spirit as their unerring Counsellor, and Jesus as their ever-living, never-changing Friend!

In some of our boys also there has been a marked change—a mere "name to live" not being sufficient either for companions in the Home, or their shopmates and fellow-workmen. While we rejoice in the progress they make at their various trades, infinitely more do we glory in every soul "created anew in Christ Jesus;"

for, apart from spiritual blessings, we believe the Christianity which will not make a better companion and more faithful workman is not worthy of the name.

Many are still careless. Will our friends remember us very specially in prayer, for our boys are fast approaching manhood, and have daily to associate with the ungodly; and since our girls are but a short season with us, our great desire is that ere they leave they should know the Lord, "whom to know is life eternal"?

One of our working boys has been called from earth during the year. On being sent from the Infirmary as incurable, he was taken into the Home, and during his protracted illness nursed and attended patiently and lovingly, some of his companions sitting up with him night after night. He suffered very little pain, and, although reduced to a mere skeleton, retained his strength wonderfully, and was conscious to the last moment.

The stolid indifference with which this poor lad listened to the loving messages of grace from all who spoke to him but too clearly proves the awful folly of trifling with matters of eternal moment, and that *sickness* does not bring *repentance*, nor the near approach of death fitness for the reception of the Gospel. A friend was at his bedside a few minutes before he died, but could get no definite answer to his inquiries, or response to his entreaties, although the sad characteristics of the whole of his illness—concern for the body and hope of recovery—were displayed in his last words. God forbid that a death with so little hope may ever occur in any of these Homes again! And to this end may all His servants be made more faithful, prayerful, and believing. This exceptionally sad death has been blessed of God to the salvation of several in the Home.

BOYS' HOME, GOVAN ROAD.

Since my connection with Cessnock Emigration Home, I have had great cause to praise God for His marvellous doings among the children with regard to the change in their outward deportment, and also with regard to the work of grace which undoubtedly has begun with a number of them. Regarding the outward change, I may state that the majority of the cases were self-willed and seemingly incorrigible, leading one to ask—"Is it possible to make anything of such a boy?" I answer, from a short experience, that it is quite possible to wean them off their former courses (which manifestly would lead them from one degree of evil to another, if they were allowed to continue in them), and to put them on a fair way wherein they may grow up and become honourable men in the sphere of life in which God is pleased to place them.

I think our Cessnock boys are the happiest boys I ever knew. They are really at home. To prove this I will mention one case—that of J—M—. Poor fellow! when he heard that his mother was for taking him, his countenance changed, and the tears ran down his cheeks at the thought of leaving comfort and going back again to misery. I shall never forget his parting look. Undoubtedly we are troubled with boys running away, but these are invariably new-comers. Before we could say so much for the boys they required training, and God knows it is hard work; but it is His work, and His grace has always been sufficient. I have also to mention a few things regarding the work of grace which has begun in a number of the boys.

As I know it is your yearning desire to see your little ones brought to the feet of the Saviour, I can the more freely write to you on this matter. I may state that Brother McF—, my wife, and myself were in unison regarding the conversion of the boys. God gave the prayer, God gave the confidence, and God gave us to see His arm made bare amongst them. The first manifest moving of the Spirit of God was in the case of A—A—. When he was brought to the Home he did not like the idea of being under restraint, so ran off. On being returned he was sent to his room, where he was spoken to about his ingratitude to God and to those who took an interest in his well-being. A few days passed by, when after worship one morning, to my joy, I found him an anxious inquirer. I trust I shall spend eternity with him in heaven. Things went on quietly then till Sabbath, 16th ult., an evening which I shall never forget. After the Bible reading was over, the Spirit of God came down with such power upon us that almost all the boys were moved. All I could say as I stood amongst them was to declare God's message that "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth from all sin," and "being justified by faith, we have peace with God." There was no

time for long conversation with them. The Spirit of God was bringing them to life, and the stone had to be rolled away and the graveclothes taken off.

It would give you unbounded pleasure to hear those dear lads making known their requests to God in their prayer meeting, which they now have every morning before coming down stairs. There were two boys specially remembered by them, and one of them, to my great joy, came to me last night, under deep conviction of sin which he had been labouring under for some weeks. He was brought to the point by a dream which the other had, who thought he had fallen into hell. This was too much for him to bear in his present state of mind, so he determined to seek and find mercy and pardon through Jesus. I pointed him to Christ through the word, and to all appearance he has embraced the Saviour, while his companion is still impenitent. From this case I see that the Lord is still working with us. We are looking for the conversion of all the boys. May God make us more faithful in the performance of our duty with regard to the daily work as well as with regard to spiritual things—hearing the Master say to us, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of those, My little ones, ye have done it unto Me."

GIRLS' HOME, GOVAN ROAD.

Our family at Elmpark is a happy one. Working amongst them, it is difficult to believe that the little ones have been rescued from the deepest want and misery. Not only have they been gathered into this comfortable Home, but we believe that many of them have been brought into the fold of the Good Shepherd. During the past year the Lord, by His Spirit, has been manifestly working in our midst in turning many of their hearts unto Himself. There has been a deep conviction of sin among them, and not a few are now giving evidence that their repentance has been unto life.

Katy D— was once a little paperseller on the street, and had run away from her home several times. She was found by us, and taken into the Home, which, we believe, has been the saving of her, both bodily and spiritually. Not long after she was truly brought to trust in Jesus as her own Saviour, and now her bright, happy, consistent life shows that the change has been real. Her one desire seems to be to live for Jesus and to bring the others to know Him whom she has found. But for the shelter of the Home, we fear this little one must have perished, for, when brought to us, she was suffering from bronchitis, and only by the greatest care and God's blessing has she been brought through. We trust that she may be long spared to witness for her Saviour; but should the summons come for her to go home, she is ready and willing to go at any moment.

A number of the other girls, we believe, have also been truly born again, and their anxiety for the salvation of the others is very pleasing. It does one good to gather with them at their own Prayer Meeting, and to hear those who are saved praising God for what He has done for them, and pleading with Him that their unsaved brothers and sisters may be brought to know Jesus as their Saviour too. Surely "out of the mouths of babes and sucklings Thou hast perfected praise."

Our aim as workers is to bring the children to Christ. Should we fail in this, we come short of the work the Master has given us to do. We do praise God for the abundant fruit of our labours, which He has permitted us to see in the lives of many of the children, and that which we have not seen we would by faith cast as bread upon the waters, which we shall find even though it be after many days.

BRIDGE-OF-WEIR HOMES.

We have to praise God that during the year not a few of the children here have given evidence of the working of His Spirit in their hearts. On several occasions, at the close of the usual Sabbath services, when an invitation was given to those who wished to decide for Christ to remain behind, quite a number did so. They were spoken to by the friends present, and many of them professed to accept the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. Their childish faith is very simple, and sometimes we older people may be prone to doubt the reality of it; but when they continue to show by their words and lives that they do belong to Jesus, we cannot doubt longer, remembering the words of the Master Himself: "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Friends who come down to address the meetings on Sabbaths frequently speak of the clearness of the children's answers to questions as to their position in God's sight, and of the marked attention they all give to the speaker. We seek not only to train the children for the life that now is, but also for the life to come, and we would ask prayer that not one may be wanting in that day when the Lord cometh to make up His jewels.

We ask earnest prayer for all the workers and ourselves, that we may be enabled to lead every child who comes under our care to the Saviour, "whose we are, and whom we seek to serve."

In the early morning one is doubtful as to what sort of day it may be, but when the sun has risen and with his rays dispelled all the mists and brightened everything, we can say, What a beautiful day it is! So in our work in the past year, the difficulties we feared in the early part of it have disappeared, and at its close we have to say "There hath not failed one thing of all that the Lord our God hath spoken." In looking forward on the year to come and the work we are hoping to be privileged to do, we see that our needs will be greater than ever before. For the maintenance of the 373 we begin the year with we require £500 a month, but as our intention is to add from one to two hundred to the permanent number in the Homes, that will mean about £2,000 more for maintenance; or, in other words, from £6,000 to £8,000 in the coming year. When the Homes are in full operation, and we have 600 children in them permanently besides placing out 400 others in the year, we will require a yearly income of upwards of £10,000. Is there anything too hard for the Lord? We believe not. In such an undertaking we must be sure that the work is the Lord's, and that He has called us to do it, and then, remembering His promises, we can with confidence ask for the things we have need of. Some say, What an amount of work is being done nowadays! It is true that there is, and we believe God is opening the eyes of His children to see the need that exists and their obligation to Him who has said, "Freely ye have received, freely give." We feel sure God will not fail us, and are encouraged to hope that His stewards who delight to honour Him with their substance will consider it a privilege to help His little ones and further a work on which He has conferred so much blessing in the past.

We are grateful to God for all the helpers in the various Homes who seek to do their work for Jesus, and for the assistance of our friends Mr. Hunter and Mr. Stewart. For the work accomplished during the past year we are, under God, indebted to the practical generosity of friends throughout the country; to ministers, evangelists and others who have aided in the gospel work; to Sabbath-school superintendents, teachers, and scholars; to ladies who have made up garments and sent them in for our little ones; to medical friends who have visited the various Homes and given advice gratuitously; to the accountant who audits the books; to the friend who provides buses for the children when required; to the Press which has given occasional notices of the work; and to the proprietors of *The North British Daily Mail*, who from the first have given a place in their columns for our fortnightly letter acknowledging donations. May everyone who has in any way helped on the work hear the Master say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Never was there a time in the history of the work when there was more need of extending its usefulness than at present. Nor was there ever a time in the history of the Church when there was more need for her members to bear witness for Him who hath bought them with His own precious blood. It is by works of faith and labours of love that the scepticism of the day is to be overcome, or, in other words, that "by well doing we may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men." May each one hear Him say, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

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."

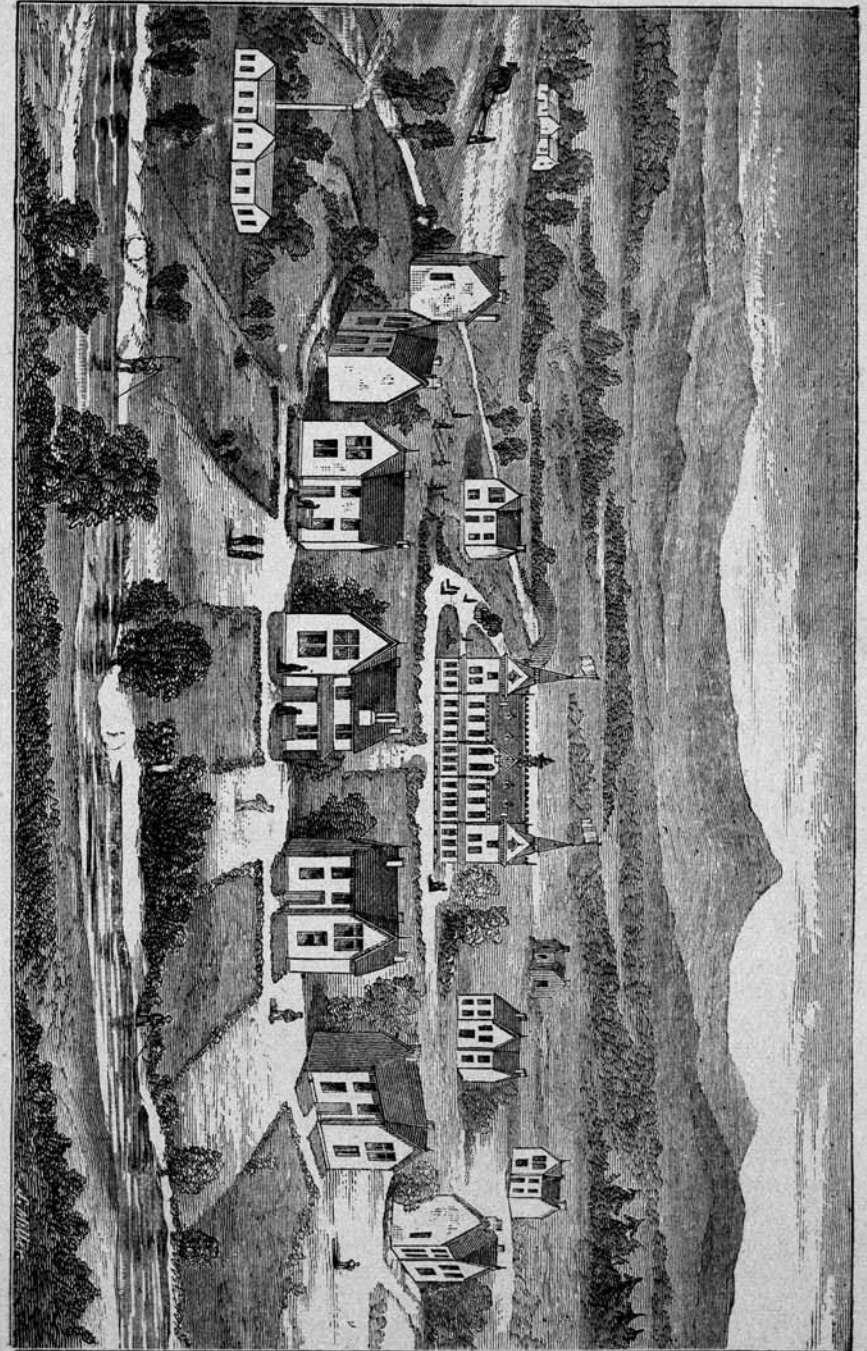
To prevent mistakes and delay, all letters relating to the Homes should be addressed to my house, 318 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow. Cheques and orders to be made payable to WILLIAM QUARRIER. If more convenient, donations can be paid into the Union Bank of Scotland, 174 Argyle Street. Clothing, provisions, &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,
GLASGOW, 1st November, 1881.

This Woodcut gives a fair view of the landscape around the Estate the Cottages are built on.—The high hill in back ground is the Mistslaw, and the River Gryffe is in front.



CLASSES OF CHILDREN ADMITTED INTO THE HOMES.

ORPHAN COTTAGE HOMES, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR.—Orphans who are destitute and in good health, from 1 to 12 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 4 to 14.

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 the City Orphan Home, James Morrison Street, off London Street, at 4 o'clock P.M., every day (Saturday 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.

THE ORPHAN COTTAGE HOMES OF SCOTLAND, situated at Bridge-of-Weir, Renfrewshire, now comprise the following buildings:—

1. CENTRAL BUILDING, in which are Church, Schoolroom, Storerooms, &c.
2. No. 1 COTTAGE, named "Broadfield Home."
3. No. 2 COTTAGE, named "Glasgow Home."
4. No. 3 COTTAGE, named "Dalry Home."
5. No. 4 COTTAGE, named "Dumbartonshire Home."
6. No. 5 COTTAGE, named "Ebenezer Home."
7. No. 6 COTTAGE, named "Washington Home."
8. No. 7 COTTAGE, named "Aberdeen Home" (nearly finished).
9. No. 8 COTTAGE, named "Greenock Home" (nearly finished).
10. No. 9 COTTAGE, named "Anderston Home" (nearly finished).
11. No. 10 COTTAGE, named "Paisley Home" (to build).
12. INVALIDS' HOME (building).
13. "FERGUSLIE OFFICES," combining steam washing-house, laundry, workshops, &c.
14. FARM BUILDINGS (available when farmer's lease expires).