

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

A NARRATIVE OF FACTS
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IN CONNECTION WITH THE
ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND,
DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S EMIGRATION HOMES,
AND
CITY HOME AND MISSION, GLASGOW,
FOR TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR, ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1896.
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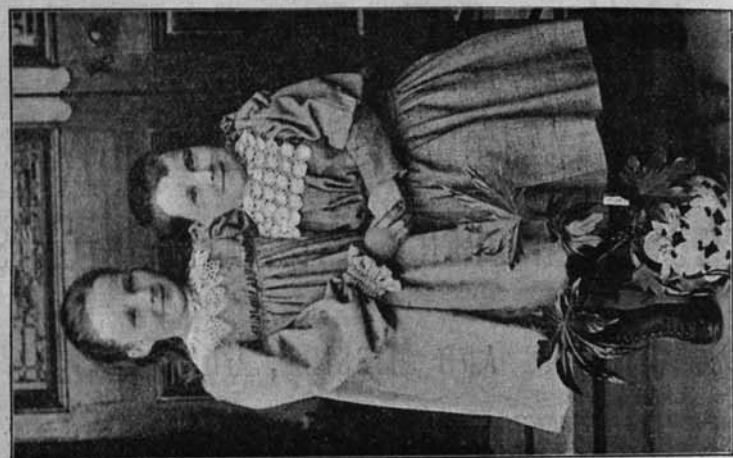
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NARRATIVE OF FACTS, 1896.

DEAR FELLOW-HELPERS,—The days of our years seem to pass so rapidly that I can hardly realise that another year has gone. As we review the past, so full of the mercy and loving-kindness of the Lord—so full of daily work for His needy ones, and so full of the help and practical sympathy of His children—words fail me to express my gratitude, and I can only do so in the words of the psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who redeemeth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies." The year has been a most blessed one of service for Him amongst the needy, in the new children received and gathered in, in the amount of money sent in answer to prayer for the maintenance of the large family, and for new buildings, etc. While we recount the Lord's goodness in the year, we must also tell of the trials of the way, which have not been few.

Times of Trial. The first trial of the year was in being dragged into the Court of Session by the proprietor of the lands of Torr, lying next to the Consumptive Hospital ground, about the drainage; and although we pledged our word that we would do all that the Medical Officer of the County Council would wish us to do, the proprietor was not satisfied, but has hurried on the case, using means quite aside of all friendliness. We shall say no more until the case which is to come up on 24th of this month (November), is decided in Court. The next trial was from the County Council deciding to rate the Homes, saying that the Institution was not a ragged school, laying their action on the advice of counsel that they were not so. This may also require to be taken to the Court of Session to decide. The next trial was that of my own personal severe illness, which came on in the beginning of September. Three days after our Thanksgiving Day I was laid up, and have been more or less confined to bed since, with kidney trouble. I have never had such a severe illness in all the thirty-two years of the work. I have no doubt that these trials have been permitted to come to teach us more patience, and to lead us into a deeper sympathy with the suffering children of men amongst whom we labour. In the year that is past we have been called to mourn the loss of many true and tried helpers who have been called home to their rest and reward, and while we feel ourselves poorer for the want of their help and encouragement, they are enriched with His fulness and are satisfied.

Total Gifts during the Year. The amount of money sent in for all purposes during the year is as follows:—For daily maintenance £13,961 18s. 1½d., and large quantities of clothing and provisions. For the Building Fund, £11,342 16s. 9d.; for Consumptive Hospital, £1,666 14s. 3½d., giving a total of £26,971 9s. 1½d. That such a large amount should be given without any one being called on, or collectors sent out to gather it, declares plainly there is a God who hears and answers the prayers of His children.

Number of
Children
Received
and Helped.

Since the year began 446 new children have been admitted, from the infant of days to the older lads and girls from all over the country, which, added to the number we had when the year began, makes a total of 1,455 who have passed through the Homes during the year. They have come from all classes of the community; **children of sailors and soldiers**, as well as policemen have been taken in, also children of civilians in almost every social position who have been in need, and they have been received without respect of creed or any class distinction, each case being considered on its own merits, and no really destitute orphan child was refused admission. Besides those admitted, hundreds of others have been helped and advised. 648 homeless, and friendless, wanderers were provided with a night's shelter in the Model Lodging Houses, and in many cases with food, besides thousands of other needy ones helped with means, provisions, advice, etc. The work is the Lord's, and we commit everything to Him in prayer, believing that He will supply, through His children, what we require; and hitherto this has always been the case.

How my
personal
needs are
supplied.

For the first eighteen of the thirty-two years I have been engaged in helping orphan and destitute children, I continued to carry on my own business in the city so as to support my wife and family. As the demands upon my time in conducting the Homes increased, I readily gave up part of my business. Fourteen years ago, however, I was led, after much prayer and thought, to give up the remaining portion thereof, and devote my whole time to the work of the Homes (my wife and family assisting me), and to rely upon the Lord for support. Since then His loving care has been manifested in that month by month and year by year He has sent through His stewards contributions to a special fund (wholly apart from any of the funds sent in for the Homes), which has hitherto been sufficient to meet the needs of my family and myself.

The Future
and its
Requirements.

While I look back upon the past, and magnify the Lord for His goodness, yet the bitter cry of the orphan and destitute children is ever before me. Fully do I realise the need there is for still greater effort on their behalf, yet even for them I dare not get into debt. As the means come, so am I ready to spend, and be spent in the Master's service. Besides the material funds required for daily maintenance, buildings, etc., the assistance of consecrated workers is also urgently needed. The requirements for the coming year will be greater than in the past.

The
Efficacy of
Prayer.

The work of the Homes from the first until now has, we believe, been a standing rebuke to the sceptic, who denies that there is a God, or One who hears and answers the prayers of His children; and it is also an evidence to the fact that there are thousands of Christians throughout the country who, in giving of their means, act from the high motive of not letting their left hand know what their right hand doeth. We trust the following details of our experience from day to day in receiving money, taking in children, and other matters, will be used by the Master for the strengthening of the faith of His children, and we pray that in and through all He may be glorified.

November 1, 1895.—Once more we are brought to the threshold of another year of service for the little ones, the twenty-fifth of our trust in the Lord for all the needs of the Homes, and the thirty-second of work

among poor children, and anew we would seek to cast ourselves on the loving care of our Heavenly Father, who in the past has so wondrously guided and guarded our way. His promise, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" has been abundantly realised by us in the years that have gone, and comes to us again to-day with fresh comfort and power. That there will be trials and difficulties to meet in the coming days, we do not doubt, but, realising our Father's presence with us, we go forward feeling sure that all needed grace and wisdom will be supplied.

We begin the year with a little less than a week's provision on hand, and on this the first day, we have received £51 5s., sufficient for its needs, £50 of this amount is a gift from a friend who has frequently helped the work in the past, and is sent "in memoriam of a dear little one safely garnered," and from Aberdeen and Stepps the other gifts come. Seven children are added to the family to-day, the earnest of the number we are to be privileged to rescue during the year. Three of one family from Govan, whose father died of consumption, and mother is unable longer to struggle on with them, they have been much neglected and are very far behind with their education. Another family of four, whose mother is dead, and father an inmate of an asylum is not expected to recover; also a boy of ten, whose mother deserted six years ago, leaving him with an aunt, who is now unable to keep him.

Nov. 5.—Yesterday and to-day only £9 2s. 6d. have come, not sufficient for the daily needs, but sent with words of encouragement and cheer. A friend sending £5, writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I did not notice I was so late in sending my annual donation to you this year, and trust my little cheque will be in time to help up the total of the year's gifts, which I hope are increasing with the same ratio that your big family is increasing at Bridge of Weir, and I take the opportunity of sending along with my gift of £5 sterling my hearty congratulations for all your successful work in the past, and many earnest hopes that there will be still greater prosperity in the future. As a business man I am naturally fond of making a bargain, and one has naturally more pleasure in giving a subscription when they know that every penny is judiciously and carefully spent. This I have seen with my own eyes, and I have great pleasure in testifying to it.

A number of parcels of clothing have also been sent these past few days, the various articles being very acceptable, and useful among our large family.

Nov. 8.—We were greatly cheered yesterday by receiving two gifts of £100 each, which have come just when required, as the balance on hand is small, and the needs great. Among other gifts received these past three days are 6s.—1s. for our own use and 5s. for the work, from an old helper in Strathaven; 6s. from a Bible class in Dunoon, with the prayer "that the Master may bless you more and more, and make you a blessing;" 25s.—5s. for personal needs, from a frequent helper in Alloa; £10 from another in Glasgow; £1 10s. from Boys' and Girls' Sabbath Forenoon Meeting, Gourrock; £1 from Young Women's Christian Association, Freuchie; £1, "the Lord's money," from a giver in Essex; £1 from Leamington; 10s., "a thank offering," anonymously, from Aberdeen; also four articles clothing from our young helpers, "Lily, Isabel, Elsie, and Jeanie"; and a quantity of useful articles clothing from Dunoon; also the very serviceable gift of a horse from a friend in Glasgow; and £10 from two aged friends there, who have been constant givers to the work almost from the first, sent with the following letter:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—On the occasion of our golden wedding, I have much

pleasure in enclosing a cheque for £10 for the Orphan Homes of Scotland, as a thank-offering for the many blessings and mercies received from our Heavenly Father during the fifty years of our married life.

We praise our Heavenly Father for this gift, and for the years of useful service vouchsafed to these dear friends, and pray that many more may yet be given.

Nov. 11.—Many cases of needy ones have been brought under our notice these few days past. A friend in far away Stornoway asks our aid on behalf of three children, 10, 7, and 5 years of age, who have been deserted by the father, a drunken ill-doing man, whose cruel treatment, aided by poverty and want, was the cause of the mother's early death about a year ago; another friend in Greenock writes regarding a boy and girl 11, and 5 years of age, whose father died five years ago, and the mother, who has been confined to bed for several months, is now dying of consumption. We rejoiced to bring comfort to this dying mother's heart by the knowledge that her children would be cared for in the Homes, at her death. A solicitor in Kinross writes regarding boy of 8, deserted by his mother; a friend in Edinburgh asks us to help a boy, at present in the poorhouse there, with his father, who is a thoroughly bad man, not fit for much work having lost a leg; one of his boys is in Larbert Asylum and another in a Blind Asylum. Other applications have reached us from Edinburgh, Selkirk, Falkirk, Dunfermline, and a number from Glasgow. Two children are added to the family to-day; a boy of 9 whose mother, owing to illness, is unable to work, and he has got beyond her control and will not attend school; and a lad of 15 brought by the superintendent of the Prison Aid Society, who got him at the Central Police Office; his mother is dead, and father, who was a railway clerk, is also dead; an aunt has kept him since father's death but being unable to do so longer sent him to Glasgow to get into the navy, but his eyesight being defective he could not be admitted. Such are some of the varied cases of sin, want, and suffering, with which we have to deal from day to day, and we do indeed praise our Heavenly Father for the privilege afforded us and our co-workers of rescuing so many, who would otherwise perish in the way. To-day £3 5s. have come for daily needs and on Saturday £20 10s., sufficient to keep the two added to the family for a year. The gifts of the young people are specially cheering to us and our hearts were gladdened to-day by receiving two donations for the Consumptive Homes, one of £5 13s. from a U.P. Church Junior Missionary Society, and the other, £2 8s., from a young people's meeting.

Nov. 15.—From Kelso, Alloa, Campsie, Bowling, Kirkintilloch, Gourrock, Orkney, Leamington, Carlisle, Kinross, Arbroath, Greenock, Largs, and Glasgow, £22 7s. 7d. and quantity clothing have come for daily needs to-day; also a legacy from Strathbungo of £200, less duty, which we have placed towards our Building Fund. Among the numerous other gifts received these past few days are £10, and £1 for personal needs from a friend in Greenock "with every good wish and prayer for a blessing on your work, yourself, and workers;" £20, a legacy from Moffat; 5s. from our anonymous and constant helper "Inasmuch;" £1 from friends in Orkney, with the message "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, whose hope the Lord is;" 1s. 4d. "from a well-wisher;" 15s. "the pennies of a little girl in New Zealand;" £10 from a friend in Edinburgh; £5 from another in Kirkintilloch "with fervent prayer that your hands may

be strengthened, and that you may see a rich and abundant harvest of good from your labours;" 10s. from "Elizabeth, Scotland," to be used "for your little sufferers either now or at their Christmas treat, I can sympathize with them from experience;" parcels of useful clothing from friends old and young, in many parts of the country, whose valued help shown in this way is very acceptable; also £27 10s. sent with the following letter:—

MY DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Another year has come round and I have been able to collect a little money again, from a few friends, for the Orphan Homes. I enclose a cheque for the amount, namely, £27 10s. (£26 for the Homes, and £1 10s. for your own needs). I read from time to time with great interest any account of your work. You have many difficulties, anxieties, and trials, and, on the other hand, many encouragements and joys. The Lord has blessed your labours in the past, and will not forsake any that put their trust in Him. My earnest wish and prayer is that the work may go on to prosper more and more and that many may be led to help this end by gifts and prayer.

and £1 from a friend in Dumbarton who writes:—

DEAR SIR,—I enclose my little annual subscription to your Homes, 20s. Although my income is rather diminishing I am anxious to keep up any of these subscriptions which I know are for a good cause. With every good wish and praying that you may be blessed in the work, and made a blessing by Him who alone can do this.

Nov. 20.—Our Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting was to-day held in the Christian Institute, at 2 o'clock, and marks another milestone of progress in the work of the Lord under our care. A large number of interested friends gathered with us, and by their words of sympathy and cheer did much to encourage us to go forward in the work of rescue. We trust that the story we were privileged to give, of the Lord's faithful, watchful, care over the work during another year, will be blessed to the strengthening of the faith of His servants. A number of children from the Homes were present, and sang, and gave recitations which were greatly appreciated. In the evening, the children had a special tea, after which they gathered in the Church, when a very happy time was spent listening to recitations, singing, etc. During this meeting, the successful amateur gardeners, among our children, received their prizes for the best kept plots. The day was closed with united family worship, when the passage read just expressed the language of our hearts regarding the way the Lord has led and cared for us during another year. "Oh how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee; which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee before the sons of men!" A number of gifts have gladdened our hearts to-day; a friend in Edinburgh sends £10 for the general needs, and £10 for the Consumptive Homes; "a Country Postman" forwards 7s. 6d.; "Wee John and Archie" hand me 10s. at the meeting, and another friend £1; a donor in Edinburgh sends £1, "with every good wish," and another in Dundee, 10s., with the following letter:—

DEAR SIR,—I have great pleasure in forwarding the enclosed postal order for 10s. from Mrs. B. This is what we call "mangling money." I bought her a mangle and now she lays past the money she used to pay for her clothes mangling, for the benefit of some mission.

Two others in Glasgow sending £5 write:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Enclosed find Five Pounds which please accept from my husband and myself, with every earnest good wish for a blessing on you and your good work amongst the little ones. It is a noble work, and sure to go on prospering—bringing in the young to know their Saviour. It is through the Lord's goodness to us that we have been enabled to give a trifle more at this time. Oh, if

others would only think, how much better it would be, and the pleasure it would be to themselves, if they gave more liberally of their substance in their life time, and not hoard it up, often enough to be squabbled about after they are gone. May the Lord touch the heart of many who hold their purse strings so tightly. Wishing you every success.

In all, £24 8s. 4½d. for daily supplies, and £10 for Consumptive Homes, have come; two children—a boy of 6, and girl of 9 years of age, are added to the family.

Nov. 23.—The joint case brought to the Court of Session by the County Council of Renfrewshire and ourselves was yesterday heard, and the judges decided, that, as it was evident the Council wished to remit the taxes, and we certainly wished them remitted, there was no apparent dispute between us and they therefore declined to interfere; virtually saying, that if the Council wished to remit the taxes, they had the power to do so. We trust there will be no further trouble in this matter, as it would be a great disgrace to the County Council if it were to exact rates from a work that is saving the County of Renfrewshire alone £500 per annum, seeing we have at present 50 children in the Homes, who would otherwise be a burden on its rates. We here reprint a leader which appeared in the *North British Daily Mail*, which puts the case very clearly.

TAXING THE ORPHANS.

The Renfrew County Council have submitted to the Court of Session the question of levying rates on the Orphan Homes of Scotland, but they found the fount of legal wisdom run dry. Their Lordships of the First Division excused themselves from laying down the general law on the ground that there was no real controversy between the parties. "You are both agreed, so what do you come to us for?" This might be taken as a free paraphrase of the more sententious language in which the Court conveyed its lack of opinion. So that the County Council are, apparently, simply left to do as they like. The opinion of the Court of Session has been challenged, and the Court does not interfere. Thus the question at issue reverts again to the County Council, left to their own discretion. We trust the Council will avail themselves of the non-interference of the Court by taking the only course which, as we are convinced, would be at all acceptable to public opinion, either in Renfrewshire, or elsewhere. They should give up this attempt to rake into the rating net the money which is given by the charitable public to the orphans. The Orphan Homes are every whit as much entitled to exemption as religious buildings, Sunday or Ragged Schools. The church attached to the Homes is exempt, but is it not absurd to exempt this one building and rate the others? The Council have partially admitted the claims of the Homes, but they hesitate over those rates which come under the heading of "proprietors." Surely they need hesitate no longer, seeing that the Court of Session has decided to simply let them alone. As a philanthropic, and in the highest and widest sense of the term, a religious institution, the Orphan Homes are entitled to the utmost consideration. Moreover, from the standpoint of public policy, it is to the interest of the local authorities to assist such work by all possible means in their power, inasmuch as it saves the poor rates and relieves the burdens of the ratepayers to an enormous extent. That is not a matter of opinion, but of proved fact, and surely it is a petty and unwise thing for the rating authorities to turn round and attempt to tax such an institution. Where must the money come from to pay these rates? It means so much subsistence taken away from the orphan children of the Homes, or so much lessening of the means of rescuing others from destitution and pauperism. Or it is an additional tax on the charity of the Scotch public, and, even if the public were to specially subscribe the amount of these rates without diminishing the support accorded to the Homes, it would still remain true that the amount might be much better applied like the rest, directly to the work of rescue. We do not believe that public opinion in Renfrewshire would for a moment endorse the proposal to take rates from the Homes; on the contrary, we imagine that such a procedure would be very rightly regarded as a reproach upon the county, which, after all, is not so poor as to be under the necessity of filching the bread out of the orphans' mouths. The cases which came before the Valuation Appeal Court of the Western Division of Dumbartonshire yesterday, seem to suggest that something like a dead-set is being made by the rating authorities against charitable institutions.

At this Court an appeal on behalf of three fresh-air homes on the Gareloch, hitherto exempted, was dismissed, and a like fate befell other appeals on behalf of the Helensburgh Infirmary and the Sailors' Orphan Home at Dalmuir, while on the other hand a number of buildings used for religious purposes were exempted. But this is an intolerable state of affairs. It certainly cannot for one moment be admitted as just or equitable. The rating authorities seem to have the power in their own hands to deal with these matters—at all events they have exercised it hitherto—and we trust that the Renfrew County Council will give a lead in the right direction.

Nov. 25.—Among other cheering letters received this month from our children on the other side, is the following from one who went out this year:—

DEAR SIR,—I drop you a few lines to let you know that I am well. I am going to school every day. I have about half a mile to go to school, and about two miles to go to church and Sunday school. I am taking music lessons from Miss A. She comes every Saturday. I can play several pieces—"Almost Persuaded," "Happy Day," "Tell it to Jesus alone," "Why do you Wait, dear Brother?" "What a Friend we have in Jesus," "The Great Physician," etc. I can milk a cow for grandma at night and morning. I am in the third book in school. We are beginning fractions in arithmetic. The buildings caught fire one day by a spark from the threshing mill that threshes the wheat, oats, peas, barley, etc., and the buildings were all burned, but they saved the horses. The men are building a stable for the horses and cows now. The weather is getting cold now; we have not had any snow yet, but we expect to get a good many sleigh drives this winter. I don't think I have anything more to say now, so I will stop by saying goodbye.—Your loving girl,
M. R. C.

One of our older girls, six years out, writes:—

DEAR FRIEND,—I am just writing you a word or two to let you know how the girl that was formerly under your care is getting along in her new home. It will be six years, come May, since I was placed here. On the 28th of May I will be 18. For my profession in life, I purpose in my own mind to be a trained nurse. I cannot get into an hospital till I am 21. These are the rules, and I thought, till that time arrived, to remain where I am, and go to school every afternoon, as I have done since I came here. I feel very grateful to you, and never regret the day I entered your Home. I have, as you know, earned my living and education since I was 12—in fact, I could have got a certificate, but I preferred the other vocation. I was very sorry to hear that Mrs. Quarrier was ill, and hope that she has recovered and is well again. Hoping that you and the other members of your family are well. With kind regards, I remain, your grateful friend,
M. J.

A very cheering gift of £100 reached us to-day from a frequent helper; among other gifts are 15 castings from a friend who often helps in this practical way; 2s. 6d. from a grateful mother helped; 1s. 8d. from our young helpers, "Charlie, David, and Gracie"; 2s. 6d. from an anonymous giver; 76 very useful articles of clothing from a friend in Edinburgh, and 2s. 6d. from another in Dublin.

Nov. 30.—A very busy day yesterday at the City Home dealing with the many cases of suffering and need, brought before our notice. Four children were added to the family; a little girl of 6, whose mother finds it impossible to pay for her board longer; and three of a family, 15, 10, and 8 years of age, who have been greatly neglected, and were in a pitiable condition of filth and rags. They had been sleeping for the past five nights, with their mother, in the Night Asylum. Father, a soldier, died 18 months ago, and the mother is homeless. A great many gifts, amounting in all to £156 0s. 4d. have reached us this last day of the month, which will enable us to close the month with what we began it, namely, about a week's provision. Among the gifts is one of 3s., "The Lord's Pennies" from an invalid friend and frequent helper, with the following letter:—

DEAR MR. AND MRS. QUARRIER,—I have meant to write you for long now. I think you will be thinking I have either crossed the river, or forgotten you, but I

have often wondered about you and your great work for the Master, and I was sorry I had nothing to send, but I knew the Lord had plenty. I was, oh! so glad to see the goodness of the Lord to you in the past year by the Report, even amidst your many trials. To my mind, I think you are very much like Paul, "none of all these things trouble me, but I press on." He had got very near the Master then, forgetting all that was behind, and always pressing on—a grand lesson to all true children of God. There is one thing in the Report (although I am poor and unlearned, I have thought a great deal on this bed of suffering) which I think is unfair, about legacies left for charitable purposes. If no duty was put on legacies for these purposes, how many poor children might be rescued and fed. I'm sure our good and gracious Queen wouldn't be against it, but if not, may some hearts be opened to supply the lack there. I wish you and your large family a peaceful and happy winter.

Dec. 3.—From many quarters and with kind words of cheer, £80 10s. have come these first days of the month; also £2 1s. for our own use. A regular donor in Dundee sending £20, writes:—

MY DEAR SIR,—Your Annual Report duly reached me, and I am glad that the good work goes on swimmingly, and that you continue to "lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes." The Lord increasingly bless you and your work, and the Lord bless the bairns, and make them all jewels in His crown. I trust you and yours are well, and able for the work you have to do. I enclose cheque for £20 as formerly, to be used as you think best. With best wishes.

Another in Wishaw sending £1, writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I got your Report of the year's work at the "Homes," and I have read it with a great thankful heart that our Heavenly Father has again enabled you to feed, clothe, and tell of His love, to so many "city sparrows." May He bless His work under your hands still more and more. The "Orphan Homes" rear their heads a monument to His faithfulness to His promises and His blessing to all who put their trust in Him. I enclose £1 to help to keep the pot boiling for the little ones. I have passed on your Report to a neighbour, and will cause it to circulate as well as I can. With kind regards and much sympathy in your trials with some who would seek to hinder in the work.

A friend in England forwards £5, with the following letter:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I have so wished to be able to send you ever so small a contribution, just for the privilege of putting one's hand to the work of God in your hands. But our immediate work—district nursing, and the care of little ones, and big ones, necessarily arising therefrom—seems to be blessed with no end of mouths open for all that can be put into them. Now, I am very thankful to be let send the enclosed £5, which goes with heartiest good wishes, earnestly desiring that it could have had two "Naughts" tacked on to it! Many thanks for your Report, which makes one inclined to envy you. What an "Inasmuch" you look forward to.

A well-wisher, Paisley, sends 13s.; £1, 5s., 7s. 6d., and 2s. 6d., are sent anonymously from Selkirk, Stirling, and Glasgow; 2s. 6d. from a friend in Perth, "with love, sympathy, and prayer"; £10 from a regular donor in Annan; £5 from another in Ayr; £2 from a grateful girl helped; 7s. 6d. from friends in Ballater, "with deepest sympathy and prayers for a blessing, and sustaining grace and strength for you in all your trials and labour;" 18s. from a Mission Children's Church in Leith; 15s. from a Free Church Sabbath School, Peterhead; 7s. from a forenoon meeting in Glasgow, and 10s. from a Bible class there; also 37 useful knitted articles of clothing from a Young Women's Missionary Endeavour Society, Kirkintilloch; and parcel from a Dorcas Society in Mauchline.

Dec. 6.—The festive Christmas and New-year season is drawing near, and we will soon be in the midst of preparation for the special treats to our large rescued family. We were gladdened, yesterday, by receiving from friends in the East of Scotland, the £300 required to provide these; and from the same source £50, to give the larger family of the streets their annual treat in the beginning of the year, thus our Heavenly Father has made provision for these special treats before the time. Truly our

experience has been, "Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear." Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. £22 13s. 3½d., quantity clothing and cloth, some rolls, and 32 jars preserves, have reached us to-day for general needs; also 5s. for the Consumptive Homes from a friend in Paisley, who also sends us 2s. towards the Servants' Cottage. This week, nine new children were added to our number, some of them with very distressing histories of misery and suffering. Four of them of one family, three girls and one boy 12, 10, 8, and 5 years of age, are Swedes. Mother, although she has lived in this country for ten years, cannot speak English. The father died three months ago leaving them destitute. The oldest boy had to interpret for the mother. She still keeps two boys of 15, and 3, and thinks she will manage to struggle on with them. A delicate baby boy of 18 months was brought to us from Dumfries. The father was given to drink and took his own life a few weeks ago, and the mother died in October. There are no known relatives on either side, and the child is entirely destitute. A little boy of 6 from Ayr, was brought to us by the officer of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Young as he is, he was begging for a living. His mother who is alive is in great poverty. Two other boys, aged 7 and 5, barefooted and starved-like were brought by their mother, who, having two younger children finds it impossible to struggle on longer with them, and gladly accepts the help we offer; and a lad of 15 who had come from the Highlands to find work in the city, is taken into our Working Boys' Home.

Dec. 10.—Our three young friends—"Alice, Willie, and Jessie"—whose frequent gifts to the needs of the children greatly cheer us, send 10s. to-day; £2 is sent from a Sabbath School in Motherwell; £2 and 15s. from two others in Glasgow; 6s. 6d. from another in Lumphanan; £1 towards the Children's New Year's Day Treat, and £5 for our own use from a friend in Glasgow; 2s. from another in Langholm; £5—£1 for personal use, from a frequent giver in Ayr; and other friends in Lochgilphead, Edinburgh, Larkhall, Aboyne, Crieff, and Glasgow, send £3 7s. 6d. and quantity clothing—all acceptable gifts for the daily needs.

Dec. 14.—During the past week we have had trial in an outbreak of Scarlatina among the children, and seven of our number are laid down with it. We trust the trouble will not spread further, and that those who are ill will soon recover. The promise, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble," is sure; and we would seek to cast on Him our every care, knowing that "He doeth all things well." Gifts of clothing are always most acceptable among our large family, and the help of friends, shewn in this practical way, is much valued by us. Our hearts have been gladdened this past week in receiving a large number of useful articles, sent by friends, young and old, in many parts of the land. From a sewing meeting of young friends, who have helped us much in the past, come 61 articles clothing, and large quantity toys, dolls, books, etc., which will give gladness to many young hearts; a Sunday School teacher in Jedburgh sends 19 articles clothing, "some of them made by the little girls of her class during their play-hours;" a friend in Newton sends 67 articles from the Women's Guild there; another in Giffnock, 12 articles, "with every good wish;" a firm of drapers in the city, 45 hoods; from other friends there, 13 pairs stockings, and 167 articles of clothing come; while donors in Irvine, Hamilton, Portobello, Largs, Annan,

Lanark, Paisley, and Barrhead, also remember our needs in this way. A friend in Glasgow sending 10s. and 14 articles clothing, writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I have to-day left with Mr. Findlay a small parcel of children's clothing. As I sat stitching away at them I was cheered by the thought that they would help to clothe some of your little ones, and then it's a joy to be able to do even this little bit of quiet service for the Master. I pray that He may long spare you to look after the souls and bodies of these little ones given to your care. My old friend again asked me to give her wool, and she would knit three pairs of stockings for three pairs of wee feet, and these you will find also in the parcel. Also please find P.O. for 10s., a thank-offering from my husband and self, for the Lord's great goodness to us during the past year.

Yesterday we took in 7 children—3 from Edinburgh, 2 from Greenock, and 2 from Glasgow, besides helping a number of needy ones. A cheering gift of £50 from an old helper, in Paisley, yesterday; and another of £100 from a friend in Glasgow, along with other smaller gifts, amounting to £103 7s. 1d., will meet the needs of the past days.

Dec. 20.—We were greatly cheered yesterday by receiving a letter from an old friend of the work promising money to build another house "In memory of a mother whose life and prayers were such a blessing to him." He desires in this way to bestow upon some who are homeless and motherless the benefits and privileges he, himself, enjoyed. The interest of this dear friend in the work began over 20 years ago, when he dedicated a gold prize ring to put a stone in the buildings, and now that circumstances permit him to fulfil his vow unto the Lord, he desires to build one of the Homes in the National group. Our hearts do indeed go out in gratitude and praise to our Heavenly Father for this gift, and we pray that the Home to be erected, may indeed be a Bethel to many of His little ones yet unborn. A great number of gifts have come these past few days. Two constant helpers in Glasgow send us £190, £10 for personal needs, and £180 for 6 months' keep of a Home with 30 children; another regular donor sends £100; an unknown friend hands into the City Home a £100 note for the Homes, and a £5 one for our own use; two friends send a Christmas present for each child in our Invalid Girls' Home; and from two others come a Christmas card and booklet for each inmate of the Homes. Another cheering gift to-day, is a legacy of £200, and interest, from Glasgow, which we have placed to our Building Fund. There have been many smaller gifts sent with hearty sympathy and words of cheer, from many parts of the country. Truly the language of our hearts is: "Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness, and Thy paths drop fatness." An invalid friend in Aberdeen sends £2 10s. with the following letter:—

MY DEAR FRIEND,—Many many thanks for your Report, received a week or two ago. From it I was sorry to learn you have had so much trouble and annoyance from various sources, but hope good may come out of seeming ill. "The Lord can make our very enemies to be at peace with us." "He will not leave us nor forsake us." "He is a very present help in time of trouble." How comforting and sustaining are His precious promises. Enclosed is £2 10s., which I have great pleasure in forwarding to you to allocate as you please. Although smaller in amount than last year, I hope and pray the Lord to make it like "the loaves and fishes." Part of the sum is from friends, and part proceeds of my own work. I am still in my old corner, not able for much work, realising day by day, God's goodness and mercy towards me, a sinner. "He maketh my cup to run over with blessings innumerable." Although silent, often do I remember you and your great work in my prayers. I hope you and Mrs. Quarrier keep well. My love to Mrs. Quarrier. I hope all your bairnies are well and keeping free from sickness. Excuse more. May the good Lord watch over, strengthen, uphold, and keep you and yours.

Two other friends there forwarding £2 10s. and quantity of clothing, write:

DEAR MR. QUARRIER.—I have much pleasure in again forwarding to you parcel clothing, carriage paid, which has been given with many kind wishes from a number of friends; the stockings are from myself where no other name is attached. I also send you, in the parcel, £2 10s. in cash, which has been contributed:—£2 by the persons named in the enclosed list for the Homes, and 10s. from ourselves for the Consumptive Homes. I received the Reports which are in circulation and which we find very interesting as usual. We unite in wishing Mrs. Quarrier, yourself, and your large family every blessing.

"A bright New Year and a sunny track
And a song of praise on looking back,
And golden sheaves, not small nor few;
This is our New Year's wish for you."

"Courage, dear heart, the promise is for thee
From hour to hour;
The Father's loving hand upholds with power,
And as thy day thy strength will also be
When dangers lower."

"Then trust His love to lead thee safely on
From day to day;
What lies beyond in misty shadows gray
He will reveal to thee each coming dawn,
And smooth the way."

Dec. 25.—£279 19s. for the children and £3 10s. for our own needs have been sent us on this Christmas-day, from friends, old and young, rich and poor, far off and near; and as we think of the many kind hearts the Master has stirred up to work and pray for the good of the little ones here, we feel overcome with gratitude and praise, and can but say with the Psalmist "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. For His merciful kindness is great towards us." Two of our large family on the other side of the ocean write us cheerfully:—

MR. AND MRS. QUARRIER,—Dear Friends, it has been some time since I heard from you, or since you heard from me, but I have neglected to answer. Another year is soon gone now, and I hope you and yours are doing well. How is Miss Fox? In my last letter I asked you to have her write to me and ma. I suppose you have not forgotten her. I should like to have her write. I'd like to hear from her. I suppose the Homes have been building up a good deal since I left. What a great care it is to attend to so much and have so much to care for. May the Lord bless you in the great works that you have carried through. I don't see how you keep things up. We have had a very good fall here, but it is muddy at the present time. We have had snow, but it don't stay. I suppose you have snow there. It has been a poor year here; crops were very poor. We had no apples or fruit of any kind; the frost killed them just as the trees were in blossom. We have always had lots of fruit, so it lasts all winter till we have more in the summer. We live on a farm of 112 acres, and pa owns a farm in Canada; he rents it. We have 10 horses, 10 cows, and 80 hens. We make butter and sell it; everything is cheap here. We have an organ, and I can play on it; I am going to take music lessons. There are two boys in this family; the oldest is 15; he goes to the High School. Pa wants to rent the farm and live in town, so the boys will be nearer school, and I can learn some trade. I have my sister here; she always lived in Canada, but our folks had to move to Ohio, and so I moved with them; and my sister Jessie wrote to me, and she wanted to be where I was, so when pa and ma went over to Canada they had Mrs. Burges send for her, and when our folks were on their way back to Ohio they stopped at the home and got her. So she lives with ma's sister, and it is 25 miles from here. She goes to school. Well, now, I think I will close, as I don't think of anything that will interest you. I will close, hoping to hear from you soon. Give my best wishes to your family and yourself, and now good-bye.—From your friend,

A. M. M.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I think I will try to write a letter to you now. I have not written to you since I left. I hope you are all well. I like to live here; we have cows, horses, sheep, pigs, and hens. I have two little bantams, too. I will soon be sliding down hill. I get wood in every morning and night, and I get the water in the summer for the dinner and supper. I write in a copy, and draw in a drawing-book. I am in my first drawing-book, and I am finished with two copy-books, and I write in No. 3. I am in the senior second, but I am going in the third book soon. There is a cousin comes from Perth, and his name is Lloyd.

Lloyd is bigger than I am. He is 13 years old, and I am nine years old. Mr. Burges gave me a book in the summer time, and there are pictures in it of Indians, and Lloyd and I dressed like them. We have great fun playing football and lacrosse, and we had slings and we made bows and arrows, and we climbed up the tree for cherries. We have apple trees, and we get apples off them to eat. Lloyd is a great shooter; he shot 12 grown hogs, and he skinned some of them. He would go out into the bush when it was time to shoot partridges, and try to shoot some of them. He shot two partridges. So I think I will quit now, so good-bye.—Your loving boy,
C. K.

Dec. 31.—The closing day of another year of time has again been reached, and when we begin to recall the way by which we have been led through each day and hour, our hearts are filled with wonder, love, and praise, for all the loving kindness of the Lord. It is not that there have been no trials and difficulties in the year, that we thus speak, for these have been many and severe, but in and through them all we have been able to rest in the Lord, and know assuredly that all things are working for our good. Hundreds of gifts of money, clothing, and provisions, have reached us these closing days of the year; a large number of them from children and young people, whose help is always a great source of cheer and encouragement from time to time. Three little ones in Pondoland, Cape Colony, send 10s.; our constant helpers "Alice, Willie, and Jessie," 10s.; "James and Evelyn's pennies," 10s.; 3s. from a lad who writes—"I am only an orphan, but the Lord has been good to me." "Freddy," aged six years, sends 2s. 6d. "To Mr. Quarrier for his many wee boys and girls"; "George and Willie's" pennies, 7s. 6d.; £2 from the girls in a school, Greenock; "Bessie and Harry," Carlisle, 10s.; £1 9s. 1d., proceeds of a girls' sale of work; from a young helper and her companion, Paisley; 15s. collected by the children in a public school, Kinross; 1s. 9d., "Andrew, Mary, and John's" savings for the year; £1 "from your loving young friends," Elsie and Amy; 12s. from "Berta and Andrew," Kirkintilloch; £1 from "Aggie, James, and Tom," Paisley; 6s. from "Dora and Alfred," Aberdeen, "to help provide dinners on New Year's day"; 16s., the savings of a young helper 9 years of age in Uddingston; 5s. 6d. from "Annie Charlotte," 16 months' old, Stornoway; 10s. for the Consumptive Homes from the girls in one of the Cottages; 61 articles clothing from a girls' class in a Paisley Sabbath School; 41 articles and quantity toys, sweets, Christmas cards, etc., from another in Edinburgh; also a large quantity from the pupils of a school in Cupar; a friend in Bridge-of-Allan, sending large quantity of clothing, £6 12s., and over 2,000 used Christmas cards, writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Yesterday evening I sent you, addressed to Bridge of Weir, two boxes containing warm clothing for the use of some of your orphan bairns. The articles were wrought by our Sabbath school children and some of their friends. In the boxes you will also find 2,500 Christmas cards which we gathered in the hope that you might find them useful when dispensing your Christmas greetings to your big family. Many cordial wellwishers joined in the collecting of these cards. I shall also send you to-morrow the sum of £6 12s.—£3 of this being from three friends, and £3 12s. being the "increase" yielded by fifteen pennies which fifteen little girls in our Sabbath school received and traded with for a month. I have great pleasure in telling you of the growing interest felt here in your great work, and cordially wish you every blessing.

A young helper sending 5s., writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—How are you keeping? How are all your little children? We are trying to help you. We are sending you five shillings. This money is out of our banks. With love from us all.—Your loving friend,
JACK G.

Another young friend writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I am sorry I can only send you 5s. this Christmas. I lost my dear father in early summer. He was drowned while bathing, and I now live here with my cousin Charlie. I used to send you 10s., but I hope to be able to send more for the poor children some time. Wishing you all a happy Christmas.—Your sincere wellwisher.
L. S.

We do sympathise with this dear young friend in the sad loss she has sustained, and pray that as the days go by she may indeed find the Lord to be to her "a father of the fatherless." The children and young people of Sabbath Schools, Bible Classes, and other gatherings throughout the land, have also been mindful of our family during the past days, and to-day from Bonnybridge, Fenwick, Kelso, Kirn, Gretna, Kilmalcolm, Wester Pardovan, Dublin, Coldstream, Irvine, Lochgilphead, Edinburgh and Glasgow, send £20 14s. 9d., and quantity clothing, toys, dolls, etc., for the daily needs.

January 1, 1896.—Another milestone on the journey Homeward reached, and as we enter the New-year, we would again raise our "Ebenezer," and go forward in the strength of the Lord. We commenced the year with a watchnight service, committing ourselves, the work, and workers, to the care of our Heavenly Father for the untried year before us, which we trust will be more filled than any of the past with useful service for the Master. Our large family of 1,200, had their usual day of enjoyment, beginning with a visit from "Santa Claus," the old friend of the children, who left a full stocking at each bedside. For breakfast, ham and eggs was an extra tit-bit, and disposed of no less than 1,200 eggs, all supplied by the inmates of our "hen's paradise." At twelve o'clock a sumptuous dinner of turkey, roast beef, pies, potatoes, and plum-pudding, was done full justice to by the children in their various cottages, and by the City Home boys and girls, in the hall of Central Building at the same hour. Dinner was followed by an adjournment to the Church, where two immense Christmas trees, and our ship's boat, rigged up as a model of the *James Arthur*, were standing loaded with gifts for each member of our large family. Every child received suitable gifts, and the kind donors whose generosity enabled us to provide all this treat, would have been more than repaid, could they have seen the delight and wonder of the bairns, as they opened their parcels and found "just the present they wanted." Our little sick ones in Bethesda were not forgotten, but had also a tree, loaded with special gifts, chosen by themselves, and provided by two friends. Extra cakes and sweet bread were forthcoming for tea, and at six o'clock all gathered in the Church, where a very happy three hours were spent, listening to singing, recitations, etc., by the children. A very happy day was brought to a close by united family worship in the Church, when the large family of 1,200 gathered in the Building, as well as the larger family in Canada, were anew committed into our loving Father's keeping. A very large number of gifts of money, clothing and provisions, in all 74, came to gladden our hearts this opening day of the year. A special cheering gift was that of £300 from a constant donor for the general needs, and £200 for the Consumptive Homes, which we take as the earnest of the amount the Lord will send for this much-needed object during the year. Two friends sending £1 write:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—We duly received your Annual Report, and perused it with unabated interest—indeed, the interest in the work increases as it is extended from year to year. As we see how your daily needs are supplied we can only say: "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" You will see that we have removed to Monifieth. We desire from our new abode to extend to you and yours our best wishes,

and desire that increasing temporal and spiritual prosperity may be yours in the year about to dawn. "*All things are yours.*" Accept our small donation, 20s., and along with it our united kind regards. Trusting you are all quite well and enjoying much happiness.

Another forwards 5s. with the following letter:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—The season of meetings and greetings has come again—to many it will be joyful, to many, alas, it will be sad. I believe our Father is calling aloud to many by the terrible experiences around us—storms at sea, war, and rumours of war, the rage for money and the madness of pleasure with its evils. Amid it all, dear sir, is it not good to hear the Master saying still: "Fear not, little flock," etc., "it is my Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Be not weary in well doing, for here it gives pleasure, if done as to the Lord, and it is remembered by Him. With kindest wishes for you and those with you in the work, and the little ones. Five shillings enclosed as a New Year's mite.

Jan. 3.—The knowledge that many friends throughout the land constantly remember the work and workers at a throne of grace is a great source of cheer and encouragement to us amid the trials of the way. A friend in Fife writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—With pleasure I take up my pen on the first morning of another year. How kind our Father has been to us. I cannot find words to express the joy of my heart for all His love and kindness in providing for all our needs. Truly greatly blessed the people are, whose God the Lord is. We are always remembering you and your large family at the throne of grace. Trusting that the hearts of those to whom the Lord has given liberally may be touched to help on the noble work to which the Master has called you. Dear brother, very pleased to be able to send you a small mite and to have the privilege of helping such a noble Christ-like work. Accept the small sum of 10s., with Christian love; also, 10s. from a friend to whom I have been endeavouring to recommend your work and gave your interesting report. The Lord bless you all is our humble prayer.

a cheering gift of £100 from "A Friend," Paisley, came to-day, and other gifts amounting to £30 15s., for daily needs, and £2 towards the Consumptive Homes; a friend sends a box of very useful articles clothing from a Young Women's Guild in Holm, Orkney; another in Lerwick sends £1 8s. and quantity clothing; £4 10s. is sent from Stornoway, collected at watch-night meeting and New-Year's Day service; £1 6s. is sent from "a few well-wishers" in Dunning; £1 comes "as a thank-offering" from friends in Grantown; a friend in Carlisle sends £1, another in Nottingham twelve Bible picture scrolls for our Invalid Home; a young friend in Motherwell, two boxes sweets for the little sick ones; a helper in Bathgate, ten stones meal; a class of boys send 10s.; a young friend in Tain 5s.; "Four lads," Brechin, 7s. 6d.; uncle of children helped sends £1 from Strathspey; a friend in Fraserburgh 12s. 6d.; another in Lochgilphead, 5s. 6d., the proceeds of mission box; a donor in Tillicoultry sending £10 writes, "I wish to be partner with you to the extent of £10, in your work for Scotland's poor." £6 comes from two friends in Glasgow for half year's keep of a child, to be entered as "For little May;" and thus friends far off and near are daily led to minister to the needs of the bairns. A young friend in Rochester writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—To-day I am sending a parcel for the orphans. There are five pairs of stockings, six scarfs, and seven pairs of cuffs. Our Sunday School children have helped me to make these things. I also send £2 which I have collected in my box. As I get older I hope I shall succeed in collecting more, and also in making more useful things for the children.—With love to you and the orphans. Your loving friend, G. G. P.S.—30s. of this came from my aunt at Pietermaritzburg.

It is a great joy to us to receive from time to time letters from our children on the other side, telling us they have decided for the Lord, and are seeking to serve Him; two of them write us:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER—I am glad to have the pleasure of writing to you. This is the first letter I ever wrote. I am very happy in my situation. I am glad to say that I am on the heavenly path. My trust is in the Lord Jesus. Since I've trusted, my way has brighter grown. I lay all my troubles on Him who is able to bear them. The Saviour has been a very dear friend to me. Mrs. R. is a Christian woman. It was mostly through her that I was led to the Saviour. The church I go to is just half-a-mile away. I go to church every Sunday and also to Sunday school. We are going to have a Sunday School Convention in March. At G. the most of the choir are Scotch girls and boys. I am in the choir. I am in the Bible class. The superintendent of the church is our teacher. I have joined the Methodist church. I sometimes go and visit some of my chums. When I look at the children in my New-Year's letter it makes me think of old times when I used to be sitting amongst them. One thing I know—the Home has done me, and many more a great deal of good. Many a one would have died of starvation if it hadn't been for the Homes. I cannot express my gratitude to Mr. Quarrier for his great kindness to me in years gone past. We are all glad to see Mr. Burges when he comes to visit us. It makes me feel that I am not forgotten yet. We have lots of enjoyment. We had two tea meetings in the course of two months; also the young men of the neighbourhood have erected a toboggan slide which is 18 feet high. We go 125 feet down a steep hill, almost perpendicular, but as yet it has been a failure. We have had no snow yet. I have seen banks of snow last winter 12 feet high. We have great fun in the winter, skating, the girls skate as much there as the boys do. I guess I will have to draw to a close as I have no more to say at present, but remain your sincere,
B.R.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I received your loving letter and Card on 27th December, 1895, and was glad to hear from you, and that you were all well. I remember the kindness that was shown to me in the Home, and I praise the Lord for His loving kindness toward me, and for His provision toward me. I am also thankful to the Lord that I have got a good Christian home, and I try to be as good as I can. I am also learning more about Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who gave His life for you and for me that we might be saved. I am glad to hear that the Homes are increasing so rapidly, and that there are so many children in the Homes. You said that the children were all looking forward with great glee to the New-Year when they expect a great time. I remember when I was in the Home how I used to be looking forward to the New-Year too, just like them. I hope you will all enjoy yourselves with the entertainment on New-Year's night. I got quite a few presents at Christmas, and since I write quite often to Brockville, and hear from Mr. Burges quite often too, and I got three letters from Miss M'William in No. 10 Cottage, and I got a little Testament from her at Christmas, and I am very thankful for it. I will now draw to a close.—I remain, your loving friend,
M. P.

Jan. 8.—Last evening our annual treat to the boys and girls of the streets was held in the National Halls, when about 2,000 accepted the invitation and partook of a bountiful tea and supper. Fifty boys and girls from the Homes entertained the company with singing, recitations, and drill, in such a manner as to hold their close attention. We distributed the tickets of invitation to the gathering through the agency of the three evening papers, and the shops and warehouses, where the children buy their wares, and where they are known as regular customers. They were all given out in one day so as to prevent any boy or girl securing more than one, and we in this way took every precaution to get the presence only of the class we aimed at. During the evening a census of the gathering was taken by about fifty workers, and the statistics prove that the number of children who gain their living on the streets is on the increase. When will our city authorities become alive to the fact that hundreds of valuable young lives are being annually lost through lack of proper control? The following account of the meeting, which appeared in the *North British Daily Mail*, will be read with interest by the friends who were unable to be with us:—

The annual tea and supper provided under the auspices of the Orphan Home Mission by Mr. and Mrs. Quarrier to the "news boys and girls, juvenile shoeblacks, match, pipe, and vesuvian sellers, singers, and beggars," of Glasgow, was given last night in the National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals. Needless to say, an audience of

the most generous proportions assembled in response to Mr. and Mrs. Quarrier's invitation. The large hall was entirely filled by a motley collection of boys and girls, the ticket of admission having borne in important letters the unusual legend—"No adults admitted." This warning obviously applied to the adult relations of the guests, and not to the hundred or so of willing workers who had volunteered their services in the capacity principally of waiters and waitresses. The preliminary ceremony over, the main work of the evening—the serving and the consumption of tea and buns—was eagerly and enthusiastically entered upon. Once begun, there seemed to be less disposition to leave off the pleasant task of eating and drinking. Substantial mugs, calculated to stand a good deal of knocking about, were handed to the boys in the area, and the girls in the gallery, and filled to the brim with steaming tea. The tea distributors had a "hot" time of it. Among the boys especially the quantity of the soothing liquid that disappeared was marvellous. No sooner did a tea urn appear than the bearer was besieged by clamorous applicants for a fresh supply, and in some quarters order was only restored when Mr. Quarrier gave a blast of an exceedingly shrill whistle, and fixed his eye reproachfully on the offenders. The noise from all quarters of the hall reminded one comically of the din created at a dog show, when every animal accepts the task of doing unaided the barking for all the other insignificant specimens in the place. No remembrance of the profits that might have been earned at the street corners seemed to annoy the brains of the jubilant ban-eaters, or if the thought might occur, did not such an entertainment more than compensate the loss? When at last tea was finished, and the mugs and baskets removed, a wonderful stillness prevailed, the only motion observable being the working of the jaws of some thoughtful guests who had not forgotten to lay in a store of the good things when they were plentiful. Mr. Quarrier's address, which was presently delivered, was listened to with great attention. At the outset he wished all a "Happy New Year," to which greeting a couple of thousand small throats unanimously shrieked, "The same to you." During the past year, he proceeded, they had been trying to get an Act of Parliament to control the children of the streets at appointed stations, and he supposed they knew that that became a failure. Now, what was the cause of that failure? and the speaker glanced round expectantly. Various suggestions were offered, till one small voice offered the explanation—"The School Board." That, said Mr. Quarrier, was exactly the cause. He was sorry to make the charge, but it was a charge founded on fact. He hoped the time was not far distant when they would have that decision reversed—when they would have power given to the Magistrates to control and appoint stations, so that each boy and girl might have a chance to rise up an honourable citizen, and be able from the streets to get into a better situation, and from the better situation get to be ladies and gentlemen, if they liked. (Ear-splitting cheers, in the midst of which it was impossible to detect the sound of Mr. Quarrier's whistle.) Some people, he proceeded, imagined that he wanted to see the Homes filled with the children of the streets. That suggestion he denied; the Homes were filled without them. He wanted, indeed, to empty the Homes and try to do without them, and he expressed the belief that if the children were dealt with in earlier life, there would be less trouble to the police of Glasgow, less trouble to the rates, and less trouble to the country at large. Twenty-nine town councillors had voted against the street children being superintended, and twenty-nine in favour, and the casting vote of the Lord Provost laid aside one of the most useful pieces of legislation that Glasgow had ever attempted. He asked for a vote of thanks for the twenty-nine councillors who were on their side, and a cheer of positively alarming shrillness and heartiness rent the heated atmosphere. That, said Mr. Quarrier, was a vote of censure on the twenty-nine who were against them. It was said in the School Board that there were only 250 boys and girls selling on the streets of Glasgow. Well, there were nearly 2000 present there, and either they or the School Board must be telling a fib. Which would it be? ("The School Board," and laughter.) To make the matter clear, he asked all those present who earned their livelihood on the streets to signify the same—and a sea of small and not overclean hands shot into the air. Next he asked those who were there on false pretences to hold up their hands—the promise being first solemnly made that nothing would be done to the intruders, and that they would not be put out. About three dozen or so of hands were timorously held up, and enumerated. Mr. Quarrier sat down, after inviting any fatherless boy or girl who needed a home to call at James Morrison Street, and have their claims investigated.

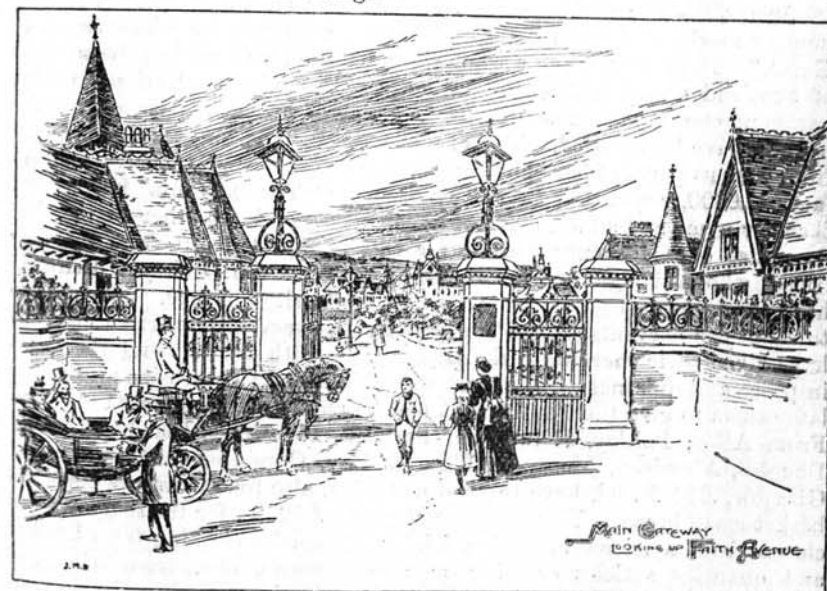
The evening's entertainment was then proceeded with, a contingent of sixty singers, reciters, and performers having been brought up from Bridge-of-Weir. A marked contrast they presented to the children in the hall; the clean and intelligent appearance of Mr. Quarrier's little ones being remarkable, and not at all

suggestive of an "institution." As entertainers, the Bridge-of-Weir children were a great success, the tiny tots singing to dolls almost as big as themselves creating the liveliest interest, and being rewarded with the heartiest cheering.

Statistics are being compiled regarding the age, occupation, and other particulars of the street-children who were present.

£100 from a friend in Glasgow, for emigration was a most welcome gift to-day, in view of the needs for this special department. £34 4s. 4d. from other sources have come, and £61 12s. 10d. yesterday, 10s. of it for emigration; also a large quantity of clothing, hats, etc., from friends in Stirling, Greenock, Gourrock, Dumbarton, Irvine, Dunning, Lunclarty, Lenzie, and Glasgow.

There are a great many of our givers who have not yet been able to come and visit the Homes, and many of these were pleased to see the pen and ink sketches of two of the avenues of the village which we reproduced in last year's report. We are glad to be able to give here a pen and ink sketch of the entrance gate, which also shows some of "Faith Avenue," the principal avenue, and the one first made in our "Children's City." Part of our own house is seen on the right hand side, and portions of others of the villas in our Model Village.



Jan. 11.—£48 4s. 1d. for general needs, and £2 2s. for the Consumptive Homes are our gifts to-day. £5 of this amount is sent by an aged friend and frequent helper, who writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I enclose my usual subscription of five pounds with every best wish for you and all the great work you carry on. May you long be spared in health and vigour, to see the great work, which I remember in its infancy, prospering in your hands. I am one of your oldest subscribers, if not the very oldest now. I feel very far through. I ask your prayers for grace and help to the journey's end.

We do praise our Heavenly Father for this dear friend's tried and constant fellowship with us in the work among the children from the first day till now. May she realise in her declining years that ever underneath and round about her are the everlasting arms, and the fulfilment of the pro-

mise: "When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee and through the rivers they shall not overflow thee." £1 13s. is sent from the poor mothers connected with the Vennel Mission, Greenock; £20 comes from a frequent helper in Paisley; 17s. from branch of Y.W.C.A. in Glasgow; a friend in Anstruther sends £4 for the work, and £1 for personal needs; another in Bathgate, £2 2s., and 18s. "the Children's Tenths, with best wishes for a year of blessing"; £1 comes from a Baptist Church Sabbath School, Lossiemouth; and 5s., "A Widow's Mite," from Glasgow; a gift for the Consumptive Homes, yesterday of £5 5s., to be entered as "Faithful unto Death," was very acceptable and cheering; also among other sums £4 4s. 1½d. from a Sabbath School, with the following letter:—

MY DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in enclosing draft for £4 4s. 1½d., being the sum collected by Stenhouse Mills Sabbath School for 1895. The scholars attending said school are, with few exceptions, the children of quarrymen, carters, or labourers, and consequently they are not provided with too much pocket-money. However, they agreed in the beginning of 1895 to contribute their mites throughout the year to help you to provide for your large family of orphans. The Lord be with you to guide you and bless you in your good and noble work.

Jan. 17.—For many years a number of servants have been sending small donations of from 5s. to £1 to be set aside for "The Servants' Home." The desire of those who originated the idea was that the servants of Scotland should take it up and build a Home in the National Group, but as no one in particular exerted themselves in the matter, only a few pounds have been raised. To-day a friend called at the City Home, and from various parts of her clothing produced three separate notes, amounting to £300, requesting that it be used for "The Servants' Home," and that her name and address be kept secret now and after her death. We do praise our Heavenly Father for this unexpected gift from this dear friend, who although not among the wealthy of the land, yet desires to have fellowship, so far as she is able, in the work of rescue. We propose to use "The Servants' Home" as a weary workers' rest, where those who have given their energies to the Lord's work with us, may end their days in peace and quietness. We trust that this friend's generosity may stimulate others to give the £1,500 that will be required to complete the Home. From Alloa, Paisley, Edinburgh, Berwick, Galashiels, Blairlogie, Castle-Douglas, Aberdeen, Montrose, Wemyss Bay, Gorebridge, Blackburn, and Glasgow, £24 2s. 6d. have reached us to-day, also four pairs stockings and basket small bread. Yesterday we received £12 2s. for the daily needs, a cheese from a friend in Kirkmuirhill; 14 articles clothing from London, and quantity articles clothing, stockings, scarfs, etc., from friends in Broughton, Peeblesshire, who have been greatly interested in the work for several years.

Jan. 21.—We were greatly cheered to-day in receiving 31 dols. 30 cents. sent by the boys and girls gathered at our Home in Canada on New Year's Day; also, 80 dols. 50 cents. from some of the older ones towards paying the expense of their passage out. We are thankful for these voluntary gifts sent by our children on the other side from time to time without any pressing on our part, and we feel sure that in thus shewing their gratitude to God for what has been done for them they will have the hundredfold return of the Master. Two of our number write us:—

DEAR FATHER AND MOTHER,—I am very well, hoping to find you all the same. First, I must thank you for your nice letter that you sent me, and the books and

cards; I read them all, for I am very fond of reading. I hung the picture of the Good Samaritan in my room. I will soon be out here three years now, and this is only the first letter I have written to you, and I am very sorry, for I have had lots of time; but I am not forgetting the Homes and my dear brothers and sisters in them. Mr. Burges was to see me in the summer, and he had little Willie with him, he gave me some very nice books, and I read them all. Dear Father, I would like to know if Miss Fox is in the Homes yet. I would like to see her again. If she is, give her my best love, and wishing her a very happy new year. I write to my brother John, and he writes to me, and he says that he is in a good place; he told me that he is still trusting in Jesus, and wanted me to do the same. I am sorry to say that I've not been a good girl to my ma and pa, as I call them, but I am going to be a better girl to them, and I will ask Jesus to forgive me for all I've done and said, and I know He will if I ask him. My pa and ma are very good to me and give me everything that I want. We have a little baby boy, 6 weeks old, and a little girl 3 years old; she is fond of me, and I am the same of her. We have only four cows and a calf, and two pigs and a few hens, and I can milk very well. I get lots of good milk to drink, for I don't drink tea. I can wash, and iron, and churn, and I can bake pretty well now. I am 14 years of age now; I was only 9 when I went into the Homes that did so much good for me and my brothers and sisters. We will never forget them as long as we live. My little brother is living with my pa's sister; I call them uncle and aunt; they bring him up often to see me. There are lots of boys out of the Homes near me, and Jessie L. is living with my ma's brother, just across the field from our house. I go over often to her house, and she comes over to ours. We always talk about the Homes together. I do be thinking when I am in bed how I would like to be in them again, but if I am spared to live I will see them again. My pa is a carpenter, and he has a rig for moving buildings. I have lots of good fun out here. I was at a concert not very long ago at the opening of a new hall for the Foresters, and we had a good night of it. I go to church every Sunday. Our minister's name is Mr. K.; he is a very good man. We had quite a lot of snow, but it all went away again. I guess I will close my letter, as it is time for me to go to bed, and a nice warm bed it is. God be with us till we meet again. Love to Mrs. Quarrier and all the rest of the house, and to the boys and girls.—
From your loving friend,
M. D.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I take the opportunity of writing to you. I hope Mrs Quarrier, Miss Quarrier, and Mr. Frank are all well. I had a bad time of it coming over the ocean, but I am all right now. I have been well since I came to Canada, but the very sight of Canada would make any person well. I am in a farm and we have a lot of hens, geese, turkeys, etc., that I can't name them all. I am so happy in Canada that I would not go back to Scotland for anything. The people are so kind to me here. I got the papers and card all right and I thank you for them. My sister is seven miles from me, but I see her often. The people I am with are Christians, and I go to church every Sunday, and to Sunday school. I have learned such a lot since I came to Canada, and I am learning to speak Canadian. When I came to Canada they couldn't understand me, but they can now. I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I got a great many Christmas presents. I got a lovely pearl pin with a gold L on it for Lizzie. I can't praise Canada too much, and I think it is just the place for children who are wanting to get on in the world. I have all the Bible questions, but I wish I had more, so I could give them to other people. How is Mr. Jack getting along with answering the Bible questions? I sent in one and I can remember the answer I got. I suppose it will be after New Year when you get this. I imagine I see the two trees and the ship laden with presents. I remember last year. My sister, as I call her, has hair 3½ feet long. She is such a nice girl. I think I will draw to a close. Hoping you are all well. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."
I remain, yours truly,
L. G.

Jan. 25.—A Sabbath School teacher in Alexandria forwards £1 with the following letter, which greatly touched us:—

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed I beg to forward you £1 for the benefit of your orphan boys and girls. One of our infant class, since our last subscription to you, has gone home. Her small savings in her bank came to 3s. 4½d. Each member of the family thought they had a right to this from their various points of view, but the mother talked to them about your poor boys and girls and they all agreed to send it to them. Little Nan was one of Jesus' jewels, and we know she will shine in His crown in that day when He makes up His jewels. The remainder was made up by a collection from scholars and teachers. With every prayer that the good work you are engaged in may prosper from day to day.

A little boy in Dingwall sending 7s. 6d. writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—My kind friend Mrs. D., who keeps all her threepenny pieces for poor children, has given me 5s. in these little pieces for your Homes. I am sending also 2s. 6d. out of my own box. I thank you very much for the book you sent me about your Homes. Wishing you more and more success in your good work. —I am, yours truly, Jack M. (age 12).

"George, Ella, and Euan," send 3s. from Bridge-of-Allan; £2, £1 for general needs, and £1 for Consumptive Homes, come from a Sabbath School in Lerwick; £3 10s. from another in Carstairs; "Willie and Mattie" send 10s.; a family of children, 5s., and say, "We send you this hoping it will be some help to you and ease to some poor waif. Pray pardon us for being so long in sending it." A legacy of £200, less duty, came in very acceptable to-day from Bearsden, for our Emigration Fund, for which we will require over £2,000 before the end of May. One of our sailor boys writes us:—

DEAR MR. AND MRS. QUARRIER,—I got a letter from the friends in the Homes, and they told me that you had a preacher from Pernambuco lately. We left Buenos Ayres on the 27th of September for Para with cattle, then from Para to Pernambuco with cargo. If we don't sell our cargo here we are going to Bhai. Then to Rio de Janeiro with grain, and then back to Buenos Ayres. On our way from Para to Pernambuco our funnel was carried away. I am not sure whether we will get a new one out here or not. We were expecting to be in Pernambuco at Christmas, but we could not manage it after we lost our funnel. But we all got a holiday. I was singing—

"Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
Universal nature say,
Christ the Lord is born to-day."

We had roast turkey and potatoes and soup and plum pudding. I enjoyed myself very well. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves. We are looking forward for the New Year, another old happy day in the Homes. If God spares me I hope I will enjoy myself. I got a letter from Miss W. She was my teacher. She was very kind to me; I am sorry to say I wasn't as kind to her, but we keep up good correspondence with each other. She often writes to me, with the friends at the ship, and I will write to her when we get back to Buenos Ayres. I am sure their letters will be waiting for me. I suppose you are getting along very well in the Christian Endeavour! Never let a day pass without trying to do something for Christ. Every night reflect on what Jesus has done for you, and then ask yourself—what am I doing for Him?—
T. H.

Jan. 31.—The needy cases brought before us these past days have been numerous and distressing, and during the month it has been our privilege to add 34 rescued ones to our already large family—a boy of 6, whose mother died a year ago, and his uncle who has tried to provide for him finds he is unable to do so longer, having a large family of his own; another little boy of 4 years who had been adopted by a woman, who has now given way to drink and is unable to have the upbringing of any child; nothing is known of his parents. A young destitute lad is taken into our City Home where he will have a chance to learn a trade by which he can maintain himself; a young woman, also destitute and without friends able to help her, is admitted there and will be trained for service. Another young woman from Inverness is given a chance there also. Her mother drinks and is immoral, and this girl was in great danger of being dragged down to her level. A little girl of 7, without friends, who was adopted when an infant by a poor woman, who has now, however, to go out cleaning, etc., and cannot properly look after the child; a boy of 12 from Argyleshire; mother dead and father deserted, leaving him

on the Parish Council, who ask us to take charge; a lad of 15 who is getting beyond mother's control; a boy of 8 whose mother is in the poorhouse; a little girl of 3 years taken for adoption; a girl of 12 from Dunbar brought by a neighbour, who knew the mother, who died of consumption; a boy of 11 whose father was drowned before boy's birth and the mother, a servant, finds it impossible to get him boarded out with suitable guardians; a girl of 14 who has been knocking about from place to place, is brought by an officer of the S.P.C.C.; a brother and sister whose mother is dead, and father an invalid, is unable to provide for them; a young woman from Dundee, who has been in a situation, but her temper gets the better of her and she had to leave; a boy of 5 whose father died six months ago, and the mother two years before that, of consumption; two boys of 14 and 13, brought by a missionary from Lanark. Father died six years ago, and boys have got completely beyond mother's control; a boy whose father, a draughtsman, died three years ago, and mother finds it impossible to provide for, or control the boy; a family of five children from Oban, mother died in August last, leaving two boys, two girls, and a little baby girl 4 weeks old. The father died ten days ago, and there are no relatives able to do anything for them. The Parish Council could only send to the poorhouse, and interested friends asked us to take them, which we were glad to do. The little baby is very delicate and will need careful nursing. Two girls are taken from Dunfermline. Father died of cancer in the throat, and the mother, of consumption; two boys of 6 and 8, whose father, a soldier, died two weeks ago, and mother is unable to struggle on with these two, having another child to support; and a boy of 7, whose father is an invalid and unable to work to support his boy. The mother deserted them two years ago, and had another child which she sold to a woman for 30s. Such are brief outlines of the histories of the children we have taken in this month. We do need great grace and wisdom in dealing with the many cases that come before us, and if it were not for the help the Master gives, we would oftentimes feel discouraged and dismayed. The following cutting from the *North Bay Dispatch* of Jan. 17th, regarding one of our boys who went out in 1880, comes to hand to say "Be of good courage"—

Robert Rankin, Reeve Elect, of North Bay, was born at Barrhead, Scotland, 1866. His father and mother having died when he was but eleven years of age, he and his four young sisters were sent to the Orphan Homes of Scotland in Glasgow, founded and conducted by William Quarrier, by whom he was sent to Canada along with 130 other boys in 1880. Being sent from the home to Mr. W. M'Kenzie, he remained on the farm with him in Dufferin County until 1887 when he came to North Bay along with Mr. M'Kenzie, in whose employ he remained until he engaged in the butchering and flour and feed business on his own account in 1892. He is now engaged in the flour and feed business exclusively, and is sole agent for North Bay and vicinity for the celebrated Keewatin flour, manufactured by The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. Mr. Rankin was elected to the council of North Bay in 1894 as Councillor for Ferguson Ward, and returned at the head of the poll for the same ward in 1895. After a spirited but friendly contest, he was elected Reeve of North Bay a few days ago, defeating Mr. A. R. Morris, who was considered a strong candidate.

£17 19s. 5d. from various quarters have come to-day for daily needs, and yesterday £11 2s., also a cheering gift of £100 from an old donor, for emigration.

February 3.—On these opening days of the first month of spring, we have received £38 15s. 5d., for general needs, £15 for Emigration, £1 for the Consumptive Homes, and £1 for the Building Fund, "Vera, Nettie,

Edward and Agnes," Andersons Bay, Otago, New Zealand, send £1; £10 comes "for the Master;" two little girls in Edinburgh send four little semmits which they themselves have made; "a servant in answer to prayer" sends £1 towards the Servants' Cottage; 2s. 6d. comes from Edinburgh, "as a widow's mite;" "Tertius, Jessie, Nita and Isobel," London, send 5s.; "one who recently had experience of the goodness of God, and who now wishes gratefully to acknowledge the same," sends £5. A frequent helper in Crosshill £2; another in Helensburgh, £15 for Emigration; aunt of children helped, 5s.; £2 from friend in Belfast; "Alice, Willie, and Jessie," 10s.; "your old friend Margaret" sends six articles clothing and piece cloth; and parcels of useful articles come from friends in Aberdeen, Campbeltown, Oban, Ealing and Kilmarnock, and an anonymous friend sends for children going to Canada, 250 copies of little book, "True Stories."

Feb. 6.—Yesterday a regular donor sent us £50—£10 for Emigration, for which there has not been much coming in these past few days. We still need £1,000 for this purpose before the end of next month, but feel sure the Lord will supply, through His servants, all that is required, as He has done in all the years of the past. Last night Mr. Alex. Adam, of Langside, was with us at our weekly Wednesday Evening Meeting, and gave an interesting address, illustrated by lime-light views, on "some answers to prayer." In the course of his remarks he mentioned the case of a lad who was a member of our Shoeblack Brigade, 30 years ago. He ran off from the Brigade, and after a time of wandering got a situation as herd boy on a farm in the north. He got converted, and being desirous to become a preacher of the Gospel, obtained a better situation where he was able to earn sufficient to put him through the Aberdeen College, and he is now minister of a church in one of our large cities. We were indeed cheered by the good news regarding this lad, the subject of many prayers, whom we had not heard of for several years, and our hearts went out in praise to the Lord, who, even "after many days," enabled us to find fruit from our labours on his behalf. The following letters to hand from two of our family on the other side of the Atlantic are very encouraging:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I received your welcome letter about the 1st of January, and was glad to learn from it that you were all well. I am also glad that the Homes are progressing in every way. My two brothers and I are keeping well, hoping you and all at home are the same. The winters here are a lot colder than over there; to-day it was thawing in the forenoon, and was storming a little this afternoon. I am going to school, but these last few days I have been kept at home with the cold. My two little brothers and I all go to the one school so that we see one another every day. I live about a mile from my youngest brother and a half mile from my other brother. When I came to Canada I counted the hymns I knew and there were about 500, I learnt them all in the Homes but one or two. My two brothers know 300 at least. My two brothers are 8 and 10 years of age and I am 12. I hope the Christian Endeavour is prospering, as I was a member of it. I got quite a number of Christmas cards and presents. My dear Mr. Quarrier, you asked me in your letter whether I loved Jesus or not. I do, and keep trusting in Him. I remember you all in my prayers, hoping you remember us all out here as I suppose you do. With love to Mrs. Quarrier, Mr. and Mrs. Jack and son and yourself and all friends connected with the work.

The friend with whom she is adds:—

DEAR FRIEND,—Jemima is sending a letter to her mother in your care, and as she did not mention it in her letter to you, I thought I would just put in a word or two. She is at school to-day. She and her two brothers are very good children and I think will get on well in Canada. I like Jemima well; she is a good little girl.—Your friend,
G. E. J.

Another of our members writes:—

DEAR FRIEND,—I am sure you will think that I have nearly forgotten the old home away across the sea. I have not yet forgot it. I am well, and the friends are also well—I mean father and mother, who I am only too pleased to term as such. They have been so very kind to me since I came to live with them, now nearly eleven years ago. I have been very happy during these years, although I have had to work hard. I have not been without my plays, but I am now past twenty-two years of age and must think of something else beside play. I was much pleased in receiving your New-Year's letter and cards, and to hear how the Lord had prospered you in the maintenance of your large family and in building. We can only say, "Surely God is good; His mercy endureth for ever." I am glad to hear about your Christian Endeavour Society to which many of the children belong. I hope they are active workers, and will do much good. As to your trust in regard to our witnessing for Christ and His great salvation, I can account for myself, and assure you that I am still trusting Jesus, and am trying to show forth His life in me. There are now five of our boys and one girl in this neighbourhood, all in very good homes, and, I trust, better than to see you coming along some day. I was out to the North-West, that is, I was to Manitoba this fall. I was much pleased with all I saw, both there and on the way. I worked in the harvest, and during my short stay earned seventy dollars. Well, I must now bring this letter to a close, returning the wish that you may have a happy and prosperous year in your work of faith and labour of love.—I am one of your boys,
W. R.

Feb. 12.—In our little cemetery yesterday, we laid to rest the body of one of the older members of our family, Lizzie Taylor, a young woman of 23, who passed away to be with her Saviour, on Saturday. She entered our City Home 6 years ago, but owing to bad attacks of rheumatism and heart disease, we were not able to place her out in a situation and brought her down here in the hope that the change might do her good. She was a bright, happy Christian and for her, death had no terrors, but was just the entrance gate into a brighter and happier home, where she now sees face to face the Master, whom she loved and served while here. Thirteen children have been added to the number since the month began, and applications to receive others have reached us from Edinburgh, Kirkintilloch, Newcastle, Thornhill, Burntisland, Mearns, Carlisle, Portobello, Alloa, Dundee, Brechin, Dumfries, and Ardrrossan. Our gifts in money for to-day amount to £10 6s. 6d., £1 for personal needs. Yesterday two more boys were paid for to Canada by friends in Edinburgh and Aberdeen.

Feb. 19.—We received to-day the first instalment for the "Killearn" Home, from the friend who promised it at the end of last year. Our architect is now busy with plans for this house, which when completed will, we trust, in the years to come, be blessed to the saving of many valuable lives, as well as become the birth-place of many precious souls. Four children were taken in to-day, and another on Monday, whose father was once in a good position as a draper, but on mother's death gave way to drink and sank lower and lower, and eventually deserted, leaving an aunt to provide for the girl as best she could; she is, however, unable to do so, having large family of her own. A large number of gifts have reached us these past few days. A friend in Mount Ayiff, Cape Colony, sending £4 writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Your interesting report came a week or two ago, and I am glad to see the continued usefulness and progress of the work God has put into your hands. We unite with you in hearty sympathy with all your efforts, and in prayer that He, without whom not a sparrow falls, would give you an ever-widening sphere of influence, and abundant provision for all your needs. May His blessing ever rest on your orphan charge. We are increasing our annual subscription this year, and I am glad to be able to send you, per my brother, £4 stg. You may put £1 of that towards emigration. With every good wish.

10 dol. is sent by a friend in Salt Lake City, Utah; £50—£25 for general expenses, £20 to take a boy and girl to Canada, and £5 for personal needs, come from a regular donor in the city; £25 is sent from "Lancaster Terrace;" £10 from National Trades Exhibition Charities Fund; "a Worm" sends 10s.; "a parish minister," £3; "Thank-offering, Edinburgh," £10; £2 5s. 3d., collected by a friend in Blairgowrie; "Kappa," Largs, to send a boy to Canada, £10; 4s. 1d. from Scripture Union, Tarduff; our young helpers—"Alice, Willie, and Jessie," 10s.; "Valuation," £2 5s.; "Friends in Fort-William," £2 10s.; "Collecting Box, Polwarth Grove," Edinburgh, £1; £1 from "Nellie;" also parcels useful articles clothing and some remnants cloth, from kind helpers in Cupar, Moniaive, Blantyre, Hamilton, and Glasgow.

Feb. 26.—The kind help of friends, old and young, throughout the country, whose busy hands make and send us from time to time articles of useful clothing, for the members of our large family, is greatly appreciated by us; a number of gifts of this kind have come these past few days. An "Onward and Upward" Association in Strathaven sends 84 articles; from members of a Bible Class, Aberdeen, come 80 articles; 10 articles are sent by a little Sabbath School Class in Kilcreggan; the same number from Y.W.C.A., Ardrishaig; a friend in Dumbarton who frequently remembers our needs in this way sends 8 pairs socks; another in Edinburgh 21 pairs Harris stockings; 3 mufflers and pairs cuffs come "for three of Mr. Quarrier's boys from an invalid"; "A few friends in Paisley send with sympathy," 3 pairs stockings; "M. Perth," 3 knitted petticoats; 13 trimmed hats and 7 pairs stockings come from a friend in Glasgow; 6 scarfs and 6 pairs socks from another in Edinburgh; 4 pairs socks and one petticoat from a friend in Perth; 33 articles from another in Selkirk; also 121 articles clothing, boots, etc., and quantity buttons, laces, and other small articles from friends in Wooler, whose aid shown in this practical way has been a frequent source of encouragement to us. £100 from an old helper was a cheering gift yesterday towards the expenses of 10 boys to Canada. To-day a friend in Largs sends £20 to take a boy and girl across. A legacy of £500, less duty, from Skelmorlie, yesterday, was a very acceptable gift towards our Building Fund.

Feb. 29.—We are now in the midst of preparation for sending forth another band of boys to the Land of the West, and much grace will be required in these coming weeks by ourselves and helpers in selecting those who should go, and in preparing them for their journey, but "As thy days, so shall thy strength be" is the promise, and we look up for all help needed. Two of our number on the other side write us:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I thought I would write to you to let you know how I was getting along. I want to thank you for the cards and papers you sent me at Christmas. When Mr. Burges came to see me last summer, I sent you my photo. I hope you received it. I am going to school now and trying to learn. I am growing quite a big boy now. I am able to drive the horses now for my uncle Tom. I have a good home and nice and comfortable. I like my home. We have horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs. We have hens, geese, ducks, pigeons, turkeys, guineas. We have a dog, and we call her Victory. She has four pups. I wish I could send you one in the letter. I see my sister Aggie often. We don't go to Sunday school in winter, because it closes for winter months. Our Christmas was not so pleasant, for the want of snow. On the 24th of January we had our first snow storm. Our closing school for Christmas was very pleasant. I had a recitation to say. Give my love to Mrs. Quarrier. Hoping that the Home will be prosperous and that all the boys may get as good a home as I have in Canada, I remain, as ever, one of your boys. D. C.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I was glad to receive your New Year's letter, with some nice pictures and reading books. I got a book named "The Isle of the Sea," which I liked splendid. We have had a soft spell for about two weeks, but now it is very cold weather. We have had very little sleighing this year. Santa had no sleighing to bring presents, but I guess he must have come on a bicycle. We had a Christmas entertainment, and the Sunday school scholars all got a little bag of candies with some nuts in them. I got some nice presents, and so did David. The choir sang some nice hymns, and the children sang two hymns, and said their pieces. We have got a library in the Sunday school. The day school holidays are past now, and we have to start and learn again. The examinations are over again, and I passed into senior third. I had a visit from Mr. Burges in the fall, and he gave me some papers and a book called "True Stories," then he went to see David. Our old church is too small now, and we are talking about building a new church not far from where W. M. lives. We have a new minister now, and he has been away spending his Christmas holidays with his friends for about a week, and we had a man from college preaching on Sunday. I suppose the boys would have a fine dinner on New Year's day, and some fun on Christmas day. We had a very rapid growth in the spring for a time, but we had about two months of very dry weather in the summer, which burnt up the hay and grain. The hay was very light and the straw short, but the grain was middling good. We had a stone-lifting machine for a day this fall, and took out some very big stones; some would weigh about nine tons. First, you dig around the stones, then pick two holes in the side to put the hooks into, and hitch a team of horses to a rope that winds around a wheel and pulls the stone up; then you hitch the team to the pole of the machine in front of the other team and draw it to the fence. It is queer to see how they can twist it round when turning it. Horses that are not used to it are very frightened. The hind wheels are very far apart, so that when the stone is taken out the wheels will not go in. This is all I have to say at present, leaving us all well.—I am, your friend, J. C.

March 6.—This afternoon at our City Home a very sad case was brought before us. A family of six, oldest 15 years, youngest a baby of 12 months, were deprived of their mother by consumption in January last, and their father, partner of a firm of accountants in Glasgow, took to drink, and after tampering with the firm's books, absconded to America, leaving his poor children entirely destitute in lodgings in Gourrock. A minister there wrote asking if we could help with this sad case, and we have taken them meantime until it is seen if the father can be traced and made to support his children. Yesterday we took in a girl of 16, whose father, once head inspector in Royal Exchange, died, through effects of an accident, four years ago. Mother died previously, and girl has been staying with step-mother since father's death, but she will not now allow her to stay in the house. A very busy day on Monday dealing with the many needy cases that applied, and 12 children were added to the number, many of them with histories sad in the extreme. A boy of 12 is taken whose father deserted family seven years ago. Mother died last month of consumption, and the boy is brought by his sister, who with another sister earn between them 13s. 6d. weekly, barely sufficient to keep themselves, and quite inadequate to provide for this boy also. A boy of 14 is taken into City Home; a family of four—16, 13, 7, and 6 years of age—are admitted whose father was a Christian man and a worker in one of the Mission Halls in the city. He was greatly tried by his wife's drinking habits; he died two years ago: since his death children have been greatly neglected by the mother, and when brought to us were in a sad state of rags and filth. Another family of four are also taken, whose mother died 12 months ago; father is in Barnhill Hospital, suffering from fits, which have affected his brain and almost taken away his speech. A little boy of 4 is taken for adoption, and another of 12, cousin to others, taken previously, is also admitted. Another boy paid for to Canada yesterday; £7 7s. 10d. sent for general needs, and £3 10s. 5d. to-day. We still need about £400 for

the passages and outfits of the 140 boys, we hope to send at the end of this month or the beginning of next. A friend in Burmah sending £3 writes:—

DEAR SIR,—The Report of work done in connection with your Homes, for 1894-95, has reached me in this distant land, and I have perused it with great interest. I had the pleasure of being present at your annual meeting in November, 1894, when I was at home, and greatly enjoyed this, the first annual meeting I had attended. I hope when I am next in Scotland, if the Lord spares me to revisit my native land, to pay a visit to the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir. I enclose £2 as a donation towards any department of the work you may think best to put it, and with sincere wishes for the continued prosperity and success of your work among the children.

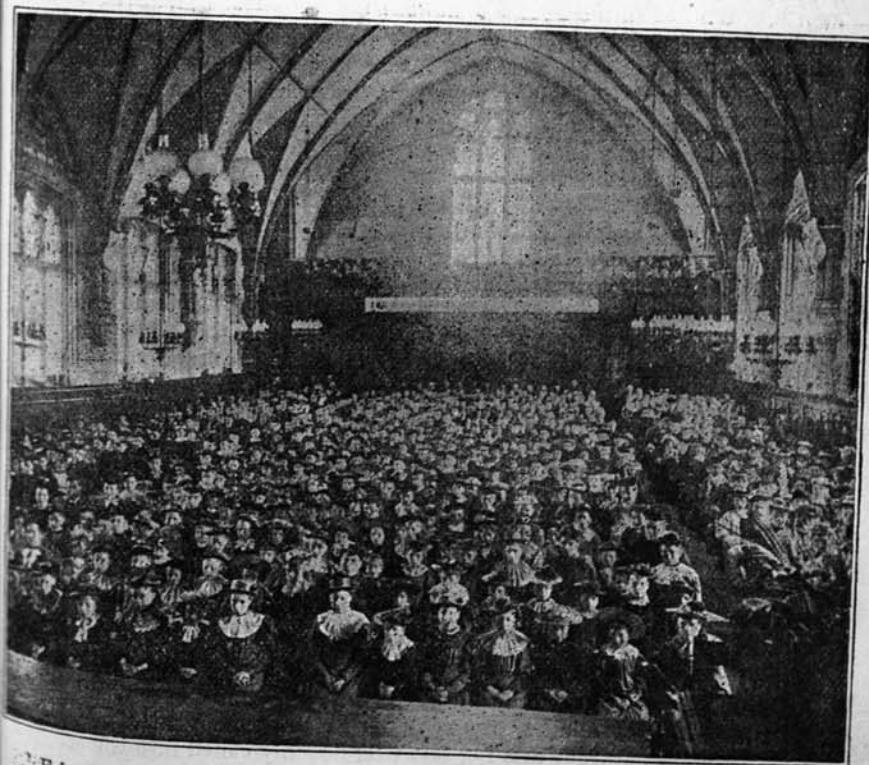
March 10.—I had the privilege yesterday of giving evidence before the Home Office Committee for enquiring into Industrial Schools, as to the management and maintenance of the Homes here, and I trust what I was able to tell them of the success attending our labours will be of use to them in making up their report. The case brought by the Roman Catholics to the Court of Session for delivery of three boys, was again before the Court on Saturday. The children were entrusted to our care by their mother, who was a Protestant, their father having died previously. Two of the boys are in Canada, and the other one hopes to get out with the band this year to join his brothers. The children having been entrusted to our care by their dying mother, we did not feel justified in handing them over to relatives, who did not do anything for the children when they were destitute. The judges have taken the case to *avizandum*, and we do not know what the ultimate decision will be, but must leave this in the Master's hands, "who judgeth righteously." (The decision was given on March 19th in our favour.) Took in two children from Dundee to-day, and two from St. Andrews. Gifts of £100, and £20, from old and frequent helpers in Edinburgh, and Ryde, came to-day for Emigration.

March 16.—Among other gifts received to-day were 250 copies of Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," for the boys and girls going to Canada, from friends in Glasgow; £2—£1 for the Consumptive Homes, are sent by a friend in Melbourne; £10 comes from an old donor for Emigration; a friend sends four patent invalid beds, with mattresses, etc., complete; from kitchen work party near Campbeltown come twelve articles clothing; "Compassion" sends £1 for Emigration, and a friend in Markinch the same; and from Sabbath Schools in Kinbuck, Gartly, Bo'ness, Elgin, Oban, and Glasgow come £7 15s. 6d. One of our lads striving to push himself through college, writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I received your letter, and was glad to hear from you, and of the way in which God provides for the needs of the Homes. I often think of that hymn that I learned in the Homes, "The Lord will provide." It is wonderful how He does care for His children. We are having very severe weather here now. It has snowed every day for the last eight or ten days, and the snow here now is very deep. The roads are all blocked, and the stages have been unable to go their routes. The trains have also been delayed by the snow being drifted on the tracks. I have started to school, and am doing as well as can be expected, but I have to work very hard to keep up with the others. I was so far behind in everything that it will take me quite a while to catch up on them, but a little extra work will pull me up. I had my book-keeping and drawing all done, thinking that I would have that much less to do, but I have to do it all over again with the class. I got a letter from one of the boys of the Home the other night. His name is C. T. He is a good Christian boy. He is getting 26 dols. a month, and has not so very much work to do either. He is getting a coachman for a gentleman in Watertown. I suppose preparation is being made for the sending out of the band of boys? Are you and Mrs. Quarrier coming out this year? I think I will close now, as I have nothing more to say at present. Kind love to all. Yours sincerely, T. V. M.

Another of our number writes:—

DEAR FRIEND,—I take these few minutes to write you a few lines in answer to your Annual Letter, which I received on New Year's Day. You told me in your letter that we should keep up a correspondence, but I feel that I ought to let you know the reason of not writing in turn as I ought to have done. I know you will excuse me. I could not do it for myself, so it was left on undone till now that I am able to do my own correspondence, so I hope to write in turn to you as long as I live, with God helping and assisting me. I was glad to hear of what the Lord has done for you in the past year, and hope He will do greater in the year to come for the poor. When I read your letter, which tells us about the New Year's parties that you have at home it makes me think that I would like to join in with you all. I hope you will be long spared in the good work of helping the poor children of Scotland, and I hope they will never forget the Lord's goodness in putting it into the hearts of you people to have mercy on them. I suppose you have forgot all about me; but perhaps when you see the name you will be able to remember me. If I had my photo taken I would send one to you so that you might remember me better. The little creature that I was then besides I am now. I was just seven years old when I was sent to you. It is twelve years since, so that you will know my age by this. My mother took me to your Home and my brother and two sisters. Have you got your photo and Mrs. Quarrier's? If you could spare to send me one to keep so that I could always look at it, if I should never see you again on earth, but we hope to meet in heaven. I think I must draw my long letter to a close. Give my love to Mrs. Quarrier and all the friends. I feel as I cannot thank you dear friends enough for your kindness to us in sending us to Canada. I have been getting along well since I came. I am started to do for myself now, and am getting along well as yet. I am not here long yet. Johnnie is here yet and is getting along well and is well liked, so I think I will stop.—Your sincere friend, J. D.



Friends were much pleased with the photo. of children in Church, given a last year's report, and for the sake of those who did not see this, we

reproduce it here on a smaller scale. It is a most inspiring sight, and one we never tire witnessing, to see the large congregation of children, numbering over 1,200, from the baby of 10 months old to the boy and girl of 16 or 17, sitting the entire service through and giving the closest attention to what is spoken. Our "Mount Zion" has been the birth-place of many precious souls, in the days that are past, and we trust will continue to be so in the time to come.

March 20.—Our hearts were gladdened yesterday by the result of the Court of Session case, which was decided in our favour. For this deliverance we do praise our Heavenly Father, who has heard prayer on our behalf, and given us the victory. "Verily He is a God that judgeth in the earth." Five children are taken in to-day, and a little cripple girl from Tearn, Ross-shire, on Wednesday, of whom the friend interested in the case, writes:—

DEAR SIR,—Have you got any room in your Home for a very sad case, a little girl here, an orphan, aged six? Father been dead many years. Mother died a week or two ago. Both died of consumption (and cancer, too, I believe). The child was not born a cripple, but has become one, I suppose, from her diseased parents, for she had no accident. She lives with a grandmother of 80, a deformed and partly insane uncle and an aunt who has, by odd jobs, to support the whole family, and she tells me she finds it impossible to look after this child as she could wish.

£258 7s. 6d. have come for emigration these past four days, leaving only about £50 needed for our boy's band, which is to sail on the 3rd of next month. We feel sure that the amount still required, as well as the £1,300 that will be needed for the party of 130 girls, we hope to send at the end of May will all be sent by our Father before the day of sailing. A number of other gifts have reached us these past days, among them 88 articles of very useful clothing from a friend in Lenzie; 22 articles from another in Dunning; 72 loaves from one in Dunlop, who writes, "Please accept just a bite for your large family. May the blessing of the Lord attend your faithful labours"; £1 from "a Falkirk Orphan"; £1 from a brother and two sisters, Edinburgh, for emigration; 10s. "Anonymous," Stornoway; £1 from Lesmahagow Prayer Union; also a very cheering gift for the Consumptive Homes of £5 3s. 2½d. from a Parish Church Sabbath School; the proceeds of a week of self-denial. We do praise our Heavenly Father for this gift and for the self-denial, the largeness of the amount indicates, and we feel sure the Lord will give a hundredfold return to each of the young friends for what they have lent to Him for His work on behalf of the poor consumptives of our land. On Wednesday at our evening meeting we had a visit of Mr. Gnanamuttha Joseph Israel, an Indian, engaged in work among the orphans of Madras. He gave an address, illustrated by lime-light views on his work, to which the children listened with great interest. They wished to make a collection on behalf of their dark brothers and sisters in this far land, and for this purpose brought their pennies and half-pennies. The amount collected was £5 16s. 2½d., which was handed to Mr. Israel, and we feel sure many of our boys and girls, who love the Lord, as well as our helpers will remember the work and worker often at a throne of grace.

March 25.—Once more a little grave in our cemetery was opened to receive the body of another of our number; this time a little boy, David Miller, who on Saturday evening last was suddenly called into the presence of his Saviour. He was only ill for a few hours, and did not suffer much, and he is now safely folded where there will be for him no more heart

disease or pain of any kind, but where he will shine as one of those of whom are the Kingdom of Heaven. To-day we had another trial in the removal of one more of our young people, Esther Davis, from our Bethesda Home here, to the better one above. Her father died twelve years ago, and on his death, the mother having deserted, this girl and the rest of the family were sent to a London workhouse. Esther was taken from there about two years ago by an aunt in Glasgow, who hoped she would be of some service to her, but as Esther was very delicate she could not keep her, and a doctor in the city pled with us that we would take her down here in the hope that the fresh air and good food would enable her to gain strength. The disease (consumption) had, however, gone too far, and this was not to be, and Esther gradually got worse. During the few months she was with us, she learned to love the Saviour, and she has gone from the pain and poverty, which were her lot during the greater part of her earthly pilgrimage, to be for ever with Him. Now she and little David are among the number of those "who shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the Throne shall feed them and shall lead them into living fountains of waters, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." A number of gifts have reached us these past few days. "Job" sends £10 for a boy's expenses to Canada; a father and mother send 10s., "In memory of our dear daughter, Flora. It is a very small offering, but we are anxious to render her own dying wish;" 10s. comes from London as "the Lord's portion" for Emigration; £1 from Perth "as a thank-offering for mercies received from the Lord's good hand;" 5s. from "an engine-keeper," Fergushill; £2 from a Parish Council; a friend sends "of thine own," £1; £6 10s. comes from donors in Largs, collected by a frequent helper there; "Inasmuch," Edinburgh, sends 5s. for Emigration; 5s. comes for Emigration from aunt of children helped; £5 from "Willing Helpers' Society," Uddingston, also for Emigration; a friend, London, sends 10s. "for Christ's sake;" 15s. comes from Auchterarder with the following letter:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I have pleasure in enclosing postal orders for 10s. and 5s. from Dot's missionary box. It is a little later than last year, but I am happy to say it is a little more. My little daughter is always very much interested in learning of your work among the little ones, and I think it is a useful way of training a child to have a real interest in "God's poor."

And an aged helper in Huntly writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Just a line to thank you for your Report. It is very interesting. And now I send you 2s. 6d. for behalf of the Homes. I wish it were pounds for pence. I do not cease to remember you and your work in the Lord, may you be spared many days for your arduous undertaking. I was sorry to know by your Report that you have had so much trouble with the Roman Catholics. I do hope it will come all right. I have sent my 2s. 6d. in stamps, use it as you think proper. Excuse mistakes as I am now getting old and in my 82nd year, but am thankful that I am still able to do a little. Many thanks for the beautiful Hymns sent to me. I made good use of them. I gave one to each of our inmates who are like myself old. The hymns sent for me by you were "on growing old."

March 31.—£106 7s. have been sent these past few days for Emigration, and thus as in all the 24 years of the past our Father has made good His promise, by providing before the day of sailing all that is required for the outgoing band. "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." We were greatly cheered to-day by a gift of £50 for the Consumptive Homes, from a friend in Glasgow; and also by another gift of

£50 this week for the same from a friend in the East of Scotland as "a birth-day gift." A young helper sending £1 writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I now take the pleasure of writing you once more, hoping you and your large family are enjoying good health. The time has come round once more when I empty my small savings out of my bank, which have amounted to £1, and I give it with a hearty good will, knowing where it is going to. I am always interested to read about the work carried on at Bridge-of-Weir, among the boys and girls. I received your paper all right, and read many interesting letters that the boys and girls out in Canada had sent you. My sum still continues to be very small, but you know that I am a schoolboy yet and have little to spare. I hope to be at the Institute on 3rd April to see the boys before going off to Canada, as it always is a very pleasant sight, and also a very nice meeting. I will be 14 on 1st April, and you know that I was only seven years old when I first started to send to your grand cause. Not very long ago, at our Friday night Band of Hope, we had a magic lantern entertainment, the views of which were the Orphan Homes of Scotland, and the first view was the worthy Mr. Quarrier, and every one of us enjoyed the meeting thoroughly. Before closing, we all wish you long life and prosperity in your grand work.

£10 15s. 9d. are sent by readers of the *Christian*; £4 come from friends in Montreal; £10 is handed into the City Home "from a friend for the dear orphans;" 7s. is sent from Irvine "In memory of Wee Alick;" 12s. 6d. the contents of collection box in dressmakers' work-room, comes from St. Andrews; £1 is sent by a friend in Lerwick for Emigration; 2s. 6d. from our invalid friend in Elie; £1 from the children of the Scotch Church, Buenos Ayres; Little Celia sends 2 semmits "her first knitting"; from friends in Biggar come £4 10s. 6d. and 228 articles clothing; "A Servant Lassie," Edinburgh, sends 3 articles clothing; an aged helper there sends 12 articles, and says, "Please accept these things for your boys. Sorry I have not been able to do more, but my 85 year old fingers are getting rebellious and don't care to do much work." Took in a boy of 8 to-day, whose father died 12 years ago in Melbourne, and mother on the 24th of this month of consumption. The boy is very delicate, and we are afraid has the same disease, but trust that, with the good air and food, and the attention he will receive here, his life may be saved. 57 children, in all, have been added to our family during the past month.

April 1.—This evening we had a farewell gathering in our Village Church, with our band of boys, so soon to leave us for the land of the west. They themselves took part in the meeting with singing, recitations, etc., and a happy time was spent, although our hearts were a little sad at the thought of parting so soon with the dear lads it has been our privilege to labour for, yet we do not sorrow as those who have no hope, but praise God for the prospects, Canada with its broad acres, and warm hearts, holds out to each one of them. If we considered only our own feelings in the matter we would say, "Stay," but as we have the children's best interests in the future to consider, and knowing as we do how much better chance a boy or girl has of succeeding in Canada, to what they would have here, we can but say "Go, and the Lord be with thee." Last Sabbath we had a prayer and testimony meeting in the Church, and it was very encouraging to ourselves and co-workers to see one and another of the outward-bound, as well as the others, rise and testify as to their trust in the Saviour, and desire to follow and serve Him in the land of their adoption. May our Father's blessing rest upon each lad, and enable them so to live and act amid their new surroundings, that His name will be glorified in the time to come. £16 5s. 3d. in money, and quantity clothing from a friend in Edinburgh;

from Young Women's Christian Association, Grangemouth, and Christian Endeavour Society, Cupar, are our gifts to-day. A friend sending 5s. from his children writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—My mind has been so full of your work since my visit last week, that every time I have preached and spoken in church, school, cottage meeting, or home, something about the Lord's work at Bridge-of-Weir has been, almost unconsciously, introduced, for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth has spoken. On arriving at home, I was asked to go and see a sick woman, apparently dying, who, for some two years, I have been trying to persuade to come out on the Lord's side. Somehow she would not, or could not, trust in the Lord, but, the story of what God had done for the poor destitute boys and girls of Scotland, in answer to your prayers, was the means in God's hands of awakening her dormant spiritual powers, for, there and then, she offered a most piteous prayer for pardon, and surrendered herself entirely unto God. Since that time all fear of death left her, and the joy of the Lord so filled her soul that even her physical strength somewhat revived, so that instead of dying in three hours, as predicted by the doctor, she lingered five days, and passed away peacefully this morning into that "happy land not far away." A bitter quarrel, lasting several years, has also come to an end through this conversion, and a brother and sister reconciled, the latter revealing the reality of her forgiveness by tending the sick both night and day. Your kind reception and humble faith in God has so touched me that I could not take the sermon arranged for last Sunday morning, being constrained by the Spirit to preach on the Saviour's words "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard-seed, ye shall say unto this mountain 'Remove hence to yonder place,' and it shall remove, and nothing shall be impossible unto you." I am afraid half the sermon was on the "Orphan Homes of Scotland," and what God has done in answer to prayer. Personally I feel indebted to you, for I came away last Wednesday perfectly ashamed of the weakness and poverty of my own faith in God and the Lord Jesus Christ. You have certainly done more, I think, to stop the mouths of sceptics by your practical faith than all the arguments of the learned, and I do hope, and firmly believe, that God will bless your labours even more abundantly in the future than in the past. Enclosed is a P.O. for 5s. from our children, Dick, Kathleen, and Grace, as a thankoffering to God.

Another sending £5—£2 for personal needs, says:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I send the enclosed cheque for £5 as my mite to assist in providing for your wonderfully numerous family—£2 for personal use, the remainder to be put to whatever part of the great work you think fit, and may the Lord continue to bless you and yours for the time to come as He has done in the past. I cannot send this away without adding my heartfelt thanks to you for your goodness in taking into your number the two boys, Rennie, when you had so many from us before. Our excellent missionary, Mr. Blair, had quite a feeling about applying to you on their behalf; so you may imagine the joy of heart with which he came home and told us the result of his visit. These two boys were on the eve of being lost to everything good, either for soul or body. With every good wish, and hoping that you may be long spared to carry on your Christ-like work.

DEPARTURE OF OUR FIRST BAND TO CANADA THIS YEAR.

April 3.—Once more a party of our boys have left us for Canada. The band, numbering 132, sailed in the s.s. *State of Nebraska* to-day, under the care of Mr. Burges, our son-in-law, and Mr. Hunter our head teacher. A meeting to commend the boys, and those going in charge, to the care of our Heavenly Father, was held in the Christian Institute, Bothwell Street, at noon, when a large number of ministers and other friends gathered to see the lads, and bid them God speed. The Messrs. Allan, with their usual thoughtfulness, had provided most comfortable quarters for the party on board ship. We saw them on their way as far as Greenock, and left them, sad at parting, but rejoicing in the promise of the better, happier life, that is before them in the land across the sea. Two children, 8 and 6 years old, taken in to-day will fill the places of two of those who have gone. Their father is dead, and mother who is dying is anxious that her children should be taken before she goes. A boy removed

from the Homes by his mother, who now regrets doing so, as he has got quite beyond her control, and is giving to stealing, is re-admitted.

April 8.—£96 have been sent in for emigration these days past, and a number of other gifts, among which were quantities of useful clothing, from Dunfermline Congregational Church Sewing Society, Young Women's Guilds in Limekilns, and Wester Pardovan; Scotch Girls' Friendly Society, Biggar, Young Women's Christian Association, Lochgilphead, and other friends. A dining-room table, eight chairs and a chiffonier came from a friend in Helensburgh; £2 is sent by a parish minister; a young friend in Greenock sends £1 8s. 2d., the proceeds of a child's bazaar in aid of the Greenock Home; 2s. 6d. comes as "a widow's mite"; three dols., half for our own needs, from a friend in Canada; £5—10s. for personal use, from a parishioner of Kilmalcolm; 7s. from a Mission Sabbath School in Wick; £2 14s. 4d. from Sabbath School Teachers in Edinburgh, for our own needs; £1 from a friend in Edinburgh, who writes—"I had a really nice letter the other day from John Brunton. He does seem to be doing well. He said they had eight weeks of evening meetings, and he had not missed a single one. He sent me his photograph, a marvellous change from what he was when I took him to you." Two of our number write us from the other side:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—This is the first time I have written to you, but I hope you will not think me ungrateful for all you did for me. I am not any good to write a letter, and so I hate to write when I could not do it as good as I would like to. I thank my God for all His goodness to me. I thank thee for all thy kindness you have showed to me, and I often wish I could be with you all for one hour. It would be the happiest one I think I could spend. I wrote to Miss Hall two months ago, but I got no answer. Annie wrote to her, too, and she got no answer. We have been thinking she had left the Homes. Would you please let me know? I like this country well, and I have got one of the best homes that is to be had. We have lots of snow. Some of the people are wishing it would go off, but I like it. We have good times if it is cold. We are holding several meetings in our church, and I go to church pretty near every night, but some nights I have to stay at home with the children. There are two of them, both boys. I can say I belong to Jesus who did so much for me. I have joined the Methodist Church, and the Christian Endeavour, and the Mission Band, because they all help me to be a Christian, and I would like you to pray for me that I might live to praise my Saviour. I was down at the Home in Brockville last summer for a week, and Mrs. Burges gave me your picture, and I always pray for you and Mrs. Quarrier, and all the friends in the Home, and I hope God will bless the work. I will write often to you, for I love you all. Annie is well, and I hope you are all well. I am well. At Christmas I sung a piece with a girl that came from the Home last summer. Lizzie Smith and I played the tambourine. I thank you for your nice books and cards. God bless you all. R. S.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I now sit down to let you know that I got your letter, and I hope you will get this letter, for it has a long way to go. I hope you are well, and that Mrs. Quarrier is well. I have pretty good health, only I have a bad cold. I am glad that you wrote and let me know that my mother was dead, but I am sorry to hear it. She is out of trouble now, and has gone to heaven. I hope to meet her there some day. You will be glad to know that I have given my heart to the Lord, and am trusting in Him now. I live about two and a-half miles from Robert, my brother, and about four miles from my sister. I am working to a man by the name of Thomas Johnston. He is a very nice man. One of his boys is teaching school. I am glad to hear that you are coming to see me. Next time you come out I will be glad to see you. I go to church four times on Sunday, and drive the horses and the girls and the master and mistress, and to prayer-meeting once a week. We have about ten feet of snow here in some places yet. This is a fine maple sugar day. I wish I could send you all some. I was at a sugar bee last night, and didn't get home till twelve o'clock. I am a member of the O.Y.B. now. I think it is time to close. J. C.

April 11.—Quite a number of needy cases have been taken in during

the past few days, and many applications asking us to help others have been received. Yesterday three of one family, 13, 10, and 7 years of age, from Kilmarnock were admitted. Father died five years ago, leaving the mother with six of a family, whom she bravely tried to struggle on with. She, herself, died last February, and there are no relatives able to keep these three, the youngest of the family; also a girl of 16, whose father, a ship steward, was drowned at sea. Since his death she has been kept by an aunt in Largs. She was placed out in two situations, but was dismissed for pilfering; and an orphan boy of 12, whose grandmother, with whom he has been since mother's death, is not a suitable guardian for him. Two boys of 3 and 6 years old were taken in on Wednesday; and on Monday a family of four boys, 12, 10, 8, and 7, were brought by Inspector of Poor, Aberfeldy, and admitted. Their mother is dead, and father unable for work, is much given to drink, and is at present in prison for his ill-usage of the eldest boy. Only £6 16s have come for emigration these past few days. We still need £900 for the band of 120 girls we hope to send sometime in May, but this we feel sure will be sent in good time.

April 16.—We were gladdened on Tuesday by receiving a telegram from the Messrs. Allan stating the s.s. *State of Nebraska* had arrived at Halifax with its precious cargo, and to-day we got a cablegram from Brockville with the words, "Steamer good, rail splendid," which let us know that the band had reached their journey's end in safety. When the glad news was received our village chime of bells rang out a hymn of praise, our hearts also joining in thankfulness for our loving Heavenly Father's watchful care over this another band. A cheering gift of £100 to-day from a regular donor, for emigration; also another of £40, for the same purpose, and £5 for personal needs, from a friend in Edinburgh. An old friend of the work in Perth sent us £100 yesterday, for emigration. Among numerous other gifts received these past few days was one which greatly touched us, of two pairs of little stockings, knitted for the children by a lady 93 years of age, shortly before her death. A very acceptable gift of 30 pairs stockings is sent by a Young Women's Guild in Lochgelly; £5 is sent by an engineer; "Aberdeen" sends two parcels tea and two cheese; a friend in Dunlop sends 42 loaves, and others in Glasgow ten dozen and some rolls. A friend in Strathaven sending some clothing writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I send you a small parcel of clothing, which will be useful to some of your large family. I received your occasional paper, and see you expect (D.V.) to send off some boys this month, and the girls next month. I hope God will guide their feet in His ways, and that they may be useful members of society, wherever they shall be placed. May they be "diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." May you be kept faithful in His service, and may God prosper you in all things and give you grace abundant is still our desire. Trusting you may long be spared to be a good steward, rightly dividing the Word of truth to the many entrusted to your care. And may our God do exceeding abundantly, above all you can ask or think. To Him be all the glory.

April 20.—We admitted to-day a little girl, who, although only 8 years old, has already been up three times before the Court for stealing. She was sent to us by one of the City Magistrates, and we trust her young heart may be won for the Saviour, and her steps, which have so early gone in ways of evil, be led into ways of righteousness. A lad of 15 was also taken in to-day, whose mother is almost heart-broken with him, and he has got quite beyond her control. Only £4 11s. 6d. and quantity clothing, hats, etc., for general needs, and £12 5s. for emigration to-day.

Yesterday a friend sent £30 to take three girls to Canada, and another £10 to pay for one girl. A widow sends 10s. "In memory of my husband gone home;" 5s. comes from three little boys in Thurso; a little boy in Baillieston sends 1s. and says: "Dear Mr. Quarrier,—I thought I could do no better than give you a share of my year's earnings to the orphans. I am giving you threepence more this year than last year. I am thankful at being able to do this; although it is small, I hope you will receive it." His little sister sends 6d. Two aged helpers in Chirnside send box clothing, hats, etc. A friend in Glasgow, parcel of tea and sixteen pairs stockings; "C." sends £4, and £1 for personal use; some articles clothing are sent by the children of a Sabbath School in Caithness, who met on Saturday afternoons during the winter to work for our little ones. A young friend in Glasgow sends a pneumatic bicycle; 5s. is sent from a friend in Dunfermline, who writes: "accept of this as given to God. Five shillings is not much; but I believe when given to the All-Powerful, it will be more than its actual worth."

April 24.—From various sources, far off and near, £82 14s. 5d. have reached us these past four days, £20 of it for emigration. We intend sending our girls' party to Canada on the 29th of next month, and for this purpose we still require about £700 before the day of sailing. Our God reigneth and His faithfulness in the past forbids us doubting for the time to come. 10s. of the above amount are sent by five little girls in a Sabbath School class, Stepps; 10s. from "A Worm"; £20 (£10 to take a girl to Canada) from a regular donor in Glasgow; £2 from a friend in Otago, New Zealand; 6s. collected from friends by a young helper in Alexandria; £5 5s. from a firm in Leith "with best wishes for success in your labour of love"; £1 11s. from captain and crew of s.s. *Dunstaffnage*; £1 from "A Wellwisher," Edinburgh; £1, parcel clothing, and £1 for personal needs, from a friend in Arklow, Ireland; two pieces very serviceable dress material from Shettleston; a quantity of very useful articles clothing from friends in Dunoon, Bothwell, Airdrie, Aberdeen, and Glasgow. A friend in Edinburgh sending 6s., writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I have very much pleasure in now sending you our usual mite "In Memoriam," with the sincere wish that it was tenfold more! Please find Postal Order for 5s. and 1s. in stamps for your grand and blessed work of rescuing the perishing. It is very delightful to hear from time to time so many encouraging tokens of God's marvellous goodness vouchsafed to you and your fellow-workers. I feel it a great privilege to be able, though in so small a way, to have a "share in the concern!" Wishing all success in every branch of your work and 5s. comes from a Sabbath School class, Paisley, with the following letter:—

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed please find a P.O. for 5s. This sum has been collected by a small class of girls in the Free High Church Mission Sabbath School. This class has sent a small sum to you annually for a few years back, but it was usually included in the sum sent from the Church Sabbath Schools. This year their box was rather later in being opened, so I now forward the sum to you, and you may devote it to any part of the great work entrusted by God to you. Should you be able to spare the time, might I suggest that you might write a note acknowledging the amount and send it to the girls. I am sure they would feel delighted with it, and it would be a stimulus to them to try and collect more. Of course, they are but mission children, and cannot afford much, but it perhaps needs more self-denial for them to keep their Saturday penny for the Mission Box than it does for a man with thousands to subscribe a hundred. While our subscriptions are only occasional, yet we try to make our prayers for you and your great work regular, while the teachers have many of the classes quite interested in the boys and girls of your Homes. I now pray that God may still give you strength for your every difficulty, and that many of the

children may be brought to that Saviour who, through your instrumentality, has done, and is still doing, so much for them.

April 30.—Another month closes to-day and brings us to the middle of this the 25th year of the work of the Homes. The daily needs of our large family, as well as our own, have all been met, and, after paying all debts, we are able to close the month with the balance on the right side, as in all the past of our trust in the Lord. In looking back on the months that have gone, we can truly say: goodness and mercy have followed us all through. Yesterday two more children were admitted, making in all 38 during the month, and to many other suffering, needy ones a helping hand has been extended and words of comfort spoken. We were glad to get a letter from Mr. Burges this week, telling of the voyage out, and of the reception of our boys at Brockville. Within a week of their arrival over 100 had been placed in their new homes on the Canadian farms. The demand for the Scotch children is always far beyond the supply, so that our helpers can select the most suitable places for them. The following letters among others to hand from members of our rescued family on the other side, are very encouraging:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I received your nice letter, and thank you for your good advice. I also got a parcel of papers on New Year's Day from Brockville, and among them was your letter and the Children's photograph. I thought it was very nice. I was able to point out all the girls I knew, and where I used to sit, when my Saviour took me among His redeemed ones, praise His name. I am able to sing "saved, saved, yes I am saved, my heart is created anew, the precious blood of Jesus, it washeth white as snow." I suppose by this time you have got the boys all away. I guess if they are as bad as the girls were they won't like it very well. I know I didn't, but I soon got over it. I must say I like my place very well; it was only at first I got home-sick. The people we are with are very nice to us both; they like Jessie very much. She calls them uncle and auntie. Jessie will be going to school in May if all is well. The school is only about five minutes' walk from the house, so that is very handy for her. Give my love to Mrs. Quarrier, hoping she is well, and yourself and family.—Your sincere friend,
J. P.

MY DEAREST FRIEND,—I now take the pleasure of writing you a few lines to let you know that I am well, hoping this will find you and your family, and your large family, too, all enjoying the same. I will tell you a little about myself. Now I am in the town of Deseronto. Now I suppose you know where that is. I am at the Presbyterian minister's house here, and like it very much. Mr. and Mrs. M. are very kind and nice to me, and I like them very much. We live right beside the church, and I am a member of it and attend four different times on Sunday. We have a Christian Endeavour Society, too, and I am one of the active members, and they are doing a great deal of good here. My brother Willie is working in this town, too, and gets a dollar a day, and is doing very well. My other brother, John, does not live far from here, and has got a good place, and is doing well: he went to school all winter. I suppose you are all as busy as bees now getting the children ready to come out, and I suppose they will all find places as usual. It is wonderful, indeed. There have been a great many changes there since I left about eleven years ago, and I would very much like to see the Homes now. I suppose I would hardly know them now. I got your annual report to read this year. It is a grand work, and I am sure that God will prosper it more and more, while I myself will never forget that I have been one of its sheltered children. I remain, as ever your loving girl,
M. M.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I suppose you will be thinking that I have forgotten all about you and all my old friends, but it is not so. I will never forget my old home and the good times I used to have if I live to be an old woman. Although I am contented with my new home, I often think that I would like to go back to Scotland to visit the Homes, and I hope to, some time in the near future. I received your kind and ever welcome letter at New Year, and was glad to hear that the Lord was blessing your work so abundantly. I was very much pleased, indeed, to see the group of children. I could imagine myself back in my old place in church. I think your poultry house and yard is far nicer than any in this country, or, at least, any that I have seen. From the picture, I am sure you must have a nice village now. I have seen no place in this country half as pretty as the Bridge of Weir. Well, I

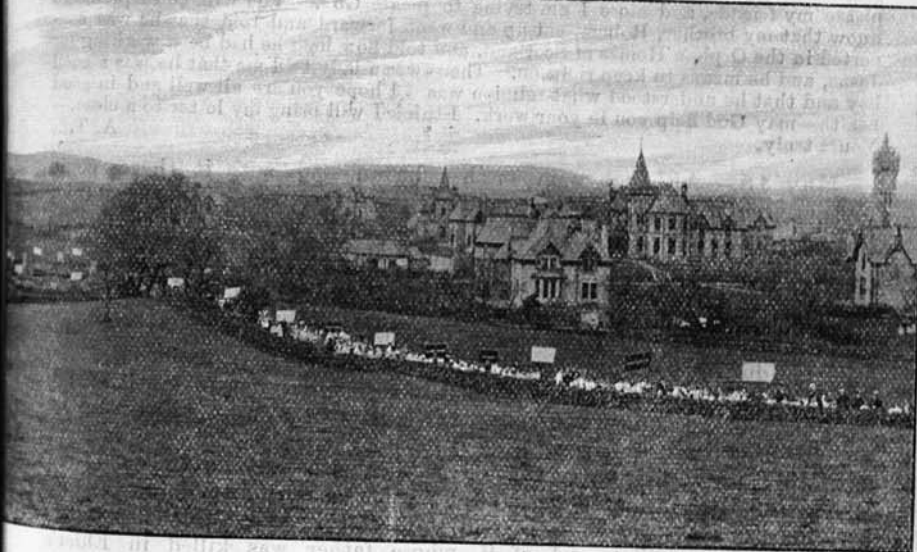
will try and give you a little news. Last summer it was very dry all over this part of the country. We had a good crop of corn and potatoes, and we had a very good crop of oats, and we had quite a few raspberries. I used to go picking berries every day for about a month. I often thought when I would be picking them, what fun the children at the homes would have if they got into a big berry patch like they are in this country. We set out a large patch of strawberries last summer, and we expect to get lots of berries next summer. I was away visiting last summer for a week at my mistress's uncles; they have got a boy and girl from the Home. The boy's name is Duncan R., and the girl is Georgina F.; they are both getting along nicely. When I was there, they took me out fishing. It was the first time that I ever fished, but I did not catch any fish, instead of a fish I got a beautiful handkerchief, so I think that was better than a fish. We have had some very cold weather this winter. It was 42 below zero, and we drove three miles to Sunday School when it was 15 below zero. Sandy takes us to Sunday School every Sunday; he drives the two horses and takes a whole load. The snow is very deep just now, and there is a hard crust frozen on top. I expect we will be tapping the trees and making maple syrup by the time you get this letter. Sandy and I were out to a party the other night. It was a surprise party, and we were invited, and all the girls had to take a cake along, so my mistress told me I could bake one to take, and they all thought it was just lovely. It was all gobbled up so quick that I did not get a taste of it. I went down to visit Lily one day last week. She is getting along nicely. She has grown to be a big girl; you would hardly know her now. Sandy is a great tall fellow now, but not very fat; he often speaks of the time when you told him he would have to drink lots of cod liver oil to grow fat. I don't think he will ever be fat, but he is good and strong, and that is all that is necessary. I weigh 130 lbs., so you can guess from that whether I am fat or not, but I think I am too fat. I think I will stop this letter short or you will get tired reading it. I know you will be glad to hear that I am still striving to follow in my Master's footsteps. I belong to the Methodist Church. —Good-bye, write soon, yours sincerely, J. R.

May 2.—This afternoon we held "May Day" in right royal style, among our big family at Bridge-of-Weir. After partaking of an early dinner, each household marched out to our general park, with their stores of curds, milk, biscuits, etc., where each house sat down under their flags and banners. The weather was beautiful and it was a lovely sight, looking at a distance as if an army had invaded the park. Games and other recreations were enjoyed for an hour or two, followed by races, for which substantial prizes were given. About four o'clock the whistle was blown, and all got into marching order, with standards in the van, to go to the Consumptive Hospital, which we had arranged to take them through for the first time. As the procession ascended the hill leading from the Homes to the Consumptive Hospital, it was photographed, and we print on next page a reproduction from that photo., which will give friends some idea of the sight. The view taken is looking down on our Invalid Girls' Home, and also shews the addition of office and business rooms, which were made this year to our own house. After the children had all passed through the Hospital, another photograph was taken, which we reprint on page 45. It gives some idea of the size of our procession and also shews some of the beautiful surroundings of the Hospital and Secretary's house. The bright sunshine gladdened our hearts, and the day was altogether one that will be long remembered by all, and we wish our many friends could have been present to witness the enjoyment of the little ones. A very acceptable gift reached us yesterday for our Building Fund, of £400 10s. 9d., part residue of an estate in Dundee. Two constant helpers send us £50 to day for emigration, and, from other sources, £18 13s. 2d. are sent us for general needs.

May 5.—A very cheering gift of £200—£100 for Consumptive Homes and £100 for emigration—came to-day from an old and valued helper in the work, who writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Thirty years ago I insured my life, and by God's goodness I have lived to receive payment of the sum assured. I regard the money not as my own but His, and I am satisfied that I cannot spend part of it better than by sending it to help the work you are doing for Him. I have, therefore, much pleasure in enclosing cheque for £200 to be divided between the Orphans and the Consumptives, or applied in any way you think best, in furtherance of your great work. With best regards and highest esteem.

Friends in Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Brighouse, send £21 10s. additional for emigration to-day, and from friends in various parts £7 12s. for general expenses, and 10s. for personal needs are sent; also large quantities useful clothing from U.P. Church Ladies' Sewing Society, Melrose, Kelso Parish Church Guild, and Cromarty Y.W.C.A. Work Party.



CHILDREN ASCENDING HILL FROM HOMES.

May 9.—We are now very busy preparing our girls' party for Canada, and have arranged for them to sail on the 29th inst. in the S.S. *Siberian* of the Allan Line. We still need about £300 for the outfits and passages of those we purpose sending, but this we feel sure will be sent in good time. From friends in Greenock, and Montrose, £12 10s. are sent for emigration to-day; and from Troon, Ayr, Aberdeen, Montrose, Cupar-Fife, Haddington, and Glasgow, £6 7s., 13 pairs socks, and quantity bread for general needs. Two of our number write us from Canada:—

DEAR MR. AND MRS. QUARRIER,—You will be thinking I have forgot you all entirely, but such is not the case. Since I came out to Canada God has been very, very, good to me. I never have been, in the two years I'm out, a day sick, which should cause me to give thanks to God. I wrote several times to Mr. Burges, and I was glad to hear you were all so well. I suppose the Consumptive Homes put a great change on the look of your little town. I was telling some of the people here about these Homes. They say that they never heard about the like before, but they think that when they are all ready, and places filled, that God will add His blessing and cure some of the poor sufferers of this dreadful disease. I always remember you all in my prayers, and pray that God would give all a special blessing. I am getting along fine. I can harrow, and I do all the rolling and some of the cultivating, where I am now. I am in a good place, now, and all are very good to me, especially old Mrs. C—, who is a servant of God. There is a brother-in-law of the man I am with now would like very much to have my little half-brother. Arthur James

Letimore is his name, and I would like, oh! so much, if you would send him out with the band of girls this May. My mother doesn't want him to come out, but, maybe, if you wrote her a few lines and coaxed her to let him come, maybe she will. Please don't forget, and try and get him out with the band of girls this May. Remember me to all the friends, and to Mr. Hunter. Good-bye. May God bless you all. I remain, one of your old Home boys,
J. W.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—I now take the pleasure of writing you a few lines to let you know that I am well hoping to find you in good health. I think it has been mean of me not to write to you. I hope Mrs. Quarrier is well and all the rest. I hope to see you and Mrs. Quarrier when you come out with the girls. I have some papers I will lend you when you come out. I will let you have them to read to the children. I think they will interest them because they are full of nice stories. They are called the Young People's Weekly. When I got these papers you sent me, when I saw that good old church, I was wishing I was there. I am trying my best to please my friends, and more I am trying to please God. You will be surprised to know that my brother, Robert, got up and went forward and told that he was converted in the Orphan Homes of Scotland, and told how long he had been working for Jesus, and he means to keep right on. There was a lady told me that he was a good boy and that he understood what religion was. I hope you are all well and in good health—may God help you in your work. I think I will bring my letter to a close.—
A. T.
Yours truly,

May 15.—Although summer has begun, and with it there come warmer and brighter days, the need for our work of rescue is never ending, and seems to be even more manifest in the summer months than during the winter. The father and bread-winner dies, and the widow is left to struggle on with two, four, six, or more children. She also gives way, and the fatherless and motherless bairns have to be reckoned among the paupers of our land, or be rescued by us. It has been our joy and privilege during the past fortnight to help many needy little ones, who otherwise would have been a burden on the rates, not to speak of the possibility of becoming criminals. Two boys who were taken out by their mother against our wish, a year ago, were re-admitted, as their stepfather now will have nothing to do with them. A boy of 14 is taken, whose father is dead, and mother, a very bad doing woman, has deserted; he was in a fearful state of rags and filth. The others admitted were a little girl of 9, whose father was killed in Elder's Shipbuilding Yard seven years ago, and mother died four years ago in Poorhouse Hospital. A friend of the mother's has kept girl since her death, but she herself is now dying, and girl has got beyond her control; will not attend school, and is otherwise very unmanageable. A girl and boy of 7 and 5 years, from Macduff. Mother died five weeks ago. Two very delicate boys of 13 and 9 from Alva. Father and mother both dead. Two step-brothers, with the assistance of sister tried to keep up house, but are unable longer to do so. A boy and girl of 14 and 12 whose mother, very much given to drink, is separated from her husband, who is dying of consumption. The children have got completely beyond his control. Two boys of 10 and 7 brought by the Inspector of Poor, Bo'ness. Mother dead and father dying. He has not been able for work for two years. A boy of 10 from Aberdeen. Father who was an hospital attendant on training ship *Empress*, died on board three years ago. Boy has got completely beyond mother's control. A girl of 9, whose father has been tramping the country since his wife's death five years ago, dragging the girl with him; she has consequently been much neglected, and has never been at school. A lad of 15, and young woman taken into our City Home, are the other additions to our family during the fortnight. Needy cases in Arbroath, Edinburgh, Woolston, Campbeltown, Portobello, Alexandria, Greenock, Glasgow,

Dalmuir, Berwick, Inverness, and Wick, have also been brought before our notice these few days past, £140 for emigration, and £8 16s. for general needs, are our gifts in money to-day.

May 20.—At this specially busy time, and, when amid difficulties in dealing with the relatives of the children, etc., we are apt to be cast down, the Lord sends us, through His servants, many cheering and encouraging gifts. 15s. comes from a Y.P.C. Endeavour Society, Comrie, with the following letter:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I have pleasure in sending you postal order for 15s. for your work among the children. The money has been gathered by the members of the Y.P.S.C.E. in connection with the U.P. Church here. From time to time during our winter session I drew their attention to the rescue work in which you have been so long and so honourably engaged. With our small donation we offer our united prayers that as in the days that are past, so in the days that are to come, the face of the Master may shine upon you, and that you may be increasingly blessed in your Christ-like work for the little ones.—With kind regards.

£100 is sent by a frequent helper in Crieff, who writes, "I hope your big family has all prospered during the past winter, I pray that God's blessing may descend on you and them all." £25 comes from another constant giver in Alloa; £10 from one in Hamilton; one in Glasgow sends, with every good wish, £3—£1 for personal needs. A City Missionary and his wife, Edinburgh, send £1, "praying for continued blessing on your work in all its departments." "A Worm" again forwards £1; 4s. comes as a thank-offering from Paisley; a friend, Alloa, sends £1 and 5s. for our own use "as a thank-offering for God's goodness to me." Another in Coatbridge sending £2, says, "It is but a small gift, but it will always help to get salt for the children." £1 comes from Grahamstown, Cape Colony. A friend whose dear wife died recently, sends her jewellery to be sold, a gift which greatly touched our hearts. May the Master be very near to this dear friend in his time of trial and loneliness, and may he realise the up-making portion of the Friend born for the adversities of life.

Two little helpers in Paisley send 15s., and write:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—My little sister Bessie and I held a small sale of work on Saturday for the benefit of the children at the Orphan Homes. Our drawings amounted to fifteen shillings, which we now have pleasure in sending to you. We have had two or three of these little sales of work, but this last has proved the most successful of them all. With kind regards and best wishes,—I am, yours respectfully,
M. C.

£2 from a mother and daughter, and £6 13s. 3d. from an Helensburgh Bible Class, were very cheering and acceptable gifts for the Consumptive Homes.

May 25.—Yesterday, in view of the near departure of our band of girls and little boys, we had three very precious services in our village "Mount Zion." The evening gathering took the form of a praise and testimony meeting, and our hearts were indeed cheered and encouraged by the number who stood up, and before their companions testified to the reality of their knowledge of the saving and keeping power of the Lord Jesus. May He guide and guard each dear child through life, and grant that not one of them may be wanting in that day, when He comes to make up His jewels. £35 5s., are sent for emigration these past few days, and thus, as He has always done, our Father has made provision for each child going before the day of sailing. A large number of gifts have also reached us towards the general needs; £37 1s. 6d. come, collected from friends in

Campbeltown; £10 is sent "from a friend for the dear orphans"; an aunt of children helped sends 5s.; "Iguota" sends 5s.; from friends in Kirkcaldy, Campsie, Uddingston, and London, come a quantity of useful articles clothing; a gift of £100 from a frequent helper towards the Consumptive Home, was also a very cheering gift.

OUR SECOND BAND OF CHILDREN TO CANADA THIS YEAR.

May 29.—Our girls' party, numbering 112 girls and ten little boys sailed for Canada to-day in the s.s. *Siberian* of the Allan Line, in charge of our son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Burges, and our youngest daughter, the former having returned only this week, after seeing the boys' band placed out in their new homes. At a farewell meeting in the Christian Institute, the children and those going in charge were committed to the care of our Heavenly Father, for the voyage before them, as well as for their life's journey, and we trust they will be bright and shining lights for the Master in the new land. We accompanied them as far as Greenock, and saw them safely settled in the comfortable quarters provided for them by the Messrs. Allan. After united family worship we left them all in good spirits at the bright prospects before them in the new country for which they are bound. The vacant places left by the party gone will enable us to help other needy ones, and in returning to our work of rescue, after sending forth this, our forty-second band, we could not but praise our Father anew, for His great goodness in providing such an outlet as the broad fields of Canada, for these little ones, for whom there is no room in this over-crowded island of ours. A very acceptable and cheering gift of £180, for half-year's keep of Cottage Home of thirty children, and £10 for personal use, came yesterday from two kind and frequent helpers. To-day £10 for emigration, and £7 17s. for daily supplies have come.

June 3.—One of our number, Richard McKnight, a boy of 14, passed away yesterday from our "Elim" Home to the home above. He came to us eighteen months ago, from Dundee, committed to our care by the Sheriff, who convicted the mother for sending this boy and his sister, who is still with us, to the streets to sing, beg, etc. They were known to have earned as much as 10s. a day in this manner. Richard when admitted was suffering from hip-joint disease, brought on by the exposure and neglect. He is now gathered home "to go no more out." This evening, at our weekly Wednesday evening meeting, we had an address from one of our old boys who went out to Canada in 1880. He has got on well, and is now a minister of the Gospel. He gave the children very earnest advice to put God first in all their future life, and our hearts were indeed encouraged and strengthened by his visit, and by the knowledge of his usefulness for God in the land of his adoption. From friends in Kilmalcolm, Marienbad, Edinburgh, Crieff, and Surrey, £12 7s. 6d., 15s. of the amount for personal needs, have come to-day.

June 9.—On Saturday we got the joyful news that the *Siberian* with its precious cargo had passed Cape Race that morning, and to-day we received a cablegram from our Home at Fairknowe, Brockville, letting us know that our dear ones had been taken to their journey's end in peace and safety. Our hearts and voices praised the Lord for His preserving care, and the village chimes and bells rang out the joyful tidings, cheering one and all. Two of our number write us from the other side:—

MY DEAR FRIEND,—You must both excuse and forgive me for not writing you before. I have thought about it often enough, but some way I have never written,

so I thought I would take time and write. I received your letter and also the papers you sent me last Xmas, and was very much pleased with them; the cards were very nice, as they always are. I am still at Mr. W.'s, and shall stay here always for all I know now. As I have never written to you I must tell you all about my home and how I like it. I do not think if I was living with my own dear father and mother I could be used any better than I am here. Andrew and I have been used the same as Mr. W.'s own son and daughter were. Andrew was with us till about a year ago, and he went to work for Mr. W.'s son-in-law. Yes, I appreciate my home very much, and I am very, very, thankful to you for your kindness towards me. Mr. and Mrs. W. are Methodists, and I go to church regularly every Sunday, and I have attended the public school more than half of the time I have been living here. Mr. Burges was around visiting us last summer, and he said he would likely be around this summer. I was very much pleased to see him. I do not remember much about the people in the Home, but I remember you. I can see you ever as I saw you one morning in the City Home in "dear old Scotland." Please give my love and best wishes to Mrs. Quarrier. I have Mrs. Quarrier's photo., and Andrew has yours and Mrs. Quarrier's. I think I will close my letter now, as I can find no more news at present. Hoping this will find you well, as it leaves me.—I am, yours truly,
M. C.

DEAR FRIEND,—It is about a year since I left Scotland. I am in a farm home. I am living about half-a-mile from the railroad. We will have seventeen cows milking this summer. I am going to learn to milk. We have three horses and some young cattle, three pigs, ten sheep, two nice little lambs, forty hens, five turkeys, and a nice little bird, and he is a fine singer. We have an organ in the parlour. I have three sisters, a brother, and a mother here. I go to school when it is not too stormy. I study geography, grammar, and history, besides reading and arithmetic. I wrote to Mr. Giffen last spring and he has not answered my letter yet. We have two nice dogs, one is an English pointer and the other is a Scotch collie, and he is a good cow dog, and the other keeps away robbers. Minnie, Robbie and I go to the same school. We will soon be making maple sugar. We had a very severe winter. Easter holidays begin to-day. We have a lot of apple trees. I got a pencil case with a penholder, a lead pencil, and a slate pencil, a paper of sweets and peanuts, and a tooth brush, and some money. I will close with best wishes to yourself, Mrs. Quarrier, and Mr. Frank. P.S.—I enclose a letter to my mother, please give it to her. I remain your humble servant.
A. Y.

June 15.—To-day and on Friday seven children were admitted, one, a boy of 7, is a very sad case. He is brother to two girls taken in two years ago. Their father, a photographer, died in 1893, of cancer. His people were well to do, but disowned him after his marriage, which they did not approve of. They, however, granted him a pension during his life, but refused to have anything to do with children or mother. The mother married again two months ago, a drunken, bad doing man, who on Monday, shamefully kicked her all over the body and face, and left her in a fearful condition. He got only sixty days' imprisonment for this. Mother intends to go into service, but will not be able for some time, on account of her injuries. The cry for help comes to us also during the past days from Dundee, Galashiels, Leith, Currie, Banff, and Stranraer. A great many gifts from many parts have also reached us. A friend in Johannesburg sends 10s.; "A Lammermoor Shepherd who feels for the bairns," 5s.; £1 anonymously "to the Meal Bag"; £1 from a friend in New Deer, "with best wishes for great success"; 30s. from "Inchinnan"; £50 from two aged helpers in Chirnside; £1 from Belgium; 1s., "Sally and Margaret's" saved pennies, and 6d., Alene's do.; 10s. from Fort-William, sent by a friend who says: "I have this day attained my 80th year through the mercy and loving-kindness of our Lord." £100 (£10 for personal needs) come from a friend in Millport; another in Liverpool sends £20; 5s. come from Edinburgh, with the following letter:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER.—Please accept the enclosed mite towards the expenses of your family of orphans. I was reminded last week on reading the account of another batch of young emigrants leaving for Canada. With many others who cannot give

much, my prayers and sympathies follow you in your efforts for blessing, on the part so many have received from time to time at your hands. P.O. Order, 5s., with all good wishes to you and yours.

and £1 16s. from a Sunday School class in Galashiels. The teacher writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Once more I have much pleasure in sending you £1 16s., the monthly subscriptions of my dear Sunday class. It is quite a pleasure to me to send it to clothe the part of one little girl going to Canada, as the children give it so cheerfully for that purpose. Mission Sunday to them is a special treat, and their faces are always beaming with delight that day. Owing to agricultural migration, I am sorry my class is likely to be small this year, but we will all try and give as God has prospered us for those dear girls you are trying to save to be jewels for the Lord when we all shall meet above. We often think of you and earnestly pray for your great work to prosper, and wish—oh, how we wish—we could help you more.

June 19.—Our hearts have been filled with joy and thanksgiving to-day in receiving the promise of £2000 to build another house in the national group. A friend in the east of Scotland, whom we did not know personally, wrote me a few days ago, asking when he could see me at the Homes here. He came to-day, and, on being shewn over the work, was greatly pleased with all he saw, and expressed a wish to build a house, in Scotch Baronial style. This practical expression of interest in the work, on the part of this new friend, has greatly cheered us amid the trials by the way, and we can truly say with the psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name: who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies." Another very cheering gift to-day was that of £5000, the amount apportioned to the Homes by the Attorney-General from the estate of the late Mr. Wm. Andrew Guesdon, Clapham Common, London. A legacy of £1000, less duty, from Glasgow, also came in very acceptably this week for our Building Fund. Truly "our cup runneth over." These gifts are specially cheering at this time amid the annoyance of the past few weeks, in the attitude taken up by the neighbouring proprietor of Torr Estate, which adjoins the ground the Consumptive Home is built upon. A mutual burn divides the two estates, and this proprietor, in a very unreasonable way, objects to the drainage of the Consumptive Home being put into this burn, although it is the only natural means of draining it. We hear that he is taking the matter into the Court of Session, notwithstanding that we agreed to do everything in our power to purify the drainage, so that it would do no harm to the burn. We look to the Lord to bring good out of this trial, and that we "may be delivered from unreasonable men."

June 24.—Very cheering letters come to hand to-day from our friends at Fairknowe, telling of the goodness of the Lord during the voyage across, and journey up the country to Brockville, also telling us that already a number of the band had gone to their new homes. One of the boys, who went out in April, writes:—

DEAR MR. AND MRS. QUARRIER,—It is now a month and ten days since I left the good old Homes, and this is my first letter only. Please excuse me for not writing sooner. I intended writing on board ship, but neglected it, although I have started two or three, but could not get them finished. I am determined to send this one away. As Mr. Burges is going over, if he has not gone already, there is no need of saying anything about the voyage, any more than that I enjoyed myself very much; and I am on my farm three weeks to-day. And you know I always had a great liking for Canada, I love it better than ever now. I am exceedingly fond of my work, although it is a little hard. There is a good deal more hours to work in the day than what there was at home, that is in the good old poultry farm. As we are in the busiest time of the year just now, we are just in the middle of our spring work, so I have been doing my first ploughing, harrowing, etc. It is not a very large farm,

only about 150 acres, 85 in the lot that the house is on, and 65 a mile and a half away. Never a day since I left you but I have thought of you and that good and wonderful work which you are carrying on. I hope and trust that you will be spared long in your good and true work. Now dear Mr. M'Murray will be wondering what has become of me that I have not written to him, but you can tell him there will be a letter for him shortly, as I must write the next letter to him. I only hope that I may remain strong, so that I may be able to work and try to return my gratitude for the goodness shown to me since I first entered the Homes. I say with my whole heart that you have done more for me than any living friend I have got, and therefore I will remain by you and be a friend to you. Now I have seen both Robert and Willie, and they are getting on well. I must have them write a letter to you. Give my best respects to Mrs. Quarrier, Mr. Frank, and Miss Mary, also Mr. and Mrs. M'Murray.—Yours very sincerely,

J. B.

and one of our girls, out for some years, writes:—

DEAR MR. AND MRS. QUARRIER,—You will be thinking I have forgotten to answer your kind and loving letter which I received some time ago, but we have been so busy. We got a boy from the Home this spring, Joseph S. by name; he is a good Christian boy, and he helps me a lot with my work at night, and helps me to wash my milk pails. We made over 30 gallons of maple syrup this year. Mr. H. and his men are busy sowing their grain. We milk between 30 and 40 cows. Joe is learning to milk fast. Alex. W., whom we had last year, went to his uncle in Toronto. There are quite a few boys from the Home around where I am. Nellie D. is getting better; was very sick; she was down staying with me for a few days, and I felt sorry for her, she is such a nice girl. We drive to Sunday school every Sunday. Willie F. and Willie S. go also. I had a nice letter from Maud H., and one from Jeanie M., and one from Nellie B.; they are all well. Nellie B. is Mrs. J. M. now, and Jeanie M. Mrs. H. L. I wish them happiness and prosperity as long as they live. All around here join with me in sending their kind love to you. Remember me to Lizzie W.; tell her I haven't forgotten her; I will write to her later. Excuse my bad writing, as I hardly can keep my eyes open. Love also from us all to Mrs. Quarrier and the family. Good-night; the girls will be leaving for Canada soon, if not left when you get this letter.—Your friend,

J. W. M.

Yesterday, in the Court of Session, the petition, brought by the neighbouring proprietor of Torr, to interdict us from putting the drainage of the Consumptive Hospital into the adjoining burn, was heard and debated before the Court, and interim interdict granted. The case will be tried later on, and we trust will yet be decided in our favour. From friends in Montrose, Castle Kennedy, Cleland, Kilwinning, Glasgow, Greenock, Lenzie, and Kilmarnock, £32 15s. and quantity clothing have reached us to-day.

June 30.—A great many gifts sent with words of cheer have come these closing days of the month. A friend in Aberdeen, sending £1, writes:—"As the Master has prospered me lately, I herewith send you a portion, to help you in the work He has given you to do." "Mysie," Callander, sends 2s. with all good wishes. Children in the schoolroom, Helensburgh, send 15s.; 5s. is sent "as a thank-offering" from Paisley; £1 comes from an old City Home girl; £3, and £1 for personal needs, from two frequent helpers in Lesmahagow, who say:—"The Lord continue to lift up the light of His countenance upon thee in all thy labours." A servant sends £2, collected amongst a few friends, for the Consumptive Homes; 16s. 8d. comes as the first money earned by a boy; £1, part proceeds of sale of work, from Y.W.C.A., Greenock; £150 comes from a regular donor towards upkeep of our Invalid Girls' Home. During the past month a great many needy cases have been brought before our notice, and it has been our privilege to add to our already large family 32 new children, each with his or her own sad history of suffering and need.

July 2.—We received yesterday £1000, the first instalment for the

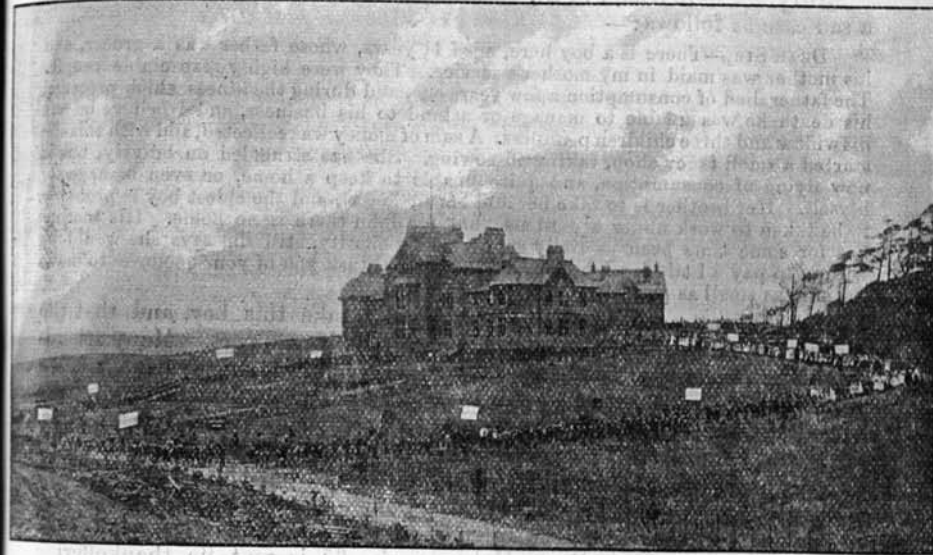
"Glenfarg" Home, promised last month by a friend in the East of Scotland. This dear friend also gives £50 for general needs and £50 for personal use. We do bless God for these gifts and for the kind sympathy of His servant. During the thirteen years that are gone since I gave up my business and looked to the Lord for the supply of our own needs, it has been most cheering to us to see His hand in the money sent for this purpose from time to time. The minuteness of our Father's care for us in these matters has been a great source of joy and encouragement, and we can truly say we have not lacked any needed thing. To Him be all the praise. To-day from Sabbath Schools and Bible Class, in Motherwell, Carnock, and Pollokshaws, £3, 1s. 6d. are sent for daily needs; a branch of the Glasgow Y.M.C.A. sends £3 5s., quarterly amount for support of a child; and friends in Glasgow, Dollar, Luss, and Aunan, send £12, quantity clothing, four baskets loaves, and some scones. Nine new cases are added to our family this week. A boy of 10 from Alloa is sent by the School Board, as he will not attend school, and incites others to do the same. His mother deserted him, leaving him with a grandmother over 60 years of age, who is unable to exercise any control over him. A family of four, 9, 8, 5, and 3 years of age, are taken from Edinburgh. Father died a year ago, and mother recently, and there are no relatives willing to assist them. A young woman of 25, an orphan, is taken into our City Home. She has been for some time in a mill in Paisley, but would now like to be trained for service. A boy of 12 is brought by a Police Constable. He has got completely beyond control, plays truant from school, and goes with bad company. A boy, taken out by his mother some months ago, is re-admitted, and a girl of 6 years is also taken. She has a very sad history. Her father took his own life last November, by jumping from a window, having previously thrown out his little baby of a few months old. This poor child has been very much neglected, and has never been at school. Since father's death, she has lived with grandparents, who are much given to drink, and not capable of having charge of her.

July 9.—One of our sailor boys left us yesterday to go to sea, and we trust the prayers offered up on his behalf will be abundantly answered in the time to come. The following letter is from one who went to sea last year:—

DEAR MR. AND MRS. QUARRIER,—This is in answer to your letter, which I was very glad to receive, and was glad to see by it that you are all keeping well. I am glad to hear that Mrs. and Miss Quarrier are improving. It is God's hand that is guiding me in the dangerous path I have to tread in, but I hope that God will spare me to come home and see you all again. We have one more trip to make to Rio, and then load for home; so I expect to be home by September. We are in Rio, discharging our cattle just now. I suppose you will be glad to hear that the s.s. *Straits of Menia* arrived in Buenos Ayres on the 20th of May. I saw Higgins, Rose, and George. They are keeping well. We had a fine week together. I have been to the Mission here, and they gave me a lot of books called the Christian monthly papers. I am very sorry to hear about Hugh McDonald being ill, but I am sure he will find his Heavenly Father a present help in time of trouble. I have been laid up myself with a bad headache, but my Heavenly Father has raised me up again. I shall never forget God's goodness to me. He has said to us, "In all thy ways acknowledge Me and I shall direct thy paths." Everybody is quite well on board. I am still trying to please my officers. I read your tracts, and they were very nice indeed. I have received a letter from my mother, and she is keeping a little better. I wrote a letter to you about a week ago. I suppose you have received it by this time. I send my love to all.—No more at present, but remain your true sailor boy, T. H.

A very acceptable gift of over 400 dozen loaves from a firm in Glasgow

to-day. Two other friends there also send us some bread and rolls; £1 18s. 2d. from a Garelochhead Sabbath School; eleven articles clothing from friends in High Blantyre, and a box of wild flowers, for our little invalids, from Jedburgh, are our other gifts.



CONSUMPTIVE HOSPITAL AND SECRETARY'S HOUSE, WITH CHILDREN IN PROCESSION.

July 14.—We were greatly cheered yesterday by receiving a cheque for £500 from an anonymous donor, sent through an Edinburgh lawyer, for the Consumptive Homes. This gift will help to complete the Executive Buildings, for which we still need about £2,000, and has greatly cheered our hearts in the work on behalf of the poor consumptives of our land; and it also demonstrates that the East of Scotland is still to the front on behalf of this movement. We should like to see the liberal givers of Glasgow, and the West of Scotland, coming in larger numbers to the help of one of the most needed works on behalf of the poor of the land. The first Hospital is well on towards completion, and we hope to be able to open it in the beginning of September, and trust that before that time what is needed to complete the Executive Buildings will be sent. The need for the work is very manifest, and we are longing soon to be in a position to combat this dire disease, which is carrying off annually so many valuable lives. To-day, one of our number, Jane Torra, a young woman of 19, succumbed to this disease, whose life might in all probability have been preserved if we had had the Hospital, with all its scientific and medical aids, open to receive her. She and her brother, 8 years of age, came to us over two years ago. Her father, a Japanese juggler, died in 1892, in Germany, the result of falling from a wire rope on which he was performing. Her mother died in Glasgow, two months before girl was admitted. An aunt of the children, in good circumstances in Glasgow, would have nothing to do with them, and was willing that they should go to the poorhouse, or anywhere else, so that she was not troubled with them. A neighbour pled with us to take them, and we did so, and have had the privilege of nursing this dear girl, and of leading her to the Saviour. She has now gone to be with Him, and is free from all pain and trouble, so

much of which she knew here. A boy of 10, admitted to-day, whose father died of consumption, and mother is now dying of cancer, will fill the vacant place.

July 22.—A friend in St. Andrews wrote us a few days ago regarding a sad case as follows:—

DEAR SIR,—There is a boy here, aged 11 years, whose father was a grocer, and his mother was maid in my mother's service. They were highly respectable people. The father died of consumption a few years ago, and during the illness which preceded his death he was unable to manage or attend to his business, and I believe he left his widow and three children penniless. A sum of money was collected, and with this she started a small fancy shop, taking in sewing. She has struggled on bravely, but is now dying of consumption, and quite unable to keep a home, or even manage for herself. Her brother is to take her and her little girl, and the eldest boy is probably to be taken to work under a gardener, but for John there is no home. His mother has for some time been partially supported by charity, still she says she would be willing to pay a little for John's board. I can only ask you of your goodness to make the sum as small as possible.

We replied at once that we would gladly take this boy, and that the mother would require to give nothing towards his support. Many friends are under the misapprehension that we take children for payment, and we would desire to say here that this is not so, destitution being the only title for admission. For the information of those who may know of needy cases, we would here repeat that the door of the Homes is ever open to receive children, who have no one able to keep them, from 1 to 16 years of age, without respect to creed or class distinction. A number of gifts not large in amount, but expressing the interest of many friends in the work, have come these past days. From Helensburgh, £5 is sent "a thankoffering for abundance"; two workers send £2 "as a thank offering"; 5s. comes for the Servants' Home, from Kitchen Mission Box, Lanark; "Ivy, Blairgowrie," sends 10s. for our own needs, and 20s. "for the bairns"; a city missionary and his wife, Edinburgh, send £5; a friend, Mount Florida, sends £3 for the work, and £2 for personal use; his children send 22s. collected in their box; a friend, Glasgow, sends £1, "to help to fill the meal bag"; from a Dunedin Sabbath School come £1 18s. 10d.; a grateful aunt of boys helped, sends 10s.; 2s. 6d. comes anonymously from a friend who writes: "The Lord bless you and make Joshua iii. 5, a living reality among you"; 5s., "the first of an advance on my wages" is sent with Proverbs 3-9; "Hugh, Sarah, and Agnes" send 2s. 7d., and "Willie, Kathleen, and Flo," 5s.; and £1 comes from a friend who writes: "I am sorry it is not more, but have again met with loss in Australia, as so many here have done." There are many of our givers like this friend, who, owing to decrease in interest, failure of banks and other causes, are unable, as they were wont, to minister to the needs of the little ones under our care, and yet the Lord does not suffer His work to lack any needed thing, but raises up others to take the places of those who are unable to give as they would wish.

July 31.—During the past month, although the middle of summer, we have been very busy taking in new children, and fifty have been added to our number, from many parts of the country, while a large number of needy cases have been helped and advised. This month the children in the Bridge-of-Weir Homes have holidays from school, and have been enjoying picnic outings, and walks to the hills and glens around our village. The young women from our city Home have also been down enjoying a week's holiday to the country, while the city Home lads have been at Cockenzie

on the East Coast for their week's outing. A number of small gifts have reached us these closing days of the month for the Consumptive Homes. A friend in Pollokshields sends £5 "in memory of a sister who died of consumption"; two friends, Alloa, send £1 5s. "in memory of W. L."; a friend in Glasgow sends £1, to put in four stones; another, 5s. to put one; another in Paisley, 10s. for two stones; a friend, Lochwinnoch, sends £1; £1 from a friend in Switzerland; 13s. 6d. from a young helper, Edinburgh; 15s. and 18 articles clothing from Y.W.C.A., Gamrie; 40 boxes kipper herrings from "Fellowship," Fraserburgh; and quantity gooseberries from a friend, Bridge-of-Weir, are our gifts for general needs to-day. Two of our number write us from the other side:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—You will be thinking I have forgotten all about you, but it is not so, for I think of you all very often. I hope you are quite well, as it leaves me the same at present. I am getting on very well where I am. Canada is a very nice place, but there are all kinds of people here as well as in Scotland. There are no girls or boys from the Homes around where I am. I do not know where we all go to, but we all get homes. This is a very busy time of the year with the farmers. The men are busy working the land. We have four acres of orchard; it is all out in blossom just now, and everything is lovely. I went to Paris last Wednesday and got a new summer hat. I am getting a new white dress made; white is my favourite colour. Our Sunday School started last Sunday. I am in the Bible-Class. I got a letter from Mr. Burges a while ago, and he sent me a photo. of you and Mrs. Quarrier; it is very nice indeed. I will send one of mine when I get it taken. I had a letter from Miss Fox a while ago, and I wrote her, but I do not know whether she got it or not. I do not know her address very well. I am enclosing one with yours for her. My very best love to you and Mrs. Quarrier, and Miss Mary, and all the rest. Hoping that they are quite well, I remain, your loving friend,
L. T.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I thought I would take my pen in hand and endeavour to write you a long and interesting letter, letting you know how I am getting along. I went to Mr. O.'s the 1st of April and am getting along well. I like my new home very much and will try and do my best to please the lady I am with, for I love her very dearly and respect her very much. Well, I suppose you would be glad to know how I am getting along at school. To make my letter as interesting as possible I will commence to describe a few of my favourite lessons:—Geography, grammar, arithmetic, mensuration, Euclid, algebra, physiology, and temperance, history, reading, and writing. Those are the principal ones. I tried for the Entrance to the High School last summer in July, and am now trying for Public School Leaving Certificate. I am going to take music lessons. My teacher has not come yet but will be here as soon as the roads are in a good condition. Dear friend, I received a very interesting letter from Mrs. M'Murray, and was very pleased to hear from her. She was such a dear lady that I will never forget her. I attend church regularly every Sunday. Dear Mr. Quarrier, I received the annual New Year's letter, and was pleased to hear how the work in the Homes is prospering. I will never forget the Homes or the people, for I am sure you took care of me when I was not able to take care of myself. George and Lizzie are getting along nicely in their homes. Lizzie is lady's maid at F., and George is with a farmer. They both send their love to you and all connected with the Homes. I will close with kind love to all, and especially to Mrs. Quarrier and Miss Mary. I remain, yours,
M. M'D.

Aug. 3.—5s. "from a few sympathisers and well-wishers" in Tain; 10s. from "Alice, Willie and Jessie"; 4s. from Glasgow; and quantity hats, clothing, books, etc., from friends in Lerwick and Pollokshields, are our gifts to-day.

Aug. 5.—To-day, in our little "God's Acre" we laid to rest, until the resurrection morn, the bodies of two of our number, Lewis Kinnear and James Devlin, who were taken from our "Elim" Home on Monday, into the presence of the King. This morning another little one, Annie Thorpe, has been called away. She came to us three years ago along with an older sister. Their father and mother both died of consumption within

two years of each other. Annie inherited the same disease, and during the years she was with us, gradually grew worse. She was led to trust Jesus as her Saviour while under our care, and is now free from all pain, weariness, and sorrow, safely folded in the Home above. A number of gifts have reached us these past two days. £30 comes from a frequent helper at Spean Bridge; 10s. from "a working-man," who wishes to devote a portion of his income to the Lord's work; £2 5s. from two friends, Greenock, who write: "Your Institution gives constant opportunity for the ministry of loving help to the helpless, which we know is so pleasing to the Master. May your bow long abide in its strength;" 10s. and parcel useful odds and ends from a friend in Surrey; 2s., the saved pennies of one of the boys who died this week in "Elim;" parcel clothing and line of admission to the Western Infirmary, from a Glasgow friend; £3, anonymously from Calcutta; and £3 from a New Zealand friend, who writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I received your last report some time ago. I was greatly pleased to see that the good work was still prospering in your hand, even in the midst of so much opposition. Go on; "no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper." I was pleased to learn that your heart and mind were still stayed on Him in perfect peace. May the Lord support you in the great work. I enclose a P.O.O. for £3; you can apply it as you see fit.

Aug. 14.—During the past week we have been busy dealing with needy cases, and ten have been added to our number. Among those received were a boy of 7, whose father and mother are dead; the father being killed through an accident got while under the influence of drink. There are no relatives able to assist; an aunt who has had him, drinks, and is incapable of taking charge of him. He has been running wild, staying out at night, etc. A lad of 15, from Edinburgh, whose father was a teacher of music there. He and mother are dead, and aunt is unable to control this lad. A girl of 14 from Berwick-on-Tweed, whose mother is dead, and father a homeless wanderer, has dragged girl around with him, and consequently she has been very much neglected, and is in great danger of going wrong. Father is now in weak health, and will require to go into poorhouse; a little girl of 7, sister to two boys in Canada, who are getting along so well that mother would like this girl sent also. She has been ill and is unable longer to provide for the girl. Two girls of 15 taken into our City Home, and a little girl of 6, and family of three, 9, 7, and 4 years of age, are the others admitted. A number of very cheering gifts have come to gladden our hearts these past days. A friend in Luss sends £100; "Duet, O. K.," £3 and eight pairs stockings; "Hope," Leith postmark, £20; £3 from a regular donor in India; £1 10s. "wishing you every success," from a few mill workers in Penicuik; 10s. from two friends, Govan, "In token of our thankfulness to the Lord for all His goodness to us;" £12 for keep of a boy for a year, from a friend, Pitlochry; £10 "with warmest regards," from a constant giver, Alloa; two barrels salt herrings and six boxes kippered do., anonymously, from Wick; twenty rabbits, from a friend, Houston; £2—£1 for personal use, from two friends in Melrose; 2s. 6d. from a Chinese missionary, who writes, "Please find enclosed as a wee mite for your dear children. The Lord bless you in your work for them and for the Lord. May some of your dear children yet know the joy of preaching among the heathen the unsearchable riches of Christ." This is, indeed, our own desire and prayer, and we cannot but believe that in the years to come there will be many of our number who shall be among those, who sound out, in heathen lands, the glorious tidings of redeeming love.

Already one of our number is working as a missionary in the field from which this dear friend writes. The Lord increase the number. Several gifts for the Consumptive Home have also come these few days past. A firm of lawyers in the City send £20 from a client "In name of damages for wrong done." "Kappa," Largs, sends £10; Friends in Dennistoun, and Dundee, send 15s.; and £5 comes from a friend in Glenluce, who writes, "Having been graciously restored by God from consumption some years ago, I would like to give £5 to help sufferers from this disease."

Aug. 21.—The following letter from a boy, who, when with us, caused a great deal of trouble and annoyance, greatly cheered us. He ran away several times during the years he was with us, and for the sake of the other children, had eventually to be dismissed. He is now in a situation in Kilmarnock, earning good wages, and sent 10s. as a token of gratitude. Truly our experience with him has been, "Cast thy bread upon the waters, and thou shalt find it after many days."

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I hope you will excuse the liberty that I take in writing to you, and I hope I am not troubling you by doing so. As you will likely know, I was down and stayed in Carsemeadow farm from Saturday to Monday, and came to the church on Sunday. I enjoyed it very well, and I was very sorry when I had to leave on Monday morning. I saw you once or twice, and I would like to have spoken to you. I could scarcely describe my feelings to you as late on Saturday night and early on Sunday morning, as everything was quiet, I lay in my bed and listened to the chiming of the bells, and more so on Sunday forenoon, as I sat in the gallery of the church and looked over the vast multitude of children who were depending upon God for their daily bread. I think this is one of the places that infidels should come to, and they would realise with me that God still reigns in Israel, and in the Orphan Homes of Scotland. I think the last time I wrote to you I told you that I had got saved; it was on this wise. One Sunday night I was standing at the cross of Kilmarnock, listening to an open-air meeting, when the invitation was given to come to the meeting-house a few yards away. I thought I would like to see what it was like; so I went, and at the end of the meeting it was announced that Mr. Climie, evangelist, was to preach next Sunday; so I went and heard him, and the result was that I got saved. Dear Mr. Quarrier, I have every reason to thank God that He has saved my soul, that He has called me from darkness to light, from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven. It is nearly two years since I got saved, and my desire is that I may be more and more like Him who died to save me, and who now lives to save me. I do not know if the thought of me often passes through your mind, but I know that I think often about the Homes, and I often wish that I was back again; and I whiles think if I was old enough how I would like to go as a worker. I would like you to know that my aim is not to ask back—not at all—but I thought I would like to write to you to let you see that I am not ungrateful for what has been done for me; and I am sure that I will remember you before the throne, asking that grace may be given you for the great work that lies before you. I often wish that I had more money that I could give you some, but I will remember you in my prayers. Hoping Mrs. Quarrier, Mr. Frank, and Miss Mary and yourself are all keeping well.—Yours truly, J. B.

Two of our number in Canada also write us cheerfully:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I take the pleasure in writing to you to tell you how I am getting along in Canada. I am a long way from Brockville, on a farm three miles from Beachburg, a small village in Ontario. We had a fine sail over the Atlantic, and I enjoyed myself very much. I don't think I need tell you all the adventures, for Mr. Hunter took stock of all that happened. I was not long in the Home only two days or so, before I was sent away with some more boys to Cobden, and there we parted. I had to go on the stage before I reached my farm, and it was two o'clock when I got to it. The roads were very bad; the horses were up to the chest in water for a part of the way, then up to the knees in snow and mud, and the machine was so springy that I went bumping up and down. He was a nice man, the driver. He went and got a big coat and a pair of mits for me to put on, for it was cold. The farmer I am with is a nice man. He has a fine big red brick house and every comfort. I have a bedroom to myself and all that I need. He is a good man

to work with, shows me how to do everything, and he does not leave me till I can do the thing he shows me. He is a member of the U.P. Church, and drives to church on Sundays. I am in the Bible Class and I like it very much, for church is only held once, and the only thing I miss is the meetings after being at so many. I feel the want of them. Sometimes, when I will be working away in the field and singing away at one of the old hymns, I forget where I am, and there I am singing and thinking I am in the Homes, when I look round, and then it comes to my mind that I am far away. I was at the Methodist Church and the choir sang "In the shadow of His wings," and while they were singing it I kept humming it to myself, and the fellow sitting beside me kept nudging me to stop it, but I could not help it, for it made me think I was back in the Homes. The last hymn we sang the night of the farewell meeting was "Safe in the arms of Jesus." Well, the first thing I heard when I went to church here was the same hymn, and it struck me very much, for I had been safe in His arms across the ocean and in the train, and hope to be in His keeping till He comes. I would like you to remember me to Mr. and Mrs. Graham, Mr. M'Fadzean, Hugh Winter, Mr. Brewster, and all the rest. I will have to close now, as I have not much more to say. Remember me to Mr. Frank and Mrs. Quarrier and all the dear friends. I hope that you are well, as it leaves me. The Lord is the guide of my youth. Yours truly, A. W.

DEAR FRIENDS, MR. AND MRS. QUARRIER,—I have just returned home from a visit to Mrs. Burges at Fairknowe, Brockville. I can assure you I miss Mrs. Burges very much when she goes home to the Old Country. I was very much pleased to see Miss Mary at Fairknowe. I have not seen Miss Quarrier since we came to Canada until now. I had a very pleasant time while in Brockville. I had not been there since the year you and Mrs. Quarrier were there. I hope you will be able to come next year. While I am writing, I have your New-Year's letter before me. I think it is simply wonderful, the work that you are carrying on in the Old Land. I hope that none of us will ever forget the kindness we have received at the Homes. I would like to be able to help a little in this good work, perhaps some day I may. Bridge-of-Weir must be a very beautiful place by the different views I have had of it in your letters and photos. seen at Fairknowe. It is one of the pleasures I look forward to in the future to be able to go back and visit the old places. I often long to see my old home and friends, but I am very happy and contented here, and know that if we never meet again on earth, we shall surely meet in Heaven. God has been very gracious to me during the years that have passed, and I can truly say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped me." I think I must close now as it is getting late. Kindly remember me to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, and with love to Mrs. Quarrier and kind regards. I remain, yours very sincerely, E. P.

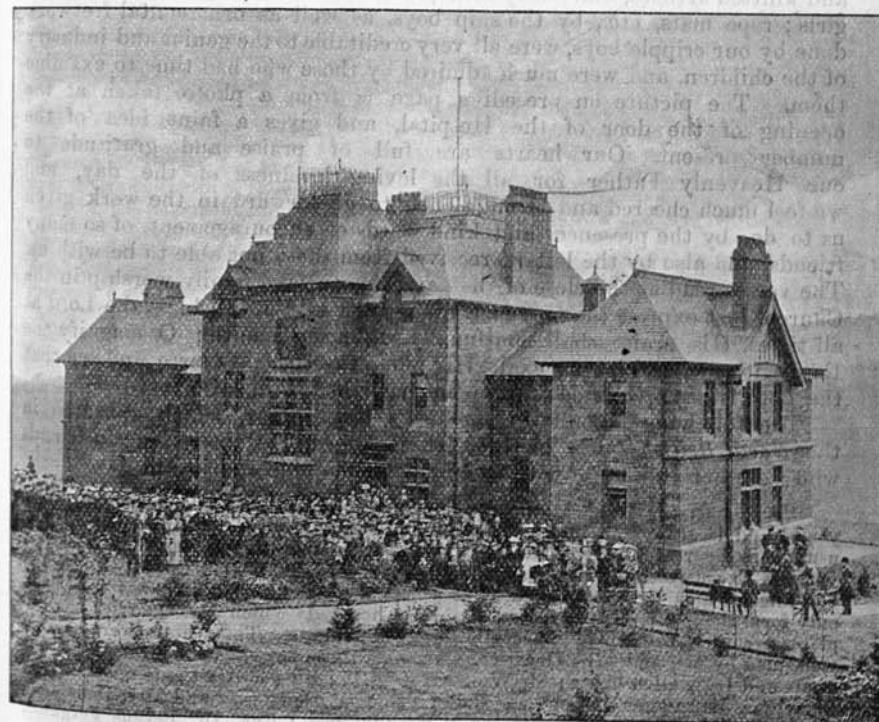
A gift of £50 "from friends interested in Mr. Quarrier's work," was a very acceptable gift to-day; also a donation of £150 a few days ago from "an anonymous donor," who writes:—

DEAR SIR,—I have pleasure in handing you cheque on London for £150 to assist you in meeting the many wants of your numerous family. It is most gratifying to see from your Annual Report that you have so much encouragement to press forward in your noble undertaking. God grant that your increasing wants may ever be supplied, and that you may have strength given you to carry on the glorious work for very many years. Please enter this as before, from an anonymous donor.

Aug. 31.—We have been very busy for some weeks past with preparations for our biennial Thanksgiving Day, which is to be held on the 3rd prox. The day will be a memorable one in the history of the work, and we might say for Scotland, as on that day the first Consumptive Hospital is to be publicly opened. We do pray that the Hospital will not only be a place of cure to many weak bodies, but also a Bethel where the Master will speak peace to many a troubled and tempted heart. The month has also been a busy one in helping the needy children who come to us from day to day, and eighteen boys and eleven girls have been added to our family, while to others temporary help has been given in the way of lodgings, lines to Infirmary and Convalescent Home, advice, etc. Amid trials and difficulties by the way, we have been cheered by gifts and encouraging words from many sources. £25 is sent "from a friend for

the dear orphans;" £100 from a regular donor, Perth; £50 from the trustees of a London estate; £1, in memoriam of a little boy; £12 as a thankoffering; a friend, Alloa, sends 7s. "the result of a penny put by occasionally, by two ladies and myself;" friends in Dunoon and Midcalder send £20 and £50; a friend, Greenock, sends £1 for Consumptive Home, and £1 for the general needs; a regular donor in Paisley sends £5 for each; £2 and 5s. come as the proceeds of children's bazaars; £1 is sent by the children at the Shore services, Dunoon; and 30s. for six stones in the Hospital come from a family in Ayr; and £2, anonymously "In Memoriam." The gifts sent will enable us to close the month free of debt and with a balance of about two weeks' provision on hand.

September 3.—Our biennial "Thanksgiving Day" was held to-day, when the three new Homes, new office, gates, bridges, etc., as well as the First Consumptive Hospital, Executive Buildings, and Secretary's House, were dedicated by prayer and praise to the service of God. A great



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number of friends, probably about 3000, gathered to unite with us in thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the marvellous things He has wrought for the work during the past two years. In the morning at 10 o'clock we gathered with the workers for a short time of prayer. At 12 o'clock, Lady Glen Coats opened the door of the Consumptive Hospital with a silver gold-gilt key, presented to her by one of our little girls, thereafter the visitors streamed into the building and inspected it, many of them expressing themselves as surprised and delighted at the suitability

and completeness, of all its appointments. About 12.30 p.m., the children gathered on their recreation field, and with banners in front of each cottage group, marched in procession through the grounds of the village, so that visitors might have an opportunity to see them all together as it was quite impossible to get them into the Church at the two o'clock gathering seeing it was then completely filled with the visitors. At one o'clock our sailor boys on the *James Arthur* gave a very interesting display of sail drill and the manner of saving life from a stranded wreck. After the meeting in the Church, at which the new property was dedicated to the service of God, a communion service was held, when the Master's presence was realised and enjoyed by all. The children had a meeting for themselves in the evening, at which they sang, and recited, to the great delight of the friends who were able to wait over. The exhibition of work done by the children, which was shewn in one of the class rooms of the school, was greatly admired by all. The specimens of handwriting, painting, drawing of maps, etc., darned and knitted articles, and fancy and plain sewing work, by both boys and girls; rope mats, etc., by the ship boys, as well as ornamental fretwork done by our cripple boys, were all very creditable to the genius and industry of the children, and were much admired by those who had time to examine them. The picture on preceding page is from a photo. taken at the opening of the door of the Hospital, and gives a faint idea of the number present. Our hearts are full of praise and gratitude to our Heavenly Father for all the loving kindness of the day, and we feel much cheered and strengthened to go forward in the work given us to do, by the presence, and kind words of encouragement, of so many friends, and also by the letters received from those not able to be with us. The verses read at the close of the day at our united family worship in the Church, just express the language of our hearts, "I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth; O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together; O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him."

The following account of the day's proceedings, which appeared in the *North British Daily Mail*, of 4th inst., will be interesting to friends who were not able to be with us on this memorable and joyous day.

"Thanksgiving Day" at the Orphan Homes of Scotland falls once every two years, and is always an interesting occasion, but this year's event was more than usually so by reason of the fact that the new Consumptive Hospital for Scotland, with its Executive Buildings, was formally opened by Lady Glen Coats. These new buildings, which have been erected at a cost of some £17,000, and are free of debt, only form the beginning of a series of similar hospitals which Mr. Quarrier contemplates erecting, the whole to accommodate 200 patients. The visitors were heartily welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Quarrier. Amongst those present were Sir Thomas Glen Coats and Lady Glen Coats; Sir Wm. Arrol, M.P.; Sir Charles Cameron and Lady Cameron; Mr. Cameron Corbett, M.P.; Principal Donaldson and Mrs. Donaldson, St. Andrews; Mr. Samuel Smith, ex-M.P., Liverpool; Rev. Dr. Fergus Ferguson, E.U. Church; Rev. Dr. Donald Macleod; Rev. Dr. A. R. Macewen; Col. M'Hardy, R.E.; Mr. James Pullar, Perth; Mrs. Arthur, Paisley; Miss Forrester Paton, Alloa; Mr. and Mrs. Forrester Paton, Alloa; Rev. James Paton, St. Paul's; Rev. J. Fairley Daly; Rev. Dr. Henderson, Paisley; Rev. George Green; Rev. Dr. Andrews; Rev. Mr. Meikleham; Dr. Ebenezer Duncan; ex-Councillor George M'Farlane; Mr. Robert Gow; Mr. R. A. Bryden, architect; and ex-County Councillor Neil Macnish.

The brakes were still arriving loaded with guests from the trains when the opening ceremony took place in front of the main door, which is situated at the back of the hospital, in presence of an enormous gathering, numbering at least from two to three thousand people. A choir of little girls from the Orphan Homes sang a hymn, "Behold Me standing at the door," after which a blessing on the hospital was

invoked by Rev. Dr. Fergus Ferguson. Then one of the orphan girls presented to Lady Glen Coats a solid silver key, gilt, with which to open the door. On one side of the key there is engraved a view of the hospital, and the other side bears the names of the architect, Mr. R. A. Bryden, and of the contractor, Mr. Matthew Henderson, with the monogram of Lady Coats underneath. On making the presentation, the little one recited the following rhymed address:—

"To all assembled here, this is a most eventful day,
When we ask you, Lady Coats, the important part to play,
Of opening wide a door of hope which will a blessing prove,
A source of healing, health and cure—a home of peace and love,
Where weary sufferers from disease throughout our native land
May find, amid these sylvan scenes, an outstretched helping hand
To soothe and nurse, to tend and care, with aid from God above,
Who looks with His all-seeing eye upon this work of love.
With richest blessings may He crown what He Himself has planned,
The Consumptive Homes of Scotland—all glory to His hand."

Lady Coats accepted the present and kissed the giver. Addressing the people, her ladyship said: Ladies and gentlemen, it gives me very much pleasure to be present and take the part assigned to me by Mr. Quarrier in to day's proceedings. We must all be aware of the need there is in Scotland for such homes as these, and I am sure all present rejoice that it has fallen to Mr. Quarrier's lot to be the pioneer in this movement. (Hear, hear.) Under his auspices we are sure that the work will not languish, but all that it is possible to achieve by it will be achieved. I trust that the Hospital will be a haven of rest to numberless poor women, and that it may be blessed in the saving of many valuable lives. (Applause.)

Mr. QUARRIER, in proposing a vote of thanks to Lady Glen Coats, remarked: that the Consumptive Homes, like the Orphan Homes, were intended for Scotland, and not confined to Glasgow and the West of Scotland. He hoped that this first house about to be opened was only the forerunner of many more houses to follow, and that the sympathies of the children of God might be drawn out more and more to help some of the stricken ones throughout our land, who are suffering from this fell disease of consumption.

The doors were then opened by Lady Coats, amid cheers, and the public streamed into the hospital after the leading personages, and went over the house with evident interest.

At two o'clock the "Thanksgiving" meeting took place in the Church. Sir Charles Cameron presided, and the building was crowded. Four verses of Psalm ciii. having been sung, the Rev. Mr. Green led the meeting in devotions.

Sir CHARLES CAMERON, who was cordially received, said it gave him very great pleasure indeed to preside at this meeting, which marked an epoch in the history of this settlement of mercy. Till now it had been adequately described as the Orphan Homes of Scotland. From this day forth that title must be changed. The Orphan Homes of, and the Consumptive Hospitals for, Scotland was too cumbersome a name for the aggregate settlement. Already, with its dairy and poultry farms, its bakery and workshops, its training ship, its school, and its magnificent church, it had far outgrown its name. In the years to come it should be known as Quarrierville. (Applause.) Not now, because his esteemed friend was much too modest to accept the honour which every one who knew him knew to be his due, but when—for the sake of suffering humanity, he trusted long years hence—he had been called to his reward, and when a grateful nation, mourning his loss, sought some fitting means to perpetuate his memory—here amid these hills around them—in the homes and hospitals of this true city of refuge for the afflicted and helpless, and in the association of the name of Quarrier with this perennial monument of the wondrous good which a single man may do in half a lifetime—Scotland would find the one memorial worthy of a man who had proved himself one of her noblest sons. (Applause.) When he said this of Mr. Quarrier he wished his language to be taken literally—as expressing not his feelings but his deliberate and slowly formed conviction—a conviction formed on an acquaintance with the man and his work extending over thirty years. During that time 10,000 boys and girls had passed through his hands, rescued in a large proportion of cases from certain lives of crime and vice and launched on prosperous and creditable careers. This had not been accomplished without extraordinary labour and self-sacrifice, or without the endurance of every wound which slander and malice and jealousy could inflict. Why, before a single sod had been raised for the foundation of the first home built in this settlement, Mr. Quarrier had made sacrifices and endured persecution in connection with his rescue work sufficient to convert a Howard into a misanthrope. Happily that day was now long past. It was practically ended ere this settlement was begun,

and none but sunny memories of ever-growing and successful work, of means vouchsafed beyond the wildest visions of his early dreams, of hearty loving help and world-wide gratitude clung round the ever-widening settlement on these beautiful hills. (Applause.) The growth of that settlement read like an Eastern magic tale. Twenty years ago, it was not. When the first stone of the first house was laid eighteen years ago Mr. Quarrier had £1,500 in hand. Since then some £200,000 had been spent by him in stone and lime alone, and now their friend had started these Consumptive Hospitals. One had to-day been opened, one was being built, and four more were to follow. But the money! No less a sum than £50,000 was wanted. Mr. Quarrier had no misgivings—Jehovah-jireh was his motto—"The Lord will provide." (Applause.) Shakespeare spoke of sermons in stones. It seemed to Sir Charles that on every stone of this children's city was engraved a text, and that text was "If ye have faith, nothing shall be impossible unto you." But hospitals were not built solely to afford work for architects. What of the chance of success of these ones in the cure of consumption? He had every confidence in it. Consumption with the rich was notoriously amenable to treatment. Every one who had travelled in the South of Europe, in Australia, in South Africa, had come across men—many of them doctors—who, having gone abroad in an almost hopeless condition, had had their consumption cured by climate, and were living happy and active lives. The case of the poor had been hopeless because they could not remove from the fatal environments of vitiated air and frosts and fogs. Mr. Quarrier's aim was to establish for them a Riviera in Renfrewshire, to provide for Lazarus the pure air, warmth, nourishment, and comfort, hitherto monopolised by Dives, and to secure for him the best and most careful treatment that medicine and nursing could devise. (Applause.) He had set about his work like a practical man. That work was a blessed one, and it would be blessed. There was no greater difficulty to be overcome in his fight with this physical ill than he had already successfully grappled with, in connection with the moral ills of mankind. If they could point to hospitals that had failed in the one case, they could point to reformatory and industrial schools and to poorhouses that had almost equally failed in other. Twice those Homes of his had been the subject of Government inquiry—once in 1888 by an inspector of the Board of Supervision, and once by a Departmental Committee, nominated by the Secretary for Scotland, of which he was chairman, and of which one of the members, Colonel M'HARDY, of Her Majesty's Commissioners of Scottish Prisons, was present among them that day. On both occasions the system pursued by Mr. Quarrier came out with flying colours. They found that he dealt with a number of children not very far short of those that passed through our reformatories and industrial schools, and that dealing with practically the same class of children, his system gave much superior results, both in economy and in ultimate success. They found that whereas more than 17 per cent. of the boys turned out of reformatories and 4½ per cent. of those turned out of industrial schools were catalogued as having been convicted within three years of their discharge, of 4,000 children sent by Mr. Quarrier to Canada, many of whom had now matured into parents, and some into grandparents, a great number had achieved excellent positions. All but 2 per cent. were known to be doing well, and it would probably be impossible to find the names of 1 per cent. on the prison records of the Dominion. Without this experience in the moral world such a result would have been pronounced impossible. The successful treatment of that fell disease, with which Mr. Quarrier had that day declared war, was exactly a similar impossibility. As he had said, engraved on every stone in this city of Quarrierville might be read the text—"If ye have faith, nothing shall be impossible unto you." (Applause.)

Rev. Dr. ANDRWS then dedicated the "Ebenezer Maclay" memorial Home with prayer.

Mr. SAMUEL SMITH, ex-M.P., Liverpool, afterwards addressed the meeting. He had, he said, greatly enjoyed being present on that occasion. It was the first visit he had paid to Mr. Quarrier's Homes, although he had known him and his work well by reputation. He had a great deal of experience of similar work in England, namely, the emigration of poor children to Canada. The Home established had been the means of sending out 3,500 children to Canada, and Mr. Quarrier had sent out 4,500. They had been twenty-two years at it, and he could say from experience that he knew of no way of dealing with poor outcast children that would compare with this. (Applause.) He could confirm what Sir Charles had said about the very small percentage that went astray. They reckoned that between 2 and 5 per cent. did not turn out quite satisfactory, and about 25 per cent. turned out quite complete success. (Applause.) In fact, he knew of no way that would so truly convert the raw material of our towns into fine prosperous men and women. Therefore, he wished God-speed to this splendid work. Everything connected with the

work was good, but he thought the emigration part of it was the best of all. (Applause.)

Rev. JAMES PATON then dedicated by prayer the first Consumptive Home for Scotland, the Secretary's House, and the Executive Buildings.

Mr. CAMERON CORBETT, M.P., remarked he had so often had the pleasure of standing beside Mr. Quarrier upon that platform that there was little new that one had to say about the marvellous work in which he was engaged. There were a few things, however, which struck him especially at the moment. One was the denial which this great work gave to the exaggerated doctrine of heredity. After all, children while they were influenced by descent, were far more influenced by surroundings under the influence of which they came. (Applause.) The child of a bad parent—they had it revealed to them clearly by this work—had a great chance of being a good citizen, an excellent man or woman, when brought under the fatherly influences of these Homes; when its character was developed, and all the best qualities of its nature were brought forth, by its being brought under the loving influence of kind friends. The other thing that struck him very much in connection with this work was, that it should be so completely a work of faith; and that God, in His dealings with them, should have a few works of this character which were carried out in entire dependence upon Him, while His ordinary way of working in carrying on charitable organisations should be by mere human means. It was a glorious thing for Mr. Quarrier and all those associated with him to feel that, taking children whose parents had been generally-speaking among life's failures from one cause or another, they should on the average lead happier, better, and more Christian lives than even the average of the community from which they were drawn. (Applause.)

Rev. J. FAIRLEY DALY dedicated the "Killearn" and "Glenfarg" Homes.

Mr. QUARRIER subsequently delivered one of his characteristically interesting addresses, in which he spoke of the addition made in the way of building to the settlement during the past two years, and gave particulars of the work done. The number of children taken in during that period had been close on 900, or very nearly 500 each year, which, added to the 1100 in the Homes beforehand, made 2000, and everyone of them had a mouth to fill. (Laughter.) It was not officialdom, but family life pure and simple, that prevailed in this wonderful city, a city now composed of 52 mansions, and all paid for. There was not a penny of debt on any of them. (Applause.) Every year they received £14,000 for bread and butter, and £10,000 for buildings. He was within the mark by probably £2000, for it had been about £26,000 that they had got for the last three or four years annually. From £28,000 to £29,000 was wanted annually, which meant about £2500 a month, or, putting it roughly, £500 a week. And they had only £500 to begin with. Yet it never grew any less! Wasn't that strange? They began with about a week's provisions two years ago; and they were just standing the same way that day. The money for the buildings, of course, they could not touch for maintenance. The two accounts for those 25 years past had been kept scrupulously separate. Alluding to the Consumptive Homes, he remarked that it was only £42,000 more that they wanted to build the six additional hospitals. He wished to give accommodation for 200 patients so as to be able to treat 1000 in a year, and he anticipated that he would be able to do so. People said he was very sanguine. Did they think a man that was not sanguine could go on with this work. ("Hear, hear.") He would not break down in the midst of the suffering he moved amongst, and so the hope that kept his heart whole made him go on fearlessly, implicitly trusting that God would do greater things still. (Applause.)

A vote of thanks was awarded to Sir Charles Cameron for his services in the chair, and the proceedings were closed with the benediction.

Later in the afternoon a Communion service was held in the church, and in the evening the children gave an entertainment of songs and recitations. About one o'clock a heavy shower of rain fell, but the weather for the rest of the day proved auspicious, and everyone seemed delighted with the visit and the proceedings.

Sept. 10.—A very cheering gift of £200 for the Consumptive Homes came to-day from a friend in Perth; £150 for general needs, and £7 10s. for ourselves, from Campbeltown came also very acceptably on Tuesday. A number of other gifts have reached us these past few days. 5s. comes "to buy a brick for Consumptive Homes, with a prayer for continuance of health to you in your noble work from your humble, yet admiring 'Jim'." A friend in Edinburgh sends "with Christian love," 20s. for the Con-

sumptive Homes: another in Crieff sends £1, "as a thankoffering;" "Unknown" sends 10s.; "a wellwisher" leaves £1 at the Homes; a friend sends £25; a giver in Edinburgh, present at the opening ceremony, offers to do a block of the photo taken "as a wee bit of practical thanksgiving." We were glad to avail ourselves of this kind friend's offer, and the result is seen in the very creditable block printed on page 51. In all £235 15s. have been sent for the Consumptive Homes these past few days. Numerous gifts have also come for the general needs. We passed through a trial to-day in the removal by death of one of our number, Archie Taylor a lad of 20, who came to us 10 years ago in a very destitute condition. His father died of consumption, and mother and boy were in a state of utter starvation. The neglect and exposure had brought on disease, and although Archie got a little better after being admitted, his body had not the strength to throw off the trouble, and he has been gradually getting worse during the years he has been with us, until latterly he has just been covered with running sores, and a great amount of grace and patience has been needed by the kind friends who have so faithfully nursed and tended him for the Master's sake. He was patient in suffering, and very grateful for all that was done for him, and he will be greatly missed, but we know that his loss is our gain. He came to know and love the Saviour while with us, and is now free from disease and pain, safely sheltered among the number of those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Sept. 16.—The past days have been to me ones of severe pain and weakness, as I was seized shortly after "Thanksgiving Day" with a bad attack of kidney trouble brought on by a cold. I am now feeling a little better although the pain has not entirely gone, and I am still very weak. For the measure of recovery we praise our Heavenly Father, and pray that it may be perfected. £2 from Lanark, parcel clothing, and a lobby table from friends in Busby and Dollar, and quantity rolls from two frequent helpers in Glasgow, are all our gifts to-day. Our financial year closes at the end of next month. There is not much on hand, and our needs for the coming weeks will be great, but our Heavenly Father, whose are the silver and gold and the cattle upon a thousand hills, will not suffer His work to lack any needed thing.

Sept. 21.—The cry for help keeps coming from many quarters, and during the past week letters asking us to receive needy ones have reached us from Renton, Greenock, Dundee, Kelso, Motherwell, and Broughty Ferry. £10 from a doctor in the city; £3 3s. and £1 from other two friends there; 2s. from Manchester; and £1 "from a mother as a thank-offering to God," have come to day.

Sept. 30.—Another month has closed, and although to me personally it has been one of severe pain and bodily weakness, it has nevertheless been a memorable one in the history of the work, and one in which the goodness of the Lord to the work has been very manifest; for which we praise His name. The amount of money sent in has been equal to the needs of our large and increasing family, and we are able to close with sufficient for a fortnight's supply on hand. I have had a relapse in my illness, during the past ten days, and am still confined to bed, but trust soon to be raised up, if it is the Lord's will. The past weeks of suffering have led me into deeper sympathy with those whose lot it is to suffer,

and especially has my heart gone out in sympathy with the poor consumptives of our land, whose cause I have been pleading so long, and the Master's reason for sending this trial, may be to enlarge my sympathies on their behalf, and cause me to labour more earnestly in the future for their help and cure. Among the many gifts sent with kind words of sympathy and cheer these past days, the following from some of our city Home boys was specially cheering:—

TO OUR BELOVED FRIEND AND GUARDIAN, WM. QUARRIER.—Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid, for Christ hath said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you;" and in this your time of trial and sickness, our hearts go out to you in sympathy. We can understand in a small way what it means for one who has always been up and doing to be laid aside with sickness. We trust, however, that with the blessing of God, you soon will be able to go about again rejoicing in God and His Christ. It has been our custom during the past year to meet on Friday evenings in an upper room with Mr. Douglas at our head, and there study our Bibles and learn of Christ. Mr. Douglas is an excellent teacher, and with the help of the Holy Spirit we are getting to know more of God and His wonderful love. We have a box which lies on the table, and all who are led put their odd coppers into it. In this way we gather a few shillings, which is handed over to some special mission or branch of the Master's work every three months. Our collection for this quarter, which amounts to 26s., has been proposed to be sent to you for personal use. We pray that you will accept it as a gift from a few who love you and pray for you. That you may be restored to your usual health and strength is our earnest desire and prayer. With love to Mrs. Quarrier and the family, we leave you in the hands of our Heavenly Father, the Great Physician, knowing that He keeps His own, and blesses them with His own richest blessing.—From the "C. O. H. Bible Class," per D. M.

Oct. 3.—We have now entered on the last month of this the twenty-fifth year of the work. The goodness of our God in the past months has been very manifest, and for the unknown weeks before us "we will trust and not be afraid," for "the Lord God will give grace and glory, and no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." A very cheering gift of £100 from a friend, who sends during her lifetime, to save legacy duty, reached us the first day of the month, and from various quarters £30 10s. 4d. have come these opening days.

Oct. 9.—Yesterday, the County Council of Renfrewshire had again before them the question of the rating of the Homes. I went to Paisley, although not very well able to do so, and was indeed greatly disappointed at the decision the Council came to. They base their decision on the opinion of two private counsel (which is, of course, not law), that the Homes are not "Ragged Schools" which are exempt from taxation. If they are not "Ragged Schools" what are they? Of course the matter cannot rest here, and may require to be again taken to court. The decision come to by the County Council has been most discouraging, and one marvels at the lack of sympathy which that decision shows to a work that has been saving the county annually more than ten times the amount of rates which are being imposed. 5s. from a friend, Liverpool; 48 loaves and basket scones, from another in Glasgow; and nursery fender, quantity toys, books, etc., from a regular giver there, are all the gifts that have reached us to-day. Our needs for the coming days are great but so are our Father's store-houses and He will, out of them, supply our every want.

Oct. 16.—A cheering gift of £20, for the Consumptive Homes, from Greenock "In Memoriam of a much-loved brother," came to-day; also 10s. and 2s. 6d. from Clydebank and Glasgow; while friends in Dollar, Dundee, Johnstone, Douglas, Croy, Carlisle, Edinburgh, and Glasgow,

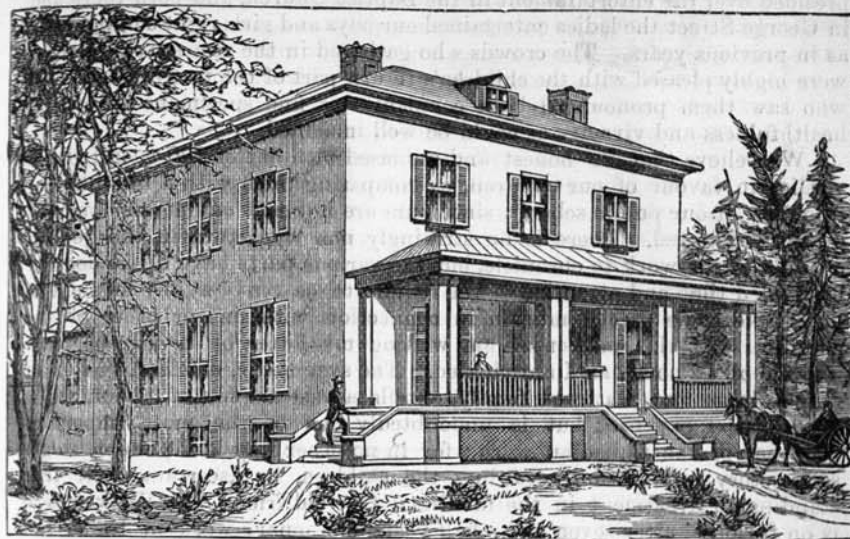
have remembered our needs for daily maintenance, by sending £19 3s. and quantity clothing towards them.

Oct. 21.—We have been hoping that before our financial year closes, the £2,000 still needed to complete the Executive Buildings, in connection with the Consumptive Homes, would be forthcoming, but as yet the amount has not been sent. Two gifts this week of £50 each towards this amount, from friends in Ayr and London, were very cheering. We are unable to receive patients into the Hospital until these buildings are completed, and we trust the Lord will soon send, through His servants, all that is required for this purpose, so that there may be no delay in combating this dire disease, which is wrecking so many valuable lives annually. From friends in the far north and south of the land as well as east and west, £23 8s. 1d., some loaves, rolls, and quantity clothing, have come, with kind words of sympathy and cheer, towards the daily needs of the children, these past few days.

Oct. 31.—During the past months the cry of the needy little ones for help has been coming from many parts of the country, and it has been our privilege to rescue and to add to our number 36 new children, some of them with very sad histories, which the limited space at our disposal will not permit of us giving. These closing days of the month the Lord has sent, through His servants, in many quarters, £188 15s. 6d., and large quantities of clothing and provisions for the daily needs, and has enabled us, as He has done all these twenty-five years that are past, to close with a balance on the right side. Praise be to His name! "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." To-night being Hallowe'en, the children had their usual evening's enjoyment. The ducking for apples, eating of "champed" potatoes, etc., was delayed till Monday, but the procession through the grounds of the village, and up to the Consumptive Home, each child bearing a lighted lamp of various shape, size, and design, was indeed beautiful, and one well worth coming miles to see. After the procession we had an entertainment of three hours' duration in the Church, a recitation, hymn, etc., being given by a member or members of each house. A happy evening was brought to an end with united family worship, when the large family gathered, as well as the larger family across the sea, were in prayer committed to our Father's care for the year on which we are entering.

Once more another year of blessed service for the Master is closing around us, and as we think of the way we have gone, and realise the loving-kindness of the Lord, which in such an abundant measure has been showered on our path, our hearts are filled with wonder, love, and praise, and the language of our hearts and mouths is "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name." The trials in the work have been many, but in them all we have been able to see the loving hand of the Master, who has given all the needed grace and wisdom for each emergency. The past year, with its record of prayer answered, and glad service rendered, lies behind us, and standing, as we do, on the threshold of another year, we would seek anew to rest on the promises, the felt-power of which give strength and courage to the weak ones of the earth: "Certainly I will be with thee;" "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not, I will help thee."

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16th October, 1896.

DEAR FRIENDS,—The writing of our yearly letter just comes at a time when there are always a variety of other things to be attended to, besides the incidental ones which crop up at any time. A few lines regarding the work on this side, however, we know will be acceptable.

After years of waiting we have got connection with the Brockville Water Works, which will be a great comfort and convenience, especially in winter, and will enable us to keep our lawns and flower plots in better shape during the summer months, when water would otherwise be scarce. While getting in the water we had some necessary alterations made in lavatory, etc., which will increase the appearance and comfort materially. On the last day of December an untoward accident occurred in the hot water furnace for heating our main building giving out. A fortnight with only fires in the grates, and the thermometer ranging from 10° to 28° below zero, made us appreciate proper heating arrangements during the remainder of the winter. It made no difference to the happy band of 140 visitors, as the new wing with large hall has a separate furnace. The year before, when we could not have a gathering, it seemed such a disappointment to many, that we decided to welcome those who came from the 31st December till 2nd January, for which time they could get cheap rates on the railways. I was at home twice this year and had remarkably fine passages going, and with the girls' party coming back; and very fair with the boys, but at that time of the year it is generally rougher. The last time I crossed it was only three weeks and a half from the time I left Brockville platform till I was back on it. The 132 boys were entertained in the George Street Methodist Church, where Mr. Scanlan, the good and faithful pastor, presided, and extended in the name of his members and other Christian people a hearty welcome to the new comers. The second party comprising 112 girls and 10 boys, came in charge of Mrs. Burges and Miss Quarrier, whose last visit was in 1892, and consequently the friends and children

were all the more pleased to see her. Mr. Sycamore, the new pastor, presided over the entertainment in the Baptist Church, and both there and in George Street the ladies entertained our boys and girls right sumptuously as in previous years. The crowds who gathered in the respective churches were highly pleased with the children's return part of the programme. All who saw them pronounced both companies as fine specimens of juvenile healthfulness and vivacity as could be well imagined.

We believe that 99 honest and unbiased men out of 100 would give a verdict in favour of our children, by comparing them with a like number from any of our public schools, since ours are not sent out at random but carefully selected. There is no strikingly new departure in the general conduct of the work to chronicle, but the various parts have demanded our undivided time and attention. We require to be ready at any moment to undertake some special mission in connection with one or other of the children. At this moment I am writing my letter on board the train instead of at home, as I anticipated. The systematic, efficient, visitation of our large and scattered family, entails a vast amount of labour, and a good deal of expense; but is undoubtedly one of the most important branches of the Canadian work; for in no other way is it possible to get satisfactory information regarding the children, or ascertain their true standing or treatment in the families. Our old friend, Dr. Walker, who is on furlough after seven and a-half years' missionary work in India, had begun to go over some of the districts compassed by him eight years ago, when unexpectedly recalled by his Missionary Board. We have, however, had another helper, who has not only been very painstaking, but finding so many opportunities for doing good practical work for the Master, has enjoyed the work for the few months at his disposal. My brother is now hard at it, as usual, as will be seen by his letter to Mr. Quarrier, and it will still take some weeks to finish the Eastern counties. Though at it late and early, the mere work of visiting is not so disagreeable in good weather, but during the wet seasons with bad roads, and in the intense cold of winter, it becomes very trying, and, indeed, such a work as no one would choose "for a living." A knowledge of, and interest in, the children and work, with consecrated common sense, and indomitable perseverance are the absolute desiderata of the successful visitor. During July and August, Willie and I saw about 400 boys and girls, and while I had to remove a few owing to unfavourable surroundings, the others were doing well in good homes.

There can be no doubt this is a splendid country for all who possess sinew and brain, as well as money. As a field for agricultural and mining enterprise, Canada has no equal. Adding, those changing places owing to sickness and other causes, we have passed through our hands 875; some remaining only a few days, while others have had to be nursed for weeks and even months, and a good many more have gone home on a visit at their own expense. There have only been eleven deaths during the year out of our large family in Canada of 4,500. You will rejoice to know that so far as we could judge, ere passing away they were trusting in our blessed Saviour, although in some cases the good seed had lain long dormant. While we have not so many marriages to record, a fair average have entered the "bonds," fifty being reported during the year, and receiving a Bible, etc. We regret that some of the children will not be induced to write to their friends at home as we would wish, and for which ample provision is made in the supply of writing material.

Some letters come from home as well as from the children, without any clue as to who are the writers. Only this mail we got one from a man, whose brother is married to a boy's mother, and on her behalf—under new name—asks for her boy without giving his name. Altogether we can report the work on this side in a favourable and progressive condition, the discouragements and marvellously few failures, leading us to make more minute investigations, which if possible more clearly prove our previous statements, that not two per cent. do badly. Our best thanks are due to clergymen and other friends in Brockville and throughout the country, who have helped and encouraged us in the work, and to Dr. Jackson, and to Mr. E. J. Reynolds, Barrister, for professional services free.

I know that friends at home, and here, will join with us in praying for continued and increased blessing on this special department of the Lord's work, on both sides of the Atlantic, rejoicing, that so many of the older boys and girls are led to trust in Christ before coming to Canada, and over others we hear from, or come in contact with, from time to time, who have come out clearly on the Lord's side.

Some of our boys are in and some preparing for the "ministry," but in the most humble sphere, those who let their light shine will be used of God, and we thus feel what a mighty power for good those thousands of young people may become. We thank God for all the blessings and encouragements of the past, and trust Him for the future, for "we walk by faith not by sight."

Yours in His service,

JAMES BURGESS.

REPORT OF OUR VISITOR, MR. ALEX. BURGESS.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I can scarcely believe that twelve months have passed since I last wrote to you, but October is here again, and the woods and fields show that another year is near its close. I am on the move as usual, but it has not been very pleasant work lately, owing to the rain and muddy roads. However, we have no reason to complain on that point, as we have had a very dry, pleasant season, with fine roads till about two weeks ago. For the last two days I have been mostly on gravelled roads, and made fair progress; but for some days before that my horse had a rather hard time. Yesterday a friend, at whose house I had been over night, drove me to see M. T. (83), who is married to a steady, well-doing young man. They have a nice little boy, nine months old, and seem to be getting on very well. After seeing her, I started out with my own horse which had been resting meanwhile, and called on L. B. (93). She is a nice, smart, little girl, and is well liked. There are two little boys here who are very fond of her. She has grown very much since I saw her last, and bids fair to become a fine-looking young woman. As she was at school when I first called, I went to see her sister, returning to see Lizzie when home for dinner. I found her sister, B. (93), at home, as they had heard I was in the neighbourhood, and expected me. I did not get such a good account here, but as she is so young, they hope in time to make her all they wish by careful training. After leaving here, I called at the Post Office for my mail, and then turned south to D. I found J. V. (79) still in his first home. He is a steady, reliable, young man, who will be respected wherever he goes. Arthur H. (87) has served his time as a blacksmith, and has had charge

of the shop for nearly a year, while his master runs the carriage shop. His brother John (87) was home last year for a few months, but returned, and is now working close to the village. He was married on the 24th of last May, and has a house in the village. Their brother Robert has gone to Vermont, U.S.A., and is working in a quarry there. He writes regularly to his brothers, and says he likes the work. A young man who returned from there lately, says he is doing very well. I next called on Willie M'C. (93) and M. C. (93), who are in the same home. Willie was at school, where he is making good progress. He is a smart, pleasant-mannered little fellow, and is a general favourite. Being petted so much makes him rather forward at times, but they say he is a very good boy and very smart at any work he may have to do. Mary has not got such a good disposition as Willie, and is rather dull, so that they sometimes get discouraged. She does not get on very well at school, and is slow at learning to do housework, still she is kind, and they think she will improve as she gets older. The next on my list was J. C. (87). She is almost as big as her adopted mother, and they say she is as good as can be expected. Her brother went home last year on a visit, and they offered to pay her way, but she would not go. They offered her wages this year, but she preferred to remain as one of the family, and will go to school again this winter. She never liked to go to school, and consequently is a poor scholar. J. V. (79), is still in his first home, where he has always been like a son. He intends to take a course in the Ottawa Business College this winter, but will return again in spring to the farm. He is a fine young man who has gained a very high character in the neighbourhood. We occasionally meet with discouragements, especially when either through evil company or bad advice children are determined to have their own way. In many cases we can only advise and trust that they may be led to see their mistake in time. We also find cases where it is easily seen that the child is unfairly treated. These are more easily arranged, but there are other children who are spoiled with over indulgence, and with these we also find great difficulty in dealing. On the whole we feel much encouraged, as in spite of all drawbacks, there is no doubt, that with a few exceptions, the children are growing up to be citizens of whom Canada will have no reason to feel ashamed, and who will fill their places in the battle of life with credit to themselves and profit to the country of their adoption. They are all very much interested in the work at home, and a plan I have of the grounds is already on its last legs. I am constantly asked "Why does not Mr. Quarrier come to see me?" and I cannot make them understand how long it would take you to see all your Canadian family. I still occasionally meet with those who object to the children coming to Canada, but I seldom hear any of the better class express such an opinion, and in most cases it is only a selfish, dog-in-the-manger spirit that instigates the objecting parties. We expect to visit most of the places to which we can drive during this month, and then to go to the outlying districts during the broken weather before Christmas, and we will be able to cover a good deal of ground when the sleighing is good after New-Year. The year seems all too short for the work to be done, but we manage to keep in touch with them all, and there is no doubt that the short visits we are able to make encourage the well-disposed and act as a check on the headstrong. Many of those I have visited are trusting in Christ, and pray daily that God may bless you as you follow in His footsteps, and "go about doing good."

Yours very sincerely,

ALEX. BURGESS.

DONATIONS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

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

November 4th, 1895.—W. W., £50; Mrs F., hamper used clothing; M. S., Aberdeen, £1; left by the late Miss Macara, Kinross, for our Invalid Girls' Home, down quilt bed rest and some invalid drinking cups; Anon., twelve articles clothing, 4½ yards shirting, and some used clothing; J. E. C. C., Dunblane, £20; J. B., 5s.

November 18.—P. M., Aberdeen, eight articles clothing; "Of Thine Own," £2; W. T. 15s; A Friend, Ecclesmachan, per A. S., £1; Miss G., Hawick, nineteen articles clothing; Miss F. Dundee, forty-four pairs stockings; D. P., Lenzie, £5; Mrs N., Hamilton, £1; Miss M. M., four pairs stockings and socks; B. B., hamper bread; "An Edinburgh Friend," six pairs socks; Rattray Parish Church, Blairgowrie, per C. S., 10s; Miss E., Dundee, £1; D. Y., Brechin, 12s 6d; Mr and Mrs J. G. P., Hamilton, £1; J. D. M., Kirkliston, ninety-three articles clothing; R. M. and Free Church Bible Class, Dumoon, 6s; Y. W. C. A., Freuchie, per Miss M., £1; A. D., £10; A Friend, sixty-seven loaves; Incorporation of Maltmen, per F. C. D., £3 3s; A Friend, £1; Strathaven, 5s; Miss G., Alloa, £1; J. C., Lochearnhead, £100; T. D. ("A Thank offering"), £10; Lily, Isabel, Elsie, and Janie, four articles clothing; A. M., eight rabbits; D. M., Leven, quantity hymn and arithmetic books; "Anchor, Paisley," £100; S. C. C., Greenock, for expenses of children going to annual meeting, £5; Mrs J. C., Kilmarnock, 10s; J. W., a mare; Mrs L., Greenock, £1; Mrs K., Milton of Campsie, quantity used clothing; A Thank-offering, Aberdeen post mark, 10s; H. B., Sewardstone, £1; Mrs S., Leamington, £1; Bellahouston Parish Church, S.S., per Mr K., £1 14s 6d; Anon., Dollar, £13 1s; Greenock Girls' Missionary Association, per C. A. R., £2; Miss F., Crieff, £1 2s; Do. do., "for Poor of Glasgow," £1 2s; Miss H., Aberdeen, 5s and shawl; Kirkcubright Parish Council, per J. C., £3; Miss B., Loans, nine yards tweed; W. G. T., Hawick, parcel used clothing; Mrs J., Edinburgh, nineteen articles clothing; M. & C., two boxes fish; Mr F., three books; Miss D. S.S., do., per W. M. M., £2; "Alice, Willie, and Jessie," Grangemouth, 10s; "A Worm," 10s; T. H., Mr L., basket rolls; P. M., Greenock, £10; J. L. G., £1; Miss B., Melrose, £2; Mrs M., quantity used clothing; "Inasmuch," Edinburgh, 6s; Pennies of a little girl in New Zealand, per Miss W., 15s; Mrs S., £2; Miss A. P. Edinburgh, £4; J. W. A., £3; "Lex," 10s; "An old lady interested in the work, two scarves; Mrs R., fourteen articles clothing; Mrs G. T., seven pairs stockings; Mrs D. Dumbarton, eight pairs socks; Mrs G. Airdrie, twelve articles clothing; M. M., Dundee, six pairs stockings; J. C. J., Edinburgh, 2s 6d; Miss H. Haddington, £3; Free Church Sabbath School, North Berwick, per A. D. W., £1; Association for Improvement of Condition of Poor, Leith, per A. B., £3 3s; "H. H., Aberdeen," £1; "A Well-wisher," Newton, 1s 4d; collected from Friends by Mrs H., £26; Mr and Mrs J. T., Vidlin, Shetland, 15s; Friend, per do., 5s; Mrs B., Gourcock, forty-six articles clothing; J. C., Edinburgh, £10; Anderson Free Church Sabbath School, per A. K., £4 1s; Mrs M., Cupar-Fife, twelve articles clothing; Miss M., Tarbet, two do.; A. C., Edinburgh, 5s; W. K. S., Dumbarton, £1; Mrs F., Lenzie, £3; A Friend, Stirling, per Miss M. J. F., 5s; A. E. C., Dalmally, 10s; Miss P., Airdrie, £1 and quantity magazines; Camphill U.P. Church Tradesmen's Mission Forenoon Meeting, per W. T., £1 15s; Mr S., school desk, map, black-board, pictures, etc.; H. M., large quantity knitting wires; P. R., Kelso, £4 10s; Erskine Place Sabbath School, Alloa, per J. Y., 9s 7d; Mrs B., W. C. A., Firth, Orkney, per Miss M., twenty articles new and used clothing; Mrs S., Leamington, £1; I. T., Carlisle, 10s 6d; Mr and Mrs J. E. Kinross, £1; Free Church S.S., Arbroath, per G. C., £1; articles clothing. The following have been sent for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—Legacy of the late Mr Robert Stobo, per Messrs Ure & Macrae, £200—less duty, £20—£180; legacy of the late Mrs Strathbungo, per Messrs Macdonald, Smith, & Co., £200. The following have been sent for Consociety Homes:—"A. A., Pollokshaws," 5s; E. S., 2s 6d; Camphill U.P. Church Junior Missionary Society, per J. M., £5 13s; Young People's Meeting, St George's Cross Tabernacle, per Mrs A., £2 8s; Mrs F., Edinburgh, £5.

December 2.—E. M., Greenock postmark, £2; A. F., Dalkeith, collected from lady visitors, £1 14s 1d; Mrs D. I., Kirkcaldy, £1; Mrs B., Elgin, 10s; W. A., Banff, 10s 6d; J. A. B. Paisley, £20; E. and M. F., Edinburgh, 7s 6d; Miss K. F. M., 3s 6d, eleven articles clothing and Christmas cards; Innerleithen Congregational Church S.S., per J. W., 6s 3d; Miss M., Ramegate, 5s; Mrs A. T. A., Alloa, eight articles clothing; 1-6th part of legacy of £10, less dues, from the late Rev. S. S., per J. H., £3; Mrs H., Inverness, £1; J. H., Bathgate, 10s; Children's Sabbath Morning Meeting, per do., 10s; R. A. R., per do., 10s; Miss S., Uddingston, 5s; Mrs T. S., do., three pairs stockings; Rothsay West Free Church Congregational S.S., per G. S., £1 13s 6d; Mrs N., Bowling, £1; J. K. A., Stornoway, per J. F. M., 5s; Parish Council, do., per do., £12; A Friend, basket rolls; Mrs A., Lochranza, 6s; Class in Partick Y. W. C. A., per Miss W., £1; L. C., Luss, parcel clothing, etc.; Mrs A., Edinburgh, £1; A. F., Dalkeith, additional collected from lady visitors, 8s; Miss S., Edinburgh, £10; Mrs B., do., £1; J. T. N., Beattock, 7s 6d; Mrs T., Edinburgh, twelve articles clothing; A Friend, Glasgow postmark, six pairs stockings and socks; Mr H., £1; "Wee John and Archie," 10s; White Memorial Free Church S.S., per D. P., £3 12s 10d; Mrs N., Bowling, seventeen articles clothing; A Friend, three baskets bread; G. W., Ayr postmark, 5s; Misses A., Tighnabruich, £1; Anon., Helensburgh, parcel used clothing; Anon. do.; A Friend, basket rolls; Kilmacool U.P. Church Dorcas Society, ten articles clothing; Mrs G., Alva, 10s; Sandyford U.P. Church S.S., per A. B., £1; W. and E. D. and C. M. A., Rothsay, £2; Mrs R. Hamilton, £3; Anon., Greenock, three pairs stockings; Miss H. F., Kilmarnock, seven articles clothing; J. G. O., towards keep of Girls' Invalid Home, £150; Miss M., £5; Pollokshaws Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, per J. A., £1;

Willie, and Jessie, Grangemouth, 10s; Camphill Sabbath School, Lumphanan, per Mrs A. F. W., Aberdeen, 6s 6d; W. A., Ayre, £4; Miss D., toward children's toys, £1; Miss W., Lochgoilhead, 10s; Dalziel U.P. Church S.S., Motherwell, per H. C., £2; Mrs M., Edinburgh, £2; Mrs M., Larkhall, 5s; Abney, 5s; Miss M., Edinburgh, 2s 6d; Miss H., Langholm, 2s; Alexandra Parade U.P. Church S.S., Aberdeen, 10s; Springburn U.P. Church Bible Class, per J. M., £1; Miss M. B., Edinburgh, £2; clothing; A. & M'A., assortment bulbs; Miss E. S. and Girls in Sabbath School Class, quantity clothing, scrap-books, etc.; Miss R. W., two parcels used clothing; A. S., quantity vests jackets, etc.; £5; Mrs C., Perth, 4s; R. E., Lanark, 10s and parcel used clothing, etc.; Family Subscription, per J. P., Kilmarnock, 10s and magazines; A. G., Paisley, £5; Misses G., Roseneath, £5; R. M. and Helensburgh, 10s; J. M'C., Campbelltown, "a mite," 2s 6d; Mrs F., for Incurable Home, £1 and ten pairs stockings; Mrs H., Annan, parcel clothing and sweets; Mr and Mrs A., 10s and fourteen J. C., Motherwell, £1 5s; Mrs S., Whiting Bay, 10s; "A Friend," Cleland, 5s; T. H., per do., 5s; Highsnaburch postmark, 5s; W. M., per W. W., Forres, £1; "Topaz," 4d; Miss T., Large, large parcel used clothing, books, spoons, etc.; Mrs L., Portobello, parcel used clothing; Religious Tract Society, London, per L. B. W. and S. G. G., four boxes books, tracts, etc.; M. M., 10s; U.P. Church S.S., Comrie, per J. S., Edinburgh, £1 9s 6d; J. S. D., St. Boswells, £2; Misses L., Alexandria, £10; Mossgreen Sabbath School, per J. C., Crossgates, 3s; Free North Church Congregational S.S., Dumfries, per R. L., £1; Young People's Sewing Meeting, per Mrs F., sixty-one articles clothing and Dolphinton, £1; Mrs J. A., Greenock, 7s 6d; Miss B. A., do., 5s; G. M., Huntly, 10s; Mrs A. T., Kirkcaldy, £1; Mrs S., Lanark, £1; Anon., Christmas and New-Year cards; P. E., used clothing. 2s; Mrs M., Huntly, towards Home for Epileptics, 5s; "Topaz," 6d. The following have been sent for Consumptive Hospital:—J. C., California, 10s; Miss A. S., 5s; Miss C., Newport-on-Tay, 7s 6d.

December 30.—M. M., three pairs stockings; Mr H., Stonehaven, £1; Anon., Paisley, Falkirk postmark, £1; Mrs E., North Queensferry, £5; J. P., Biggar, £5; Young People, per Miss Sheer, east-on-yea, 10s; R. C. S., Greenock, £1; Mrs O., Kilmacoolm, £1 and six pairs stockings; E. W. B., £2; W. W., Paisley, £50; Anon., 2s 6d; "Three Little Ones," per F. A. S., Pondoland, Cape Colony, £1; Mrs G. O., Paisley, £10 and twelve woollen skirts; Mr M., box oranges; A. H. M., Mauchline, cards, etc.; N. and S., forty-five knitted hoods; R. M., chest of tea; A. M., £5; Mrs B., £1; Nicolson Street U.P. Church Juvenile Missionary Association, Edinburgh, per T. H., £1 10s; J. A., Bervie, thing; Friend, per do., six do.; a Friend, Aberdeen, 5s; Miss M., do., 2s; Mrs M., do., 2s; L. J., do., 1s; Mrs M., do., 2s 6d; Miss G., do., 2s; a Friend, do., 2s 6d; Mrs T., do., 5s; Mrs M., do., 2s 6d; Miss T., do., 1s; Miss M., do., 2s—above sums from Aberdeen were collected by Employees Caledonian Railway Goods Station, Buchanan Street, per J. G., £1; R. H., rolls; J. L., Leslie, £1 1s; Misses M. and M. E., Udington, 10s; R. W., Bridge-of-Weir, £5; R. C. M., £1; Young Men's Bible Class Free Middle Mission Greenock, per J. M., £1; Miss H., £4; Mrs L., Monifieth, £2; Craiglockhart, £1; Mrs W., Kilmarnock, £2; St Clement's Parish Church S.S., Dundee, per C. S., £3 5s; W. J., Bangor, 10s 6d; S. and Y., forty-four pots preserves and 112 lbs sweets; Mrs G. M. and £3; S. P., Wigton, £1 10s; M. and L. H., for six months' keep of Cottage Home and thirty children, twelve pairs socks; Miss M., Strathaven, 6s; Mrs W., Bowling, £1; J. T., Freuchie, £1; Bible Class, Huntly, 5s; Mrs F. K., Dumfries, for boys' "New-Year dinner," £1 0s 6d; Mrs F., Edinburgh, £2 2s; C. J., 10s; Miss E. M., Stranraer, 6s; Anon., Dunoon postmark, £100; Bonhill Free Church S.S., per W. M., Kelso, 12s 6d; Mrs C. G., £100; Miss W., Aberdeen, collected from friends, and proceeds of work done, £2 1s; W. K., Paisley, £2; Do., for Boys' and Girls' Invalid Homes, £1; Mrs W. S., £1; W. B., do., per do., 1s; A. M., do., per do., 1s; R. K., do., per do., 1s; L. W., do., per do., 1s; do., 10s; A Friend, basket rolls and twenty loaves; Mr M., basket small bread; Downhills, £1; Whitevale Free Church Bible Class, per M. G., 10s; Miss A., Tairland, 2s; Mrs M., £1; St. Andrew's Free Church Fellowship Association, per A. P., 10s; Mrs B. H., £1 4s 6d; Broomkirk, per W. T. S., £1 2s 7d; Duet O.K., £1 10s and eleven pairs stockings; Miss T., Greenock, £5; do., for New-Year treat, £1; Mrs A., £5, twenty articles clothing, seven dolls, and Christmas tree; do., for New-Year treat, £1; Mrs A., £5, twenty articles clothing, seven dolls, and Christmas tree; do., for "From a lover of little children," Edinburgh, ten articles clothing; Miss M., Thornhill, £1; Mrs M., Maryburgh, 6s; Mrs L., Edinburgh, 10s; Mrs J. D., tin tea; Employees Messrs D. Strathaven, Limited, Motherwell, per W. C., £1 19s 3d; Misses G., London, 5s; East U.P. Church S.S., £1; W. M., Dunfermline, £0; Braco de Prata S.S., Portugal, per J. D., £2 10s; G. S., £10; J. S. N., £2; Mrs E., Edinburgh, £2; Miss W., St Bees, 5s; J. G. C., Paisley, £2; Two Friends,

Y.W.C.A., Carlisle, per Mrs W. H., seventy-four articles clothing; Scottish Co-operative Society Limited, per W. M., £12; J. A. M. and four children, £1 10s; J. A. W., Edinburgh, £1 18; J. P., £1 1s; New Free Church S.S., Grangemouth, £1; T. F., Fossoway Public School, 15s; J. B., Arbroath, box tea; Friends, Perth, nineteen articles clothing, etc.; Mrs T., Bridge-of-Weir, quantity do.; A. H. L., £1; Mrs F. S., twenty-six articles clothing; Strathbungo Parish Church S.S., per W. W. S. R., £2; Mrs S., parcel used clothing; Claremont Church Juvenile Missionary Society, E., Lauder postmark, for City Home, 1s; Mrs M., Bridge-of-Weir, do.; "J. M. G. J. and rolls; Mrs J. M., Stonehouse, £1; J. B., 1s; W. H., one hundred and fifty-two leaves and two baskets A. P. B., Kilmarnock, £10; J. B., £1; Miss M. and Miss G. Greenock, £1; Miss J., Perth, 5s; F. O. and S., some sample books Christmas cards; E. L., Aberdeen, £5; Belhaven Sabbath School, per G. W. S., £2 1s 8d; Clydebank Union Church District Sabbath School, per Mrs W. and Family, Greenock, £18; "A Birthday Remembrance," £1; do. "Of One gone Home," £2; Mr A. R. Gray, Aberdeen, per Mr Henry Peterkin, £25; W. H., Annan, "towards enlargement of the church," £3; Legacy of the late Sir Wm. Collins, per Messrs Watt, Hayes, & Co., £200 and interest, £19s 6d=£207 19s 6d; R. S. B., Greenock, "towards Dundee Home," 15s; Sabbath Class and been sent for Consumptive Homes: "Awards S. W., Aberdeen, 10s; The following have Dundee, per C. S., 10s; W. H., Annan, £1; Boys' Intermediate Bible Class Free Middle Mission, Greenock, per J. S., 10s; Mrs S., Montrose, six bedcovers; Mrs M., Somerville, Mass., U.S.A., £1; Mrs W., Innellan, £1; Eastern Co-operative Society, Limited, per R. B., £1.

January 13, 1896.—Sabbath-School, Class per Mrs W., Morningdale, 15s; Berta and Andrew C., Kirkintilloch, 12s; Mrs R., £1; J. M., Cambuslang, 10s; Crofthead Free Church S.S., Fould-P. B., £1; Mr and Mrs W., Edinburgh, £1; Anon., Kelso post-mark, Christmas cards; "Carriack," 5s; Misses R., 15s; Half proceeds of sale of work held by the Scotch Girls' Friendly Society and the Y.W.C.A., Gatehouse, per Mrs M., £3 5s; Mrs H., Inverness, £1; Mrs C., 7s 6d; A. S., Wormit, £7; Anon., Peebles post-mark, £1; a Friend, 7s 6d; Miss C. F. M., Elgin, 5s; Quarter Prayer Union, Hamilton, per R. M., 10s; Mrs H., £2 2s; A. P. and C., £2; W. J., Carlisle, £2 2s; "E. C. and M., Camelton, three articles clothing; A Grateful Girl Helped, Canada, 4 dollars=16s 8d; do., do., 4 "Ignote," do., 10s; "Ignote No. 2," do., 2s 6d; W. J. B., North Shields, £10 10s; J. L., Greenock, £10; A Few Machine Spoolers, Anchor Thread Works, do., per F. G., 17s; W. and S., L. ven, two boys' overcoats; J. H. S., £1; Mrs H., 10s; Miss G., Hamilton, six pairs stockings; Motherwell U.P. Church, S.S., per J. N., £2; Mrs S., Johnstone, 5s; B. B., four dozen currant leaves; A. B., Whiting Bay, 10s; A Friend, twenty-five leaves; Sewing Class, per Misses L. and G., twenty-eight articles clothing; Male Employees, Greenhead Weaving Factory, per T. T., £1 12s; W. T. S., Bonnybridge, 5s, some Christmas cards and cap; Messrs D. Y. S. & Co., from Charity Fund, £3 3s; Westmoreland Road Presbyterian Church S.S., Newcastle, per A. M., £2; W. M., jun., S.S. Class of Weir Parish Church S.S., per A. B. G., £4; J. S. N., West Kilbride, £100; M. D. & Co., large quantity do., £5; some Girls in Castlehill School, Cupar, per Miss B., 3s, quantity clothing, toys, dolls, etc.; Brydekirk New S.S., Annan, per Mr W., £1 15s 9d; T. W., £1 1s; Parkhead U.P. Church clothing; Mrs J. S., box toys; E. M., Dunfermline, six pairs stockings; J. M. P., £1; A Friend, per Miss T., 10s; Miss C., Lochgilphead, sixteen articles clothing; Mrs A., Edinburgh, twelve pairs articles clothing; Mrs D., Dumbarton, six pairs stockings; Bonnybridge S.S., per J. M., £1 17s; Miss L. A. S.'s S.S. Class and friends, Bristo Place Baptist Church S.S., Edinburgh, seventeen dolls, £1; Kelvinisdon Free Church District S.S., per W. A. B., £1 17s; J. H. G., £1; Free Church of J. M., 10s; "For Je-u-s," Moss-end postmark, £1 6s; Miss M., Kilmalcolm, 5s; Canal Street U.P. Church, Young Women's B.C., per Miss M. R., £2 17s 6d; "Thankoffering from Jno.," Stornoway, £1; W. S. G., £1 1s; Somerville Memorial Free Church S.S., Keppochhill, 11s; Anon., Paisley, 7s 6d; Mrs B., £1; G. A. G., Uddingston, 16s; George, do., per do., £1; Four Little J's, Edinburgh, £1; G. A. A., Cannes, £2; Miss A., do., 2s 6d; Rigg of Gretna U.P. Church S.S., £2 14s 3d; W. H., do., 5s 6d; D. C. M., St. Andrews, 10s; Kilmalcolm U.P. Church S.S., per J. E. F., £1 10s; Mrs F. A. F., Dundee, £3; A. D. F., do., £2; "Two Workers, to help a little boy," £1; Mrs S., £1; Five Contributors," per Mrs B., Hamilton, £1 3s 6d; Mrs D., Edinburgh, 5s; "A few handspools, Anchor Thread Works, Paisley," per M. C., £1; W. G. G., Aberdeen, £1; A Friend, per do., 10s; Mrs S., Paisley, £1; Mrs S., twenty-seven articles clothing; J. J. Z. & Co., quantity periodicals, per R. H. A., £1; Mission S.S., do., per do., £1 10s; Coldstream S.S., per Miss N., 7s; Glasgow S.S., Kilmartin, Lochgilphead, per S. L., 1s 3s; Fines at breakfast table, per Mrs K., £1 0s 5d; Free London, for New-Year's Day Treat, £1; E. and W. M. M., Moffat, £1; A Worker, £1; J. A. D., £1; W. G., 5s; Mr G., Bridge-of-Weir, two invalid carriages; money belonging to baby now gathered in Yetholm; Mrs C., Hamilton, 10s; Officers Telegraph Department, G.P.O., £2; Anon., basket of pairs stockings; Y.W.C.A. and Friends, Craik, fifty-three articles clothing and hats; Anon., £1; H. C. and friends, Anstruther, ninety-one articles clothing and a few cards; D. C. S., 14s; children in one of the girls' cottages, £1; A Worker, £1; Friend, per do., £1; J. E., Portsoy, 5s;

Bible Class, per D. T., 6s 6d; Dregghorn Parish Church S.S., per Miss G., £1; Children, per A. G. B., Busby, £1; Graham's Road U.P. Church S.S., Falkirk, per P. D. M., £1; Miss A., Huntingdon, £1; G. D. F., Edinburgh, 10s; Do., do., for emigration, 10s; Mrs H., £2; Mrs M., Oban, £1; Free Church S.S., Lismomond, per D. C., 15s; Anon., 2s 6d; "From a Friend," Inverness, £2; Kilmahog S.S., per Mrs B., Callander, £1 2s; W. B. C., Lenzie, £5 5s; Mrs T. F. M., do., 190 articles clothing, etc.; Mrs M., Ebenezer, 10s; Mr K., 4½ dozen gloves, rolls, etc.; R. C., Bishopbriggs, £2 10s; R. M., Falkirk, £1; "Robesey," Edinburgh, 10s 6d; Collected from Friends by Mrs E., Perth, £1 6s 2d; Mrs M., Mrs G. H., and Mrs M'K., £8; "Of Thine Own," 10s; Collected on New-Year's Day in Free Church, Knock, Stornoway, per G. M., £2 12s; Mrs D., £10; L. O., for emigration, £100; Mrs Bell Street U.P. Church Bible Class, Dundee, per J. G. W., 10s; Bridge of Teith U.P. Church, Minister's B.C., per W. H., 18s; Mrs D., Ladykirk, 10s; Saline Free Church S.S., per J. K., 15s; North Parish Church S.S., Aberdeen, per R. M., £1; U.P. Church S.S., Milnathort, per A. C., £1; Boys in one of the Boys' Homes, 1s; S. & S., 3500 hyacinth and tulip bulbs; "Amici," £1 1s; Students' Settlement Bible Class, per D. M., £2; Erskine Free Church S.S., per T. P., 10s; Free Church S.S., Stow, per T. B., £1 8s 2d; R. M. G., Aberdeen, 10s; "Eric Vie," Cupar-Fife post mark, £1; Chryston Free Church S.S., per Miss F., 14s 10d; Free Gaelic Church Mission S.S., Greenock, per D. C., 10s; Rattray Free Church S.S., Blairgowrie, per T. C., £1; X. Y. Z., Dumbarton post mark, £1; T. M., Kilcreggan, do., 6s; Miss M., 10s; T. C. P., £1; Miss S., Gourock, 10 pairs stockings and socks, five bed-covers, and quantity periodicals; Mrs B., Dundee, £1; "Fife," carcase mutton; Mrs L., 16 pairs stockings; Anon., two oil pictures; Heiton S.S., Kelfo, per J. H., £1 5s 6d; Hazelbank S.S., per A. H., Lenark, £1 6s 7d; Miss L., Dundee, 10s; D. M., Stornoway, per J. F. H., 10s; Murray Lane Mission S.S., Montrose, per L. S., 6s; Five Children, per A. H., Penicuik, 12s 6d; Miss B., Dundee, 5s; Bonhill U.P. Church Mission S.S., per P. M., £1 14s 3d; Mrs L., Edinburgh, £1; Mrs M., Markinch, £1; D. M., Edinburgh, 7s 6d; Miss F., Kilmarnock, 12 articles clothing, 1 pair boots, and quantity periodicals; Sewing Meeting, per Mrs S., Wemyss Bay, 16 articles clothing; "Baptised Believers' Meeting in Susannah Street Schoolroom, Alexandria," per J. B., £1; T. B., Taiwanfo, Formosa, £3; Mrs M. M., Tobermory, £1; Mrs D. and Friend, 13s; J. M., £1; Robert and Edith do., per do., 10s; Mrs C., Glassary, near Lochgilphead, £1; Fans S.S., Machrihanish, Campbelltown, per D. M., £1 5s; Stromness, per W. R., 10s; E. U. Church S.S., Stewarton, per G. W., £1; "S.S., Mrs B.'s Friend," £1; Queen's Park Parish Church S.S., per J. M., £1 1s; Do., do., for City Home, £1 1s; J. P., Moffat, £5; J. M., Newton, £5; S.S., Tighnabruach, per Mr I., £1 8s; Teachers, Scholars, Longforgan, Dundee, per Mrs A., thirty-two articles clothing; J. W., 10s; Free St. Mark's Forenoon Meeting, per P. M., 7s 6d; T. F., Alexandria, 10s; Mrs L., West Culs, £1; Miss E. G. H., Dundee, £5; collected by Miss E. P., Ayr, £5; Mrs N., Stirling, £1; Mrs B., Wishaw, £1; Mrs S., £1; Dunoon U.P. Church S.S. Society, per H. C. W., £1 10s; D. D. S., £2 10s; Mrs H., Ayr, 10s; collected by A. D. M., Muncloch, £1 10s; Calgary Knitting Society, Tobermory, per Mrs M. M., eight pairs stockings; Mrs J. M., Fort William, ten lbs. tea; Two Friends, 5s; W. B., 7s 6d; J. L., Auchmill, £10; Stenhouse Mills S.S., Edinburgh, per J. M., £4 4s 14d; Mrs B., London, £5; A. C., Auldirth, £5; "A Friend," Inverness, £2; R. H., some bread; Anonymous, some used Christmas cards; J. G., and M. B., £2; Mrs M., Leemahagow, 2s 6d; H. C., per do., 5s; Dysart U.P. Church B.C., per J. A., 10s; U.P. Church Mission S.S., Inverness, per J. H. D., 17s 3d. The following have been sent for Consumptive Homes:—Mrs R., £1; Girls in one of the Homes, 10s; S. T. G. C., Paisley, £20; Mrs S., Elgin, 10s; J. and A. A., £2; "Fai hirl unto Death, M. J. B., £5 5s.

January 27.—Mrs B., £1; Cedar Street Branch Y.W.C.A., per do., 17s; Mrs A., Tillicoultry, £1; Miss A., do., 10s; J. L., Blackburn, by Aberdeen, 5s; T. D., Leith, 5s; Miss H., Edinburgh, 1s 6d; J. B., jun., £1 1s; Free St. Leonard's Church S.S., Perth, per J. C., 17s 11d; Baptist Church S.S., Lossiemouth, per W. S., £1; "A Widow's Mite," Greenlaw post-mark, 5s; Anon., Ayr post-mark, £2; G. B., Melrose, 10s; Miss H., Aberdeen, four pairs stockings and two pairs cuffs; J. B., Edinburgh, a jacket; J. M., Anstruther, £4; contents of Collecting Box, Mothers' Tenth's do., per do., 18s; Stonelaw S.S., Rutherglen, per J. M., 6s; Mrs B., 5s; Wellpark Free Church S.S., Greenock, per W. C., £2 3s 8d; Miss W., Cupar Fife, £1 and six pairs socks; A. M. W., Bridge £4 16s; Leith Friends, per J. B., quarterly amount towards support of a boy, £3; Mrs S., Coatbridge, for keep of a child for a year, £12; P. M., Wigtown, £1; Miss S. M., 10s 6d; Cargill Free Church S.S., Gulltown, per J. S., 15s; Dumbarton Parish Church S.S., per J. C., £1 11s 6d; Sandbank Free S.S., per J. R., 15s; C. G. L. P., Dundee, £2; G. S., Liverpool, 2s 6d; Mrs M., Port Appin, £1; "For Jesus' sake," Paisley post-mark, 5s; Miss G. and Miss I., Kirkwall, £1; Mrs and Miss G., Mission S.S., Kirkwall, per W. W. C., £1 8s 3d; A. D., Leith, 10s; Mr and Mrs G. R. M., £1; Mrs R., Bigger, 10s; "A Girl in Manchester," per Miss F., Edinburgh, 1s 8d; Calton Parish Church S.S., per J. H., £1; A. E. G., ten scarves; Miss M., 5s; Young Women's Bible Class, Victoria Place Baptist Church, Paisley, per Miss C., £2; W. T. R., Maerdy, near Pontypridd, Wales, 6s 6d; Mrs C. Perth, 5s; Mrs M., Motherwell, £1; J. F. M., 10s; J. A. D., 5s; Anon., 5s; Miss C., per Mrs M., £5; R. M., £10; A. J. K., £10; P. P., Dunfermline, 16s; Mrs B., twelve pair socks; J. R., £1; P. S., Bellshill, £1; Miss M., Hawick, 1s 6d; J. P., Kennethmont, 10s; W. W., Hawick, 10s; Children's Sabbath Forenoon Service, Bridgend Institute, Perth, per Miss C., 17s; Helensburgh Congregational Church, per do., 5s 6d; Mrs M., Forfar, £5; "A Friend," £1 and two used ties; Anon., two parcels used clothing; per A. L., £1 4s; S. and A. H., Bathgate, gathered by children at dinner table, 5s; Oak-haw Free Church S.S., Paisley, per W. P., 12s; A few Hand Spoolers, Anchor Mills, Paisley, per Miss B., 18s; W. T., Peebles, £1; "for maintenance of a child for 1896," £12; J. H., Perth, £1 5s; Free St. John's Congregational S.S., Montrose, per L. M., 10s 6d; Cupar Free Church S.S., per J. S. R., £1 5s; Free Free Church S.S., Port-Glasgow, per R. B. H., £3 14s; Mrs I., Boncath, South Wales, Edinburgh, 2s 6d; two or three Wellwishers, Tighnabruach, per G. W., 8s; Free Church S.S., do., 10s; Gallatoun Free Church S.S., Kirkcaldy, per T. S., £1 2s; A. G., Dalkeith, 10s; Miss H., power Field, £1; J. D., £1; Children, per do., 5s; "A Friend," 2s 6d; Aunt of Children received, Dundee, 10s; T. M., £10; Miss C., Ryde, Isle of Wight, £10; Union Free Church S.S., per T. G., £1

6s; Springbank U.P. Church S.S., per Miss F., £2; Mrs M., Row, thirteen articles clothing; W. M., Markinch, £1; Mrs F., Dundee, £1; Free St. John's Fellowship Association, Montrose, per W. M., 10s; "Collecting box, Polwarth Grove, Edinburgh," per M. R., £1; "Rosneath," 11s 6d; North Woodside Free Church S.S., per R. C., jun., £2 5s 9d; Mrs C., Paisley, 10s; Proceeds of lantern entertainment given to children attending Mr J. W.'s Sabbath Morning Class, Draffan, per J. L. T., Auchinheath, £2; P. G., Aberfeldy, £2; Mrs D., "from the children," 5s; Free Church S.S., Whifflet, per A. A., 10s; "A friend of the Little Ones," 5s; Miss G. Thornhill, five hymn books; "A Friend," per S. B. A., £1; Blackfriars Established Church S.S., per T. M., £1; A. S., seven pairs cuffs; Mrs L., London, twelve petticoats and two pairs socks; T. D., Kirkmuirhill, a cheese; Abbey Lawn Street Mission Hall Children's Church, Paisley, per J. H., £1 2s; East U.P. Church S.S., Galashiels, per J. S., £1 5s; Mill Sabbath School, Airdrie, per W. W., £1; "A few Dressmakers," per Miss J., Castle Douglas, 7s; Mrs M. and Daughter, Manchester, 18s; Friends, Broughton, Peeblesshire, per Mrs G., one hundred and seventy-six articles clothing, etc.; W. L., £2; J. M. R., Alloa, £2 5s; "From a Lady seventy-nine years of age," Edinburgh post-mark, four pairs stockings; A. F. L., £2 5s; Mrs S., Berwick-on-Tweed, £1; Miss C., 10s; E. U. Church S.S., Galashiels, per G. C., £1 17s 6d; Blairlogie and Menstry U.P. Church S.S., per J. P., 12s 6d; J. C., Castle Douglas, 10s; Anon., Aberdeen post-mark, 5s; Miss S., Montrose, 10s; Friend, basket small bread; B. A., Wemyss Bay, £10; U.P. Church S.S., Gorebridge, per R. J., £2 10s; Collected at Social Meeting, Blackburn, by Bathgate, per G. W. H., 7s 6d; Abbey S.S., Paisley, per W. W., £1 5s; Collected by J. K. E., from officials, draughtsmen, foremen, and clerks of Messrs Sharp, Stewart, & Co., per B. W., £4 6s; Women's Guild, Duddingston, part proceeds sale of work, per Mrs P., £5; Ward Road Baptist Church S.S., Dundee, per A. M. N., 10s; James and Hope L., Leith, 10s and two pairs drawers; Nairn Mission S.S., per W. D., £1; W. C., Dundee, £2; Mrs R. L., £1; Victoria Street Baptist Church S.S., Galashiels, per D. H., £1 1s; Lesmahagow U.P. Church S.S., per F. B., £1; Beth Parish Council, per G. T., £3; Muir of Bannockburn Mission S.S., per Miss M., 7s; Miss S., Edinburgh, £2; R. M., £5; Moffat Parish Church S.S., per W. F., 17s 6d; Mrs M., Newton, some illustrated papers; G. D. & Co., eighteen tins biscuits; Mrs M., Strathaven, six shirts and three fronts; Miss P., Kirkcubright, £1; Mr C.'s Bible Class, Free Church, Kilmornie, per Mrs S., £1; Mrs C., Comrie, £1; G. C. M., Aberdeen, 10s; Miss T., 10s; Alexander, Robert, and Andrew P.'s New-Year Pennies, per Mrs P., 15s; United Co-operative Baking Society, Ltd., per J. H. F., £5; Mrs W., Milton Campsie, £2; R. C., Ayre, six dozen pairs boys' and girls' boots; Mrs P. D., Dumbarton, £3; W. L., £1; Mr H., Inverness, £3; South Bantaskine Bible Class, per D. M., £1 6s 8d; U.P. Church S.S., Cullen, per W. H. S., 10s; W. J. W., London, 10s; Mrs T. S., Dumfries, seventeen articles clothing; J. R. A., Keswick, £20; Troon Children's Church, per F. M., £1 10s 8d; Original Secession Church S.S., Kirkintilloch, per E. C., £1; Miss M., Grangemouth, £1; Boghead Weekly Prayer Meeting, per J. W., Kirkmuirhill, £1; Crossford Children's Weekly Meeting, per do., 12s 1d; Draffan, do., do., 7s 11d; Mrs C. M., Lenzie, 10s; Miss C., do., 10s; Carnock Free Church S.S., per W. M., 13s; A. H., Rothsay, £2; "Alice, Willie, and Jessie," Grangemouth, 10s; Augustine Congregational Church Morning S.S., Edinburgh, per D. M. P., £1 10s 6d; collected at New-Year's Day Service, Bank Street Church, Brechin, per R. W. O., 15s 3d; Misses A., Dalry, 5s; Alexandria U.P. Church S.S., per A. D., £2 2s; Anonymously, Langbank post-mark, 15s; "A Lover of Children," Kirkintilloch, do., 2s 6d; Eglinton Street U.P. Church Young Men's Bible Class, per A. A., 12s; Lochgilphead Y.W.C.A., per Mrs H., twelve articles clothing and picture book; Whitburn Parish Church S.S., per J. C., 15s; Hamilton West Free Church S.S., per J. B., 18s 5d; Mrs J. R. Inceh, nine articles clothing; "Hawick," 2s 6d; G. F. T. R., Orkney, 2s 6d; Yarrow Free Church S.S., per M. C., 5s; D. A., Campbelltown, £1; Free St. Andrew's Church, S.S., Hawick, per A. H. B., £5; Mrs K., £4; D. L., Dundee, £4 17s 11d; J. S., Holm, Orkney, £5; Boys and Girls gathered at the Home, in Brockville, Canada, on New-Year's Day, 31-30s; £8 10s 5d; Money repaid by Children sent to Canada, 80-50s; £16 15s 5d; Collected during past year by J. M., jun., Hamilton, £2; Mrs D. and Class of Girls, Langholm, one hundred and one articles clothing; Renton Free Church S.S., per J. M., 16s 7d; Found in Savings Bank of one of the little girls now gone Home, do., per do., 3s 4d; R. H., Kirkintilloch, 5s; Baptist Church Sabbath School, do., per do., 10s; M. J., Dunkeld, 10s; L. and S., St. Andrews, 10s; Dunlop Christian Endeavour Society, per Miss H., £1; Miss A., Millerston, £1; S.S., Carstairs Junction, per J. F., £3 10s; Mr and Mrs A. F., Motherwell, £6 0s 6d; Lizzie and Nessie's savings, per do., 10s; Mrs D., Perth, £3 and seven pairs stockings; S. G., Carlisle, 10s; Minister's Bible Class, Davidson Memorial U.P. Church, Edinburgh, per Miss H., 15s; Mrs B., Longforgan, £2; Mure Memorial Free Church Bible Class, Ballieston, per R. S., jun., 5s; Mrs M., Stranraer, £1 and twelve pairs socks; Miss B., Juniper Green, and Miss A., Colinton, £1; A Friend, sixteen loaves; Mrs B., twelve pair stockings; "A London Lady," per Mr C., £1; Govanhill U.P. Church S.S., per J. M., 5s; D. J. S., Newport Fife, £2 2s; J. S., London, £1; R. C. K., Helensburgh, £100; Miss M., North Berwick, nine articles clothing; "From a Poor Sinner," Glasgow post-mark, £1; A few Workers in Valleyfield Park Mills, and Friends, Penicuik, per Miss P., £1; Queen Anne Street U.P. Church Mission S.S., Dunfermline, per A. J. W., 15s; Mrs B., £1; Mrs S., Wishaw, £2; Candidates' Class, S.G.F.S., Carnwath, per Mrs M., fourteen articles clothing and two stuffed dogs; Wellgate Free Church S.S., Dundee, per S. S. L., 12s 6d; St. Michael's Parish Church S.S., Crieff, £1; Mrs H. B., Lanark, £5; Miss M. L., 5s; Baptist Church S.S., Fraserburgh, per W. B., £1; Mrs A., Crieff, 10s; Miss D., Helensburgh, do., 10s 6d; Children, per Miss L., Newport, Fife, 10s; "Turner Children," 5s; Mrs F., £1; "In Memoriam," A. J. L., 25/188, 5s; Mrs and Miss R., High Blantyre, fourteen articles clothing and 10s; magazines; Newhills Free Church Sabbath School, per W. C., 15s; J. F., £1; "An Old Worker," 10s; Miss M. M., Motherwell, twenty-three articles clothing; Mrs K., Hamilton, 5s; Miss S., Brechin, 7s 6d; "Gathered in pence by a few Little Ones," per Mrs T., Broomhouse, 18s; Rosolis Parish Church, Invergordon, per R. M., £1 0s 6d; Miss W., Greenlaw, £1; C. S., Fraserburgh, tin cod liver oil; Mrs M., Newmains, clothing; Miss M., per do., do., 10s; Willie and Mattie C., 10s; Miss B., Castle Douglas, £1; Miss M., Alnwick, two scrapbooks for sick Children's Hospital; "Arconde," found money, 1s; Anonymously, £1; amount received for jewellery, silver plate, etc., sold, £42 9s 6d. The following have been sent for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—Govanhill Parish for Servants' Home, £30. The following have been sent for Consumptive Homes:—Govanhill Parish Church S.S., per A. B. H., £2 2s; Clepington Mission S.S., Dundee, per W. R. R., £1; "Y. Z." Renton, £5; J. W. M., Barrhead, 2s 6d; Broomhouse Mothers' Meeting, per J. H. S., £4; Miss "A Sympathiser," a cushion; Cathedral Square U.P. Church S.S. Association, per J. H. S., £4; Miss S., Edinburgh, £2; R. W., Beattock, "a mite for another stone," 1s; J. M., a girl helped, Canada, five dolls (£1 0s 10d); "An Old Worker," 10s.

February 10.—Mrs G., Falkland, parcel used clothing; Jack M., Dinwall, "from own box," 2s 6d; Mrs D., do., per do., 5s; Sir Michael Street Church Mission S.S., Greenock, per J. S., 12s 2d; White Memorial Free Church Minister's B.C., per J. D., 15s; Jeacy of the late Mr Gebbie Clark,

Bearsden, per Messrs Montgomerie & Flemings, £200, less duty, for emigration, £180 5s 5d; Miss M., per Miss G., £1; R. S., Dalry postmark, £3; Miss M., Bridge of Allan, 1s; George, Ella, and Ewan S., do., per do., 3s; West U.P. Church S.S. and Bible Class, Strathaven, per J. H., £6 6s 6d; Lerwick Boys, Barrhill, £4s; D. B., £2; A. G., Londonderry, £1 5s; Fullarton Free Church S.S., Irvine, per J. S., £1; Lenzie Parish Church S.S. Association, per P. C. G., £1 1s; Miss H. A. D., Bexhill-on-Sea, £2; "Well-wisher," thirty-one articles clothing; Wishaw Free Church S.S., per G. L., 10s; Maxwell-Helensburgh, per W. T., 12s 6d; "Collecting box," Polwarth Grove, Edinburgh, per E. R., £1 1s 6d; £3 15s 3d; A. R. S., Windermere, for emigration, £10; J. M. S., do., for do., £10; Legacy of the late Miss Janet Hopkins Crawford, Carmunnock, per Messrs Smillie & Blyth, for do., £50; Oldbank Union Church Sabbath School, per J. K., jun., £1 10s; A. and D. H., Dunfermline, forty-four hats, two boxes flowers, five pieces cloth remnants, and ten girls' ulsters; R. L., Helensburgh, £2; Mortlach F. Church S.S., Dufftown, per W. W., 11s 6d; A. A., Huntly, 10s; Committee, "Happy Hours," Oban, per A. M., 10s; Miss W., Brechin, 10s; Mrs S., Cambuslang, £1; "A Worm," 10s; R. M., Saltcoats, £1; Mrs M., Crieff, "from household," £5; Do., do., "from canaries," 12s; Kinning Park Parish Church S.S., per J. R., £1; Miss P., Kirkcubright, four pairs socks; J. M., Thornhill, £1; Miss D., Hawick, 2s; G. E. & S., £2 2s; Miss M. S., Stonehouse, £1; West Benhar Free Church S.S., Whitburn, per A. S., for emigration, £1; Stornoway U.P. Church, per C. M., £1 10s; South Free Church S.S., Blairgowrie, per W. A. F., £1; From Mission Box, Craslee S.S., per T. J., jun., £1; A. G. & C., £1 1s; J. W., Polmont, £1; J. S., Perth, 5s; Mrs M., Pitlochry, three pairs stockings and socks; A Worker, 5s; Collected in Miss D.'s Box, Helensburgh, per W. W., £1 2s; D. B. & S., £1; J. M., Strathbungo, £1 and parcel clothing; J. M., £1; Do., for mission work, 10s; Two Bridgeton Friends, seven articles clothing; Lanark Juvenile Missionary Association, per Mrs B., £1; St. Andrew's H.H.I. Children's Church, Leith, per A. R., £1 4s; Miss J. A., Perth, 10s; May Church S.S., Stirling, per A. R., 10s; A Friend, per do., 2s; J. S., 10s; Dunn S.S., Children, Mother's Meeting, and House Servants, Watten, Caithness, per Miss D., seventeen articles clothing and scrap book; H. H., same bread; M. C. G., Helensburgh, £3; A. C. C., for emigration, per Chari Y Bible Class, per J. T. F., £1 1s; Do., do., S.S., per do., £1 8s; Parish Church S.S., Port-Glasgow, per W. M., £1 1s; Anonymously, Dunoon, two bundles clothing, hats, etc.; D. L., £4 5s 6d; W. J. S., Keith, 5s; "Friend, Annan," £2; Established Church S.S., Dunoon, per J. D., £2; Kelvindale Free Church S.S., per W. R. D., 9s 6d; Miss F., Moffat, £1 13s; Free Church S.S., Dalmally, per C. M., 5s; J. B., £1; Crieff Parish Church Dorcas Society, per Miss R., £1; Whyte's Causeway Baptist Church S.S., Kirkcaldy, per Miss P., £4 16s 5d; Miss R., Ealing, 5s; Found in Boxes, City and Bridge of Weir Homes, during January, 15s 10d; West Bridgend S.S., Dumbarton, per F. T. E., £2 14s 6d; Tradespark S.S., Nairn, per C. B. R., £1; May J. D. and Sister, Edinburgh, four semmets; "For the Master," £10; Slamannan S.S., per T. A., £1; Bailieston U.P. Church S.S., per W. H., £1 14s; "Vera, D. H. A., Helensburgh, for emigration, £15; Great Hamilton Street Free Church Children's Mission Service, Paisley, per W. S., £1; Kilmacoll Free Church S.S., per F. L. M., 13s 3d; Free St. Mark's Forenoon Meeting, per P. M., 5s 6d; Proceeds of Magic Lantern Entertainment given by Free St. Mark's Band of Hope, per R. B., 11s; Cambuskenneth Abbey S.S., Stirling, per A. C., 11s 6d; Adelaide Place Baptist Church S.S., per A. G., £1; "Your Old Friend Margaret," six articles clothing and cards; Broomknoll Free Church Christian Association, per T. L., 10s; "A Widow's Mite," Edinburgh postmark, 2s 6d; "Tertius, Jessie, Nita, and Isobel," per J. A., London, 6s; "From Young Folks' Service," per J. M., Aberchirder, £2 1s; Anon., five cotton dresses and two straw hats; J. D. S., Edinburgh, £5; A. C., £2; Dryfessdale S.S., Lockerbie, per J. R., £1 10s; Torry Free Church S.S., per A. S. U., Aberdeen, 15s; Miss L., Berwick-on-Tweed, 5s; Mr and Mrs K., Belfast, £2; Alloa Y.M.C.A., per A. M., 5s; Linlithgow Free Church S.S., per Miss R., 11s 4d; W. Y., 10s 6d; "Topaz," 4d; S. W., Bradford, £1; "Alice, Willie, and Jessie," Grangemouth, 10s; Mrs R., Ealing, thirty-two articles clothing, some used do., and two New Testaments; Miss W., Kilmarnock, fourteen articles clothing; Mrs M., Aberdeen, thirty do.; "An Anonymous Friend," per J. S., London, 250 copies "True Stories," for boys and girls going to Canada; Anon., quantity used clothing; J. & R. T., twenty-five lilium roots; Anon., Busby, 1s; Mamie S., Stranraer, "contents of bank," 10s 6d; Wishaw Baptist Church S.S., per T. R. L., 10s 6d; J. C., Melrose, £2; Miss M. P., Dalry, 10s; left by the late Miss M. E., Banbury, per Miss I. E., 10s; J. R. W., Newcastle, £1; P. L. C., do., 10s; Anon., Liverpool postmark, £1; East Park Free Church S.S., per J. H., £1 12s 3d; A Friend, three pieces cloth and print; Anon., six petticoats; A Friend, Strathaven, one used suit; M. S., £3; J. S. R., 10s; J. M., Calderbank, by Airdrie, 5s; W. M. R., Greenock, 10s; Udney Free Church S.S., per W. D., Culter-Cullen, 10s; Miss M. S., Skelmorlie, £40; Do., do., for emigration, £10; Miss L., Helensburgh, fifty-four pairs stockings; J. D., Auchmill, "saved by not using tobacco," 6s; Misses J., Perth, 7s 6d; Mrs J., do., five articles clothing; Collecting box, Polwarth Grove, Edinburgh, per E. R., £1 17s 2d; D. R. N., Dundee, 2s 6d; Auchinloch S.S., per J. S., jun., Lenzie, £1 5s 9d; Mrs G., Kilmarnock, 5s; Scarf; J. K., per do., 6 petticoats; Mrs E. F., per do., five pairs stockings and four pairs cuffs; Mrs P. F., per do., eight pairs cuffs; A Little Girl, J. A. G., per do., one scarf; Mrs W., Greenock, forty-five articles clothing and piece flannelette; J. B., Gourack, per do., twenty pairs stockings; from Missionary Box, Glecomston Free Church S.S., per A. T. N., £1 5s; Chalmers Free Church Bible Class, per T. B., £1 1s; Anon., one pair stockings; Mrs C., Paisley, twelve articles clothing; K. S., a thankoffering, 4s; First Free Church S.S., Forfar, per R. W., £1; Spittal S.S., Edinburgh, £2; Contribution from Congregation, per J. J. T., Kinaldie, £2 15s; L. D., Edinburgh, £5; L. O., do., £5; Miss S., Montrose, two bed quilts for one of the hospital; Fieldsend Scholars, Kilmarnock, by Tighnabruich, per Mrs M., 5s 9d; U.P. Church S.S., Kirkintilloch, per Miss Cathrine, 5s; J. and C., fourteen articles clothing and quantity furnishings, etc.; Mrs H., Airdrie, per five petticoats; W. T., Rothsay, twenty-two articles clothing; A. M., twelve rabbits; Young People's Sewing Meeting, per Mrs F., thirty-four petticoats and twelve dresses. The following have been sent for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—Mrs B., Lanark "from Kitchen Missionary Box for Servants' Home," 5s; "A Servant, in answer to prayer," £1; Anon., 2s. The following have

been sent for the Consumptive Homes:—Lerwick Parish Church S.S., per F. W. S., £1; Mrs B. Lanark, "for two bricks," 10s; made at small sewing meeting, per Miss M. J. R., a coverlet; Sunday Class of Little Boys, Paisley, per W. L. C., "to put a stone in one of the hospitals," 5s.

February 24.—One month's interest on D. R. of funds belonging to a trust now closed, per J. R. C., Hamilton, £1 12s 6d; H. M. A., £2; Stair Parish Church S.S., per J. M., 10s; Muirkirk Free Church S.S., per W. B., 12s; "Four little B's," 10s; Mrs J. C. Sheffield, £1; North Leith Free Church S.S., per Mrs H., £4 17s; Mrs S. Montrose, nine articles clothing; "A Poor Woman," per do., 3s; Mr O.'s Bible Class, Aberdeen, twenty-one article clothing; Mrs M., £2; collected by Miss I. B. Port-Bannatyne, £4; do., for emigration, 10s; "Little Boy's saved pennies," per do., 1s 2d; J. H. Essex, £1; Irvine Free Church Mission S.S., per J. M., 10s; Johnstone Free Church S.S., per J. M., 10s; Free Church S.S., Colliston, per A. M., 6s; from Sunday School Box, Kepplehill, per Mrs S., Newhills, 5s; Mr and Mrs P., New Barnet, for emigration, £5; Miss C., Edinburgh, fourteen pairs stockings; M. M. and M., £3, 8s; Lyon Street Free Church S.S., per J. B., 10s; S.S. Kilmalcolm, per Miss B., 13s; Stewarton Free Church S.S., per Miss M., 13s 9d; Free Church S.S., Largs, per J. K. B., £1; A. T., £1; Miss W., Edinburgh, £1; "Daisy," Kilsyth postmark, 1s; Anon., 5s; do., Alloa postmark, 7s 6d; "A Friend and Member of U.P. Church," Coatbridge postmark, 10s; S. G., Edinburgh, for emigration £10; A. M., Aberdeen, for do., £10; J. and A. H., Bonness, £1; J. S., Laurencekirk, 10s; do. and W. W., do., twenty-eight articles clothing; E. U. Church S.S., Dunfermline, per J. F., £1 5s; Princes Street U.P. Bible Class, Kilmarnock, per K. B., £1; Part Junior Bible Class Collecting Box, Auchtermarder, per Mrs D., 8s 3d; R. N., 10s; J. F., Greenock, 10s; First U.P. Church S.S., Alloa, per J. S., £3; W. H. Annan, box used clothing; G. N., Fraserburgh, two barrels fish; Mrs B., Langholm, seven articles clothing, three remnants cloth, some magazines and leaflets; J. P., jun., 10s; Misses E. and M. T., Chirnside, quantity books; Mrs M., Ayr, £1; Baptist Church S.S., Cowdenbeath, £2; H. M., Govan, "first fruits of wages," 5s; Mrs J. B., Helensburgh, 10s; Mrs L., 10s; Mrs B., Greenock, 10s; J. M., Alva, £1; proceeds of Collection taken in Trossachs Church on the first Sabbath of January, per A. C. M., £1; W. S., Dundee, 15s; Mrs F., Doune, £1; A Friend, 4s; Mrs L., an old friend, 2s 6d; Leven Parish Church S.S., per A. C., Nithill, 10s; R. H., bread; Mrs T., two cans potted meat; South Bridge Street U.P. Church S.S., Airdrie, per Miss M., 5s; Mrs P., St. Boswells, £1; Barrhead Free Church S.S., per R. G., £1 1s; Free St. George's S.S., Montrose, per D. R. B., £1; R. H. J., Llandudno, Wales, £1 0s 3d; Miss K., Salt Lake City, Utah, 10s; do., £2 1s 1d; J. B., £1; Free Church S.S., Beaulieu, per J. P., 10s; J. P., Kilmarnock, quantity magazines; Thankoffering, Edinburgh, £10; Mrs R., Weston-Super-Mare, £2; Anon., seventeen articles clothing; U.P. Church S.S., Midmar, Aberdeen, per D. U., 12s 7d; Mrs C., Ayr, 10s; "Kappa," for emigration, £10; Miss S. G., Blairgowrie, 10s; Mrs D. F., do., per do., 8s; A. M., do., per do., 2s 6d; Mrs W. M., do., per do., 1s; P. F., do., per do., 6s; Mrs P. S., do., per do., 2s; Mrs M., do., per do., 7s 6d; Mr M., do., per do., 2s 6d; A. G., do., per do., 2s; Mrs S. C., do., per do., 2s; S. C., do., per do., 2s 6d; W. S., do., per do., 3d; Mrs P. C., do., per do., 2s; Mrs S., do., per do., 1s; Y.W.C.A., Durrer and Ardsheal S.S. and Bible Classes, per Miss A., Ballachulish, 10s; Mrs C., Perth, 8s; R. V. M., Kelso, 10s; Mr H., £2 2s; Scripture Union, Tarduff, per Miss M. G. S., 4s 1d; Chapelton Free Church S.S., per G. M., 10s; Elgin Street U.P. Church S.S. Society, per J. A. S., 15s; A Friend, eleven loaves and basket rolls; R. and C., a family gift, £25; J. A., £1 and ten remnants serge, etc.; Children Trinity Free Church, 2s 6d; Miss M. T., Ayr, 10s; L. A. S., Houston, twenty rabbits; Mrs P., Cupar, a petticoat; Mrs K., Moniaive, box used clothing; Committee National Trades Exhibition City Charities Fund, £10; "A Worm," 10s; East Bank Church Bible Class, Hawick, per J. J. H., £1 10s; W. F., £1; J. G., £20; do., to take a boy and girl to Canada, £20; O. S., Edinburgh, 2s; St. Ninian's Free Church S.S., Leith, per do., 10s; Alice, Willie, and Jessie, Grangemouth, 10s; "Valuation," £2 5s; A. B., £9; Mrs L., 5s; Livingstone Memorial Church Y.W.C.A., Biantyre, per Mrs H., thirty two articles clothing; Miss F., Hamilton, fifteen articles clothing; From a "Parish Minister," £3; Miss T., Nairn, 10s; Mrs T., do., 5s; Class of Boys, Ferniegair Mission School, Hamilton, per Miss C., 3s 6d; Gourcock Parish Church Dairy Hall S.S., per B. F., £1 5s; Alva Parish S.S., per A. H., £3; D. M., Edinburgh, £1; Col ego Street S.S., Edinburgh, per A. C., jun., 10s; High Street Free Church S.S., Arbroath, per J. L., 14s 6d; Pilgrimage Congregational S.S., Edinburgh, £1; R. F., do., 5s; Mr and Mrs F., do., 5s; Pulteneytown Free Church S.S., Wick, per O. R. S., £1; per "Nellie," Calder Street, £1; "Friends in Port-William," per J. M., £2 10s; Collecting Box, Polwarth Grove, Edinburgh, per E. R., £1; Mrs D., Leeds, £1; Tolcross Free Church S.S., per G. R. C., 5s; "An Anonymous Friend," per B. P. B. C., "six pairs boots; W. C., Dunlop, £1; A Few Friends, do., per Mrs W., do., fifty five articles clothing; J. A. M., Greenock, 5s; Mrs M., Biggar, £1; Minister's Bible Class, West U.P. Church, Kilmuir, per G. R., £1; A Friend, £2; do., 5 loaves and basket rolls; Anon., bag used clothing; P. L. H., Mount Ayliff, Cape Colony, £3; do., for emigration, £1; Girls' Sewing Class, Annan, per Miss B., £1, a suit and two articles clothing; Mrs D., Edinburgh, £2; Miss J. B., twenty-nine scarfs; C. P. D., Hawick, box clothing, boots, etc.; Onward and Upward Association, Strathaven, per Miss A. F. M., eighty-four articles clothing; Claremont Street U.P. Church, Warroch Street Mission S.S., per R. L. B., £1; Miss D., Edinburgh, six scarfs and six pairs socks; "A Worm," 10s; Wellwynd U.P. Church Morning Meeting, Airdrie, per W. M., 10s; East End Free North Church S.S., Dumbarton, per T. F., 10s; Newton Place U.P. Church Juvenile Missionary Society, per J. T. S., 10s; North Bute Free Church S.S., per J. H., £1; M., Perth, three knitted petticoats; J. S., Alloa, £3; Mr and Mrs D. P., £1; H. D., Linlithgow, £1; W. H., Annan, "a thank-offering," £1; Ardrossan Parish Church S.S., per A. B. A., £2. The following has been sent for the Orphan Homes Building Fund:—R. B., first instalment for "Killelea" Home, £1200. The following has been sent for Consumptive Homes:—"Jessie, Violet, Richmond, and Nessie," Grangemouth, £2.

March 9.—Bonhill Free Church S.S., per L. C. J., 10s; Free Church Sabbath School, Kilsyth, per W. M., £1; T. A. and M. M., Dreghorn, 8s; Miss M. B. C. Newport-on-Tay, 5s; A. C., 2s 6d; M. M., Crathie, 2s; J. D., Arbroath, £18; Shamrock Street U.P. Church Missionary Executive, per P. G. M., £1; Scholars at Whitekirk School, Prestentkirk, per Miss I. W., £3 5s; Mrs R., Selkirk, thirty-three articles clothing, boots, etc.; Mrs M., Perth, eleven articles clothing; "A Friend," per D. A., Stirling, 10s; A few Friends, Paisley postmark, three pairs stockings; Free Church S.S., Rosehearty, Perth, per S. B., 6s 8d; Dingwall Free Church S.S., per A. L. M., £1 10s; R. and C., Port-Glasgow, £5; Young Women's Guild, Parish Church, Bridge of Weir, per Miss G., £3; A. F. A., parcel magazines, etc.; A. L., £5; G. H., £1 10s; I. E. S., Aberdeen, 4s; Anon., Bradford, 10s; "A few Friends," Paisley postmark, 5s; Misses A. Wooler one hundred and twenty-one articles clothing, boots, etc., and large quantity used clothing; South U.P. Church S.S., Galashiels, per W. B. T., 10s; Parish Church S.S., Oban, per A. M., 12s 6d; Lunanhead S.S., Forfar, per J. M., 7s; Bent S.S., per T. D., Kirkmuirhill, £1 3s 3d; J. P. M., for emigration, £100; J. M., Balmuir, by Guthrie, for do., 10s; Miss W., six petticoats; Miss G.'s Bible Class, South Parish Church, Aberdeen, eighty articles clothing; Mrs C., Ayr, 10s; Lansdowne Mission for Men and Women in working clothes, per J. R. K.,

£2 7s 6d; Mrs J., Lenzie, £2; Calton U.P. Church S.S., per Miss M., £1; "R," box used school books; R. H., some bread; "An Invalid," Greenock, three scarfs and three pairs cuffs; Bent S.S., in connection with St. John's Free Church, Hamilton, per R. W., 6s 3d; Miss M. F. T., Helensburgh, 2s 6d; "B., Greenock," £2; Mr R., do., £1; Mrs P. D., Dumbart on eight pairs socks; A. M., Largs, to send a boy to Canada, £10; do., do., to send a girl, £10; Miss B.'s S.S. Class, Kilmegann, ten articles clothing and Bible-picture roll; Mrs C., Edinburgh, twenty-one pairs Harris stockings; Mrs R., Cambuslang, used school books; D. R., Arbroath, 2s 6d; Y.W.C.A., Ardsheal, per Mrs G., a quilt and ten articles clothing; Partick East U.P. Church S.S., per M. A. P., £1; Miss H., thirteen a trimmed hats and seven pairs stockings; A Friend, twelve loaves and quantity small bread; Miss S., Wick, £2; A. and Mrs H., Edinburgh, £2; Mrs A., £5; Mrs S., seven crossovers and three books; Mrs M., Oban, 15s; Mrs G., Falkland, £2; Hillhead Young Men's Bible Class, Kirkintilloch, per S. N., £1; Miss W., 2s 6d; T. F., London, per Charity Organisation Society, £1 1s; Miss C., per do., 10s 6d; J. C., Gaiston, per do., £1; Legacy of the late Miss Amelia M'Lean, Inveraray, per Mr Robt Douglas, £200; J. D., Ayr, 10s; Wishaw Free Church Bible Class, per Miss L. G. G., 10s; Mrs W., North Berwick, four pairs socks; Miss S., Paisley, six pairs stockings, etc.; Miss M., six pairs socks and stockings; Mrs M., Symington, £5; Mr and Mrs M., Govan, 10s; Mr H., some rolls; W. N., Lewiston, U.S.A., 1 dol.=4s 2d; "Netta," Paisley, 3s; Anon., Coatbridge, £1; "One or Two Friends," per Miss B., Perth, 1s 6d; Dudhope S.S., Dundee, per Miss A. M. M., 14s; R. L. P., £1 1s; Kirkmuirhill U.P. Church S.S., per R. B., £1; do., do., Bible Class, per do., 10s; Miss H. M., Irvine, for emigration, £10; "A Friend," Oban, £2; do., 4s, pair skates, and music tutor; Mrs T., Aberdeen, 16s 9d; Friends, per do., 3s 8d; John Knox Free Church Bible Class, Aberdeen, per Miss M., 13s; Sheuchan Free Church S.S., Stranraer, per W. F., 13s 6d; Miss C., Montrose, thirty-two pairs stockings and fifteen articles clothing; A Worker, 3s 4d; Parish Council, Tighnabruach, per A. I., Chirnside, quantity books; R. W. L., Cambridge, £1; Sanquhar South U.P. Church Congregation, per W. K., one hundred and eight articles clothing and hats; N. E. I., £3; T. F. M., Lenzie, £2 10s; month, 10s; Mrs A., twelve articles clothing; Miss B., Old Aberdeen, six articles clothing; Miss S., Dundee, 10s and ten pairs stockings and socks; Free St. Stephen's Bible Class, per J. M., 10s; Anon., Kilsyth postmark, 10s; Misses E. and B. D., Pitlochry, £2; J. G., per do., 2s; per J. S., 10s 6d; Y.W.C.A., Helmsdale, per Miss E. W. B., £1; Free St. Andrew's S.S., Kilmarnock, Bees, via Carnforth, for emigration, £10; Clackmannan Parish Church S.S., per A. I. R., £1; Free High Church S.S., Inverness, per A. D. R., £2 14s 10d; Miss F., Kilmarnock, eight petticoats; "E. H., Millport, bag used clothing; Mrs H., parcel do.; Anon., patches; Cardross Free Church, per J. S., 15s; Mrs M., Edinburgh, £2; Mrs C., Uddingston, £1; Macduff S.S., per J. H., jun., 6s 8d; Gilbertfield Free Church Mission S.S., Cambuslang, per Miss J. P., £1 4s 2d; Miss G., Greenhithe, £1; Hall Mothers' Meeting, per Mrs F., £1 1s; "Thanks for bursary," per Mrs R. A. dries, 5s; collected in half-pence in class of children, per do., 1s; Denistoun Free Church S.S., per A. M., 10s; Miss M., nine do.; Mrs C., do., twenty-two pairs Harris stockings; H. D., Strathaven, 10s; Anon., Edinburgh, parcel used clothing; Free Church S.S., Bridge of Allan, per Miss A. P., £1 10s 5d; R. S., Johnstone, thirty-five articles clothing, etc.; Miss S.'s Bible Class, Bristo Place Baptist Church, Edinburgh, five 6th, 1894," 10s; Anon., Ruthvenfield, "in memory of a dear friend who fell asleep in Jesus, March 6th, 1894," 10s; Anon., parcel children's used clothing, boots, and slippers; Mrs M., £1; Mrs W., Orphan Homes Building Fund:—Legacy of the late Miss Helen Stewart, Skelmorlie, per Messrs Carmont, Wedderburn, & Watson, £500 and interest, less duty, £462 5s 7d. The following has been sent for Consumptive Homes:—A. C., 2s 6d.

March 23.—Easton Memorial S.S., Darvel, per J. Y., 15s 11d; Anon., Busby, 1s; Mr and Mrs G., Edinburgh, £2; proceeds of work done by Sabbath school teacher and class, Fortnashack, per H. B. M., £1; Anon., Dum on seven articles clothing; R. M., Edinburgh, £1; South Parish Church Congregational S.S., Aberdeen, per G. C., £1; Bridge of Weir Angling Club, per G. I., £1; Rose Street Free Church Minister's Bible Class, per A. M., £1 1s; Mrs T., Tarbat, £1; Strontiller Aberdeen, 4s; Mrs W., Port-Glasgow, parcel used clothing; Mrs W., Edinburgh, seventeen articles pairs stockings; Pollokshields U.P. Church Sabbath School Society, per H. S. S., £4 2s; Lockerbie Mission Hall S.S., per J. L., 10s; J. H. G., Peebles, 10s; Citadel Mission Children's Church, Leith, per J. M., £1; Free South Church Congregational S.S., Aberdeen, per J. G. M., £1 4s 8d; Alexandria Miss C., Ryde, Isle of Wight, for do., £20; "The North," £1; Miss C., Montrose, for emigration, £10; trimmed hats, four bonnets, and cap; do., six articles clothing; Free Church S.S., Garelochhead, per W. C., £2 5s 3d; Tulliallan Free Church S.S., Kincardine, per D. S., £1; J. D. W., Tarves, £1 15s; Anon., Edinburgh postmark, a scarf; Mrs C., do., 10 pairs Harris stockings; Margaret's U.P. Church S.S., Dunfermline, per Y. W. R., £1; A Worker, £1; A. C., Din, wall, fifty eight articles clothing, hats, caps, etc.; A Friend, pair skates, tennis racket, quantity clothing, etc.; Mrs R., per do., £2; R. W. R., per do., £2; J. R., per do., 10s; Miss S., Dundee, £1; Scene U.P. Church S.S., per W. S., 10s; Anon., 5s; Miss S., Gourcock, £1 and six pairs stockings; Miss M., Helensburgh, £1; A. C. H., £2 10s; Miss C., 4s 6d; Miss H., Kilmalcolm, quantity hats; Mrs R., going to Canada; Mrs V., Loches, 10s; Banff Free Church S.S., per J. L., £1 7s; Forfar Branch, Scottish National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, per R. F. M., £1; Miss G., Helensburgh, "from counter box," £1; Ogilvie Free Church S.S., Dundee, per J. C. R., £2; Mrs C. K., Hamilton, 5s; D. J. F., six pairs boots; T. M., £1 5s; Misses D., Ayr, £2; Miss S., Comrie, 5s; Mrs T. A., £2; Hope Park U.P. Church S.S. Missionary Society, Edinburgh, per J. K., £1; Mrs F., do., £2; West Church S.S., Perth, per J. M., 14s; R. H., some bread; E. M., five articles clothing; G. M., Haggis, 10s; Mrs M., do., three dresses; A. S., do., 5s; S. W. C. S. and C., 250 copies "Pilgrim's Progress," for children going to Canada; Miss F., Kilmarnock, nine articles clothing; Anon., six

print bed mats; Sabbath School, Kinbuck, per J. B. F., 10s; Braes of Gartly Free Church S.S., per F. W. S., 5s; "Compassion," for emigration, £1; Bo'ness and Carriden Free Church Congregational S.S., per W. S. H., £1 5s; Free Church S.S., Urquhart, Elgin, per A. C. S., 7s 6d; Free Church Bible Class, do., per do., 4s; W. M., Markinch, for emigration, £1; Miss D., Whithorn, 10s; Mrs W., Oban, six shirts; P. M., Coldstream, 2s 6d; Mrs M., Glensaddle, near Campbelltown, "from small work party in kitchen," twelve articles clothing; Free High Church S.S., Oban, per D. C. B., £1; M. Lochans, 15s; J. P., Kilmarnock, 5s and quantity magazines; Miss M., Oban, 5s; Miss M., Edinburgh, £1; Mrs M. S., Dundee, £2; Mrs L., Aberdeen, £1; W. T. S., Bonnybride, twelve articles clothing; W. C., for emigration, £10; "R., Cambuslang, five articles clothing; Anon., twenty-five do., etc.; Cunningham Free Church S.S. Association, per W. A., £4 8s; A. S. B., for emigration, £9 10s; Bible Class, per R. S., Fraserburgh, 10s; Free Church S.S., Kilmacolm postmark, £1; "Alice, Willie, and Jessie," Grangemouth, 10s; Free Church S.S., Durris, per Aberdeen, per D. M. W. L., 5s; St. Paul's Free Church S.S., Montrose, per J. M., 7s 9d; A. B., Selkirk, for emigration, £10; Miss C., Ayr, £10; do., for emigration, £10; Miss H., 5s; "From Brethren Meeting in Central Hall, Edinburgh," per G. S., £2; Lesmahagow Prayer Union, per Miss M., £1; Mrs C., Broughty Ferry, for emigration, £1; Gillespie Church Juvenile Missionary Society, Dunfermline, per J. S., £1; A. C., Lochgilphead, £3 8s; Mrs H., Helensburgh, fifteen articles clothing; Miss B., Alexandria, twelve do.; Anon., parcel used do., etc.; D. B., Bridge-of-Allan, £1; J. M. and Mrs M., Irvine, for emigration, £2; Miss M., Hamilton, six articles clothing and scrap-book; Miss M., do., 2s; "Anonymous, Stornoway," 10s; Chapelhill Mission S.S., per G. M. R., 12s 6d; Miss B., Perth, £1; Ashley Read S.S., Aberdeen, per W. M. S., £1; J. M., Aberlour, for emigration, 2s 6d; Miss B., Perth, £1; Bible Class, Port-Eglinton, per J. D. M., 6s 6d; Mrs C., Broughty Ferry, for emigration, £1; J. S., Edinburgh, for do., £10; J. C. J., do., 2s 6d; "Arbroath," 5s; Rutherford Free Church Congregational S.S., Aberdeen, per H. G. M., £2 10s 2d; Northfield Mission S.S., do., per do., 8s; "An Old Worker's Mite," 2s 6d; Mrs T. F. M., Lenzie, eighty-eight articles clothing, enamel-ware dishes, etc.; Mrs H., a mail cart and quantity used clothing; A Friend, basket bread; Mr K., do.; Miss F., Edinburgh, quantity clothing, etc.; J. S., Fraserburgh, £2; Dumbarton Free High Church Congregational S.S., per W. D. A., £3 4s 5d; G. R., Busby, 10s; Miss S., West Kilbride, £1; Mrs P., Jamestown, 7s 6d; Mrs R. D., Duns, £1; Mrs R., Edinburgh, £1; Stonehaven Free Church S.S., per J. A., 12s 6d; R. T. L., Lasswade, 10s; Free Church S.S., Melkior, Perth, per A. G., 5s 6d; S. E. D., Nairn, 6s and box shells; Miss D., for emigration, £20; Mrs O., for do., £10; Misses O., for do., £5; Mrs M., Edinburgh, for do., £5; Mrs R., do., for do., £5; D. M., for do., £50; Johnstone and Wamphray Free Church S.S., per J. L., 6s; Old Aberdeen Free Church Spittal Mission S.S., per J. R. C., 7s 6d; "Falkirk Orphan," £1; J. J. and Sisters, Craiglockhart, for emigration, £1; J. T., for do., £1; Mrs W., Dunblane, £1; W. W., Dunlop, seventy-two 2-lb. loaves; F. A. B. D., Edinburgh, for emigration, £5; Made by Children attending Saturday Sewing Meeting, Dunn Sabbath School, and by Members of Mothers' Meeting, per Miss D., twelve articles clothing and scrap-book; W. S., Bristol, £1 1s; "From an Old Friend," H. O. M., £1; Mrs K., £1; Miss W., Dunning, twenty-two articles clothing; Mrs C., Montrose, a jacket; Mrs Y., Dollar, six pairs stockings; Miss B., three articles clothing; Mrs D., per W. L., Greenock, 12s; A. M., Port Appin, 10s; S. School, do., per do., 6s 8d; J. M., Errol, 5s; Miss G. G., Broughty Ferry, 10s; Anon., Prestwick, 4s; "A Sympathiser," Stirling postmark, for emigration, 5s; Miss B., Linlithgow for do., £10; J. E. Kinross, £2; Anon., Roseneath postmark eight pairs stockings and socks; Miss G. C., for emigration, £2 and ten pairs stockings; Mrs S., Leamington, £1; St. Ninian's Free Church S.S., Stirling, per J. L., 10s; Mr and Mrs M., Newton of Falkland, for emigration, 10s; J. S., Large, for do., £100; Miss P., Lanark, 10s; G. B., Edinburgh, £1 and six pairs stockings; Mrs C., Port Appin, £1 1s; Mrs P., Carnforth, £3 8s; Mrs W. and class of young women, Bridge-of-Weir, seventy-seven articles clothing and some remnants cloth; A Friend, basket rolls and loaves. The following have been sent for Consumptive Homes:—Miss M., Edinburgh, £1; Miss B., do., £1; proceeds of self-denial week from 8th to 15th March, Govanhill Parish Church S.S., per J. G., £2 3s 2d; G. R., Busby, 2s 6d.

April 6.—Miss J. G. B., 4 scarfs; Miss C., Stirling, £1; Miss C., Edinburgh, 4s; Miss S., for emigration, £1; Woodside U.P. Church Sabbath Schools, Aberdeen, per J. U., £1 7s 6d; Miss R., Edinburgh, for emigration, 5s; Dr and Mrs H., Kilmacolm, £8; Miss B., Dundee, 10s; Mrs A., Large, £1; Mrs R., do., 2s 6d; Miss W., co., £1; Mrs P. M., do., 10s; Mrs M., do., 10s; Miss K., do., 2s 6d; Miss P., do., 7s 6d; A. Y., do., 2s 6d; Mrs C., do., 2s; Mrs S., do., 1s 6d; Mrs A. J., do., 2s; Mrs S., do., 2s 6d; Miss M., do., 2s 6d; Mr J., do., 1s 6d; Mrs S., do., 2s 6d; Mrs A., do., 2s; Mrs J. J., do., 3s; Miss R., do., 2s; Mrs F., do., 2s 6d; Mrs M., do., 10s; A Friend, do., 1s; J. J. O., Manchester, £1 (above sums from Large and Manchester were collected by Miss B., Large); Mrs J., W. Dunoon, £2; Mrs J. M., Leswalt, by Stranraer, 5s; D. S., Wick, £1; "Inasmuch," Edinburgh, for emigration, 5s; New Cumnock Free Church S.S., per A. S., 10s; Anon., two pairs boots and two pairs gloves; Mrs G., Elgin, 17 scarfs; Contents of Family collecting box, per do., 17s; J. K., per do., 1s pairs cuffs; Mrs P. F., do., per do., 3 pairs cuffs; Miss K., Helensburgh, £3; Anon., Port Appin, 12 articles clothing; Mother of Girls helped, 2s 6d; W. G., 5s; Anon., two sets teeth; Mrs M., Kilmacolm, quantity magazines; Mrs S. and Friends, Dollar, 20 pairs stockings; Mr W., £1; "An Engine-Keeper," Fergushill, 5s; Miss M., Govanhill, £2; W. W., London, "for Christ's sake," 10s; D. M., Cults, by Aberdeen, £1; Mr and Mrs C., Ardishaig, "in memory of our dear daughter, Flora," 10s; Hamilton Free Church Sabbath Evening Bible-Class, Uddingston, per H. B., £1 15s 1d; R. S. B., Greenock, for emigration, 5s; Willing Helpers' Society, Uddingston, £1; Miss B., for emigration, £5; Mr T., Seaforth, near Liverpool, for do., £5; "Of Thine Own," £1; Kilfinan Parish Council, Tighnabruich, per A. S., £2; West Free Church S.S., Brechin, per J. B., 17s 9d; Anon., Lanark, ten articles clothing; do., one hundred and seven hats, bonnets, caps, etc., for emigration; Finnieston Free Church S.S., per J. C., £1 1s 1d; H. B., London, "the Lord's portion," for emigration, 10s; Free Parish Mission S.S., Rothsay, per A. H., £1 1s; Free East S.S., Anon., nass, per W. M., £1; J. P., Greenock, 10s; W. R., Perth, £1; A. B. S., Edinburgh, 3s 6d; Melrose postmark, 10s; P. H., Bearsden, 5s; J. K., Crieff, £1; E. R., 10s; Miss A. S., Huntly, 2s 6d; Mrs B., do., two pairs socks; H. M., £1; A Friend, twenty-five loaves; Mrs F., Doune, bundle used clothing; "Job," for emigration, £10; Miss M., Stirling, for do., £10; Mrs L., Birkenhead, for do., 15s; J. W., Kirkcaldy, for do., £5; Y.W.C.A., Canobie, per Miss C. Y., thirty-four articles clothing; Mrs M., Whauphill, £2; Mrs W., Markinch, £1; Dunraggan Work Party, Newport-on-Tay, per Miss S., eleven articles clothing; R. T. M., Peterhead, 6s; "Dot's Missionary Box," per Mrs H., Auchter. S., High Street U.P. Church Bible Class, Dumbarton, per A. B., £1 4s; Ivy Place U.P. Church S.S., Stranraer, per M. J., £2 10s; Chapel Street Church S.S., Berwick-on-Tweed, per R. C. I., £1; Miss E. D., Aberdeen, ten articles clothing; Children Scotch Church, Buenos Ayres, per J. W. F., £1; Miss M. E. S., Edinburgh, 1s; Mrs R., Langbank, box used clothing; R. W. M., for emigration, £15; Clydebank Baptist Church S.S., per T. A., 5s; C. G., Hamil-

ton, two semmits; Miss H., Edinburgh, £1; per W. S. C., ten pairs stockings; J. C., Devon, 5s; S.S., Aberdeen, per G. G. W., £1 5s; "Readers of the Christian," per Messrs Morgan & Scott, £10 15s Allan, for emigration, £5; second instalment of legacy of £100 from the late Mr Wm. Mathewson, flannelette, per Mr Geo. Mathewson, £20; Miss G., Torquay, quantity clothing, remnants, Montreal, 4 dols. 48 cents=18s 6d; D. Y., do., per do., 10 dols.=£2 1s 8d; J. D., do., per do., 5 dols. hat; W. M., Gilford, 10s; Mrs S., 10s; Miss B., Elie, 2s 6d; Miss H., Ednam, fifteen pairs socks; collected in box in dress-maker's work-room, St. Andrews, per A. D., 12s 6d; W. C., Greenock, for "in memory of Wee Alick," 7s; Miss D., Edinburgh, six pairs socks, and six scarfs; Anon., Johnstone, a cash box; Aunt of Boys Helped, "for gratitude," £1; A Nurse, per do., 1s; Greenock, Church work party, Edinburgh, per Mrs L., fifty-six articles clothing; Anonymously, Inverurie, bagston S.S., per W. S., £1 8s; collected by James W. F., Ayr, 7s; S. B., Helensburgh, from fund per A. E. R., Edinburgh, 7s; A Friend, sixty four loaves; Anon., ten pairs socks; Mrs L., Moffat, nine articles clothing; Mrs G., Dunfermline, eleven do.; Young Women's Bible-Class, Carrubber's Ward Road Baptist Church Mission S.S., Dundee, per R. F., £1; Isle of Man Industrial Guild, Bridge-of-Weir, per Mrs D., sixty-three hoods; "Topaz," 4d; Miss S., Maybole, collected in the Dear Orphans," £10; Mrs J. B., Large, two pieces shirting; A. B., do., three pieces print; Anon., Dundee, per do., 5s; A. H., per do., 2s 6d; Mrs A., per do., 2s 6d; Mrs R., per do., 2s 6d; "Mysie's Pennies," per do., 2s; A Friend, per do., 2s; A Friend, per do., 1s; "A Grateful Girl," per do., 2s Christian Institute, per do., £1; J. M., Methven, £5; "Alice, Willie, and Jessie," Grangemouth, 10s; Mrs D., Dunfermline, £3; G. W., Paisley, 10s; Free Church Work Party, Banff, per Mrs R., £5; Stoneykirk, per G. P. R., £1 4s; Free Church S.S., Fochabers, per C. G., £1; S. and C., Catrine, A., for do., £10; M. M., Elie, 2s 6d; A Friend, basket rolls, per M. B., for emigration, £1; W. dozen loaves; North Street Mission S.S., per D. S., 6s; Pollok Street U.P. Church Mission Bridge-of-Weir Homes during March, £5 7s 5d; Free High Church Y.M.C.A., Paisley, per R. B., £1; D. R., 10s; A Friend, Kirkintilloch, 5s; Mrs K., Milton of Campsie, £2; J. M., Paisley, £1; Mrs S., Port-Glasgow, ten articles clothing; A Friend, per do., 2s; Miss C., Edinburgh, seven articles Mrs A., Lanark, £3; Mrs M., Stranraer, 5s; "Dick, Kathleen, and Grace" R., Larne, 5s; Miss R., 12s 6d; Miss W., six petticoats; Y.P.S.C.E., Provost Wynd Baptist Church, Cupar-Fife, per Miss Grangemouth, twenty-two articles clothing; etc.; Anon., Troon, quantity hats, caps, clothing, per Miss from Friends by Mrs C. Blaneifield, Stirlingshire, and Mrs M. Saddell, Argyllshire, for emigration, £20; Mrs S., Danville, Quebec, 1 dollar, 50 cents=5s 3d; Miss T., London, £1; Misses W. W., £1; "A memoriam," £1; Free High Church S.S., Paisley, per J. K., 10s; Mrs N., Bowdon, for emigration, Crosshill, twelve articles clothing; Mr R., quantity magazines; Stewarton U.P. Church Ladies' Sewing Meeting, per Miss R., one hundred and twenty-two articles clothing and fourteen yards flannelette; Balcurvie S.S., and a Friend, Windygates, Fife, per R. D., £4; G. R., Dunfermline, for emigration, £20; Gertrude F., Greenock, proceeds of Children's Bazaar in aid of Greenock Home, £1 8s 2d; W. K., Holytown Junction, 10s; Martyrs' Free Church Minister's Bible-Class, forgan, Dundee, for emigration, 10s; East Campbell Street Free Church S.S., per K. R., 5s; A. C. B., £1; Mrs L. L. F., Edinburgh, £2; Miss A. M., Greenock, for emigration, £5; J. S., for do., £10; J. T., Cockenzie, £1; Mrs A. T., do., £1; Miss J. T., do., £1; "Earn," Bridge of Earn, 10s and two petticoats; Mrs T., £1; Collection by Boys going to Canada, 17s 6d. The following has been sent for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—Collected by John S., Dundee, towards Dundee Home, £1 2s. The following have been sent for Consumptive Homes:—Miss B., Wigtown, 5s; "Thankoffering," per Miss S., Biggar, 10s; M. R., per do., 5s; G. R., per do., 2s 6d; W. A., £50; Steeple Church Bible-Class, Dumfries, per J. D., 12s; A Worker, £1 10s.

April 20.—J. M., Tormore, Arran, 5s; Miss M. C., Cambuslang, 2s 6d; Mrs W., Leith, 5s; Mrs T., do., nineteen articles clothing, hats, etc.; Leith Friends, per J. B., for three months' keep of a boy, £3; part of S.S. Collection St Mary's Village, Holm, Orkney, per J. L., 5s; Mrs D., Swaffham, Y.W.C.A., Lochgilphead, per Miss C. S., 3s, and eleven articles clothing; Glassary emigration, £60; Wester Pardovan Young Women's Guild, per Miss T., thirty-three articles clothing; A Worker, £1; Mrs M., Invergarry, £1 and twelve pairs stockings; A. M., per do., 5s; Putneytown Mission S.S., per J. M., 7s; Miss W., Forfar, parcel used clothing; "Sandy," per Miss S., over two hundred articles clothing; Mrs C., parcel used clothing; Mrs T. F. M., Lenzie, knitted shawl, mits, etc.; A Friend nine loaves and basket rolls; "A Parishioner of Kilmacolm," £4 10s North Church S.S., Stirling, per J. G., £1 16s; Miss U., Conan, 3s; Wallacetown Parish Church S.S., Ayr, per J. U., £1; Anon., Busby post-mark, 1s; Free St. Clement's Church Sabbath Schools, Aberdeen, per W. W. L., £1 19s 10d; A. P., Hawick, 10s; Miss F., Crieff, for emigration, £1; A. A., Paisley, "a thank-offering," £1; Parish Church S.S., Coupar-Angus, per F. R. M., £1 10s; L. H. M., Lochearnhead, box used clothing; Mr K., quantity used clothing and books; Mrs C., four pairs stockings; Gallowgate Branch Y.M.C.A., per J. M.,

quarterly amount for keep of a child, £3 5s; J. A., 5s; N. D., for emigration, £20; J. M., Kilmalcolm, £2; Dunbeth U.P. Church B.C., per R. S., £1; R. H., some bread; Miss T., Portobello, eight articles clothing and fourteen brush-and-comb bags; D. M. U., basket meat; Bannockburn Free Church S.S., per J. B., £1; Dunfermline Congregational Church Sewing Society, per Mrs R., large quantity clothing, books, toys, etc.; Limekilns U.P. Church Young Women's Guild, per Miss B., sixty-eight articles clothing; Misses T., Christside, quantity clothing, etc.; Mrs L., Dundee, for emigration, £5; Miss M., Helensburgh, a table, eight chairs and a chiffonier; Mrs S., Brodie, twelve night caps; Thomas Coats Memorial Church Bible Class, Paisley, per D.S., 19s 9d; Miss P., Edinburgh, for emigration, £5; W. D., £5; Mrs J. W., £2; Miss M., Stirling, thirteen articles clothing; Erskine Place Mission S.S., Alloa, per J. Y., 6s 8d; New Cumnock Free Church Bible Class, per Miss J., 10s; collected at Sabbath evening meeting for farm servants, per Mrs A., Glamis, for emigration, 4s; S. G., Carlisle, 10s 6d; Mrs B., Hamilton, £1; R. M. G., Aberdeen, 5s; "A Friend in Dundee," 10s; Plantation U.P. Church S.S., per W. T., £3; Helensburgh Parish Church Women's Guild, per Miss D., proceeds of sale of work, £3; Lockerbie U.P. Church S.S., per D. C., 10s; Longforgan Y.W.C.A., per Mrs A., thirty articles clothing; High Parish Children's Church, George Street, Paisley, per T. M., £2; Bothwell Free Church S.S., per R. A. M., £1 13s 6d; P. E., Irvine, £1; Mrs Y., Elgin, £1; Mrs F., Aberdeen, 5s; J. M., Menstrie, £10; J. S. L., Rockford, Illinois, £3; Moffat Y.W.C.A., per Mrs B., one hundred and ninety articles clothing, etc.; C. and E. E., Leslie, 5s; Minister's Bible Class, Strathaven East U.P. Church, per A. W. D., 15s 6d; Free Middle Mission S.S., Greenock, towards "Ship on Land," per J. M., £1 1s 4d; Mrs D., Ayr, £1 and hamper and bag used clothing; A Friend, basket rolls, scones, etc.; R. H., basket meat, etc.; Mrs K., Edinburgh, £1; Burnbank U.P. Church Bible Class, per Mr D., £1; Magdalen Bridge S.S., Portobello, per R. K., 10s; Mrs T. F. M., Lenzie, parcel stockings, etc.; Young People's Sewing Meeting, per Mrs F., eighty-seven articles clothing; Anon., Alexandria post-mark, £1; Miss I. W., Greenock, £1; W. R., Paisley, £1; J. M. and T. D., Wishaw, 2s; Twecher Gospel Temperance Society and other Friends, per G. A., 10s; West Free Church Minister's Bible Class, Broughty Ferry, per G. E. T., £4 11s; Mrs and Miss M. F. G., Ello, for emigration, 10s; Mrs F., do., for do., 5s; Servant, do., for do., 2s; A Friend, do., for do., 5s; Miss A. W., do., for do., 5s; Mrs F., do., for do., 5s; Mr M., Edinburgh, £1; "Namriap," Tollerose, £1; Anon., Grangemouth, two parcels used clothing; Miss E. M., Stanraer, per T. R., 8s; Anon., four articles clothing; Queen Street Congregational Church S.S., Arbroath, per A. R. O., 10s; Crawfordsburn Free Church Bible Class, Greenock, per A. R., £1; Grangemouth Free Church Bible Class, per W. A. F., £1; Miss F., Alhwick, £1; Union Street U.P. Church Bible Class, Greenock, per J. B., Jr., £1 10s; J. N., for emigration, £35; Miss C., Craithie, 1s 6d; collected from Friends, per Mrs C., Aberdeen, 10s; W. R., Maedy, near Pontypridd, 5s; C. B., Edinburgh, for emigration, 2s 6d; A few Friends, Tynesmouth Congregational Church, per Mrs B., £2 5s, and thirty articles, quantity used do., and twenty yards cloth; Free South Church, Great Hamilton Street Mission Hall S.S., Paisley, per Mr S., £1; H. R., Dunlop, for emigration, £2; A Friend, ten loaves; Mrs J., £1; Alice, Willie, and Jessie, Grangemouth, 10s; Senior Boys' Class, Parish Church, Port Glasgow, per R. K., £1 1s; Free Church S.S., Ardevaig, Kilfin, per J. M., 10s; Elder Park Parish Church S.S., Govan, per W. B. E., £1 1s; Mrs L., Monifieth, for emigration, £10; Mrs W., Strathaven, nine articles clothing; Hutchesontown Free Church Bible Class, per R. W., 14s; A Friend, Helensburgh post-mark, 7s; Miss M., Forres, 10s; Mr U., per do., 10s; Mother of Children Helped, 2s 6d; Miss M., Helensburgh, quantity used clothing, hats, etc., knitted by a lady ninety-three years of age, now gone home, per do., two pair stockings; Cardonald Helping Hand Society, per Mrs L., thirty-nine articles clothing; R. H., some loaves and rolls; Mrs and Miss R., High Blantyre, eleven articles clothing; Hutchesontown U.P. Church S.S., per T. M., £1; Wynd Church S.S., per T. M., £1 4s; Gartcosh S.S., per T. M., 15s; S. R. P., Perth, for emigration, £100; J. and S. B., Motherwell, 15s; Kingsmill Bible Class, Linlithgow, per J. B., 1s; St James' Sabbath Morning School, Paisley, per T. R., £1; Abbey Close U.P. Church S.S., Paisley, per J. M., £1 12s 6d; Mrs S., Edinburgh, £1; Free John Knox S.S., Aberdeen, per J. R., £2 5s; Nairn U.P. Church S.S., per J. S., Edinburgh, £1 17s; Kilwinning Free Church Bible Class, per F. A., 10s; A. M., Leith, for emigration, £5; J. H. H., £1; Bible Class, per S. G., Peterhead, 10s; A Friend, twenty-six loaves; Mrs M., Newton, quantity illustrated papers; Mrs H., quantity used clothing; J. T., £2; J. P., Kilmarnock, four pairs stockings and quantity pamphlets; Ladies' Sewing Society, U.P. Church, Stewarton, per Miss S., ten articles clothing (additional); Mrs N., Edinburgh, £1 and quantity worsted; G. S., for emigration, £100; Mrs B., Edinburgh, for do., £40; D. C., London, 10s; Young Women's Guild, U.P. Church, Lochgelly, per J. B., thirty pairs stockings; Bellahouston Parish Church Bible Class, per T. F., 10s 6d; Mr K., four dozen loaves; Mother of boy helped, and who is now able to keep him, £12; Hutchesontown U.P. Church Minister's B.C., per Mr O., £1; Miss M., Dundee, 5s; P. M., £5; Pitties Band of Hope, Ladybank, five, proceeds of Kinderspiel, 5s; Mrs I., Dunfermline, 5s; Children attending Dunn S.S., Watten, Caithness, and some friends, per Miss D., thirty articles clothing, scrap books, etc.; Mr W. Dunlop, forty-two loaves; Anon., Aberdeen, two bags tea and two cheeses. The following have been sent for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—Interim division of one-sixth share of residue of estate of the late Mr Lawrence Greig, Stove, Hillhead, per Messrs Russell & Aitken, Falkirk, £35 10s 4d; Keith Free Church S.S., towards "Sabbath School" Home, 6s. The following have been sent for Consumptive Homes:—Dunbeth U.P. Church Bible Class, per R. S., £1; Misses T., Christside, quantity sheets, quilt, etc.; W. D., Pollokshields, £5; Anon., Alexandria post-mark, £1; Crawfordsburn Free Church Bible Class, Greenock, per A. R., £1.

May 4.—W. N., 15s; Mr and Mrs R. B., for emigration, £30; T. N., Carlisle, £1; Mrs H. A., Auldirth, £3; Mrs S., parcel books; Mrs M., parcel tea and sixteen pairs stockings; "For the Master" for emigration, £10; "C.", Lower Largo, £4; Wick Free Church S.S., per W. N., 10s; D. R., Ballieston, 5s; D. R., jun., do., per do., 1s; J. R., do., per do., 6d; D. S., Liverpool, 2s 6d; Boys and Girls' Sabbath Forenoon Meeting, Gourack, per R. F., 10s; Miss J. G., Machrihanish, quantity used clothing; A Friend, 1s, pneumatic bicycle and basket used clothing; T. H., Cleland, for emigration, 2s 6d; J. M., do., for do., 2s 6d; Mrs F., Cullen, 10s; "Three little boys," per D. D. C., Thurso, 5s; J. S., £2; Airdrie Free West Church Male Bible Class, per A. M., 15s 6d; Maryhill Free Church Aryyle Street S.S., per Mr O., 11s; Mrs B., "In memory of a husband gone home," 10s; J. M. and Mrs M., Irvine, for emigration, £2; Misses T. Free Church quantity clothing, hats, etc.; Mrs G. A. H., Bath, for emigration, £10; Forfar First Free Church Junior Bible Class, per Miss J. G., 10s; Miss M.'s Class of Girls, Free High Church Mission S.S., Paisley, per D. L., jun., 5s; Five Little Girls in Sabbath School Class, per Miss B., Stepps, 10s; Lambhill Park Church Bible Class, Port Glasgow, per D. A. H., 12s; A Friend, Greenock, 6s; "A Well-Wisher," Edinburgh, £1; Free High Mission S.S., Paisley, per J. W. S., 15s; G. T., wisher, Edinburgh, £1; Employees Messrs D. Colville & Sons, Motherwell, per W. C., £2; G. T., £10; do., for emigration, £10; T. A. B., £5; D. M. and Crew of s.s. "Dunstaffnage," £1 11s; Miss M. A. L., Edinburgh, 6s; Mrs M., Dunoon, two jackets; A. M., jun., & S., £1; Mrs F., thirteen

pinafors; Mrs N., Arklow, Ireland, £1, pair socks, and parcel used linen; S. C., 5s; Anon., "For the Balmors," £1; Mr and Mrs M., £2; A. C., Beith, £6; D. M., Mossiel, Otago, New Zealand, £2; Mrs B., Bothwell, three large parcels used clothing, boots, hats, etc.; Miss K. M., Alexandria, collected from friends, 6s; Free Church S.S., Livingston, Mid-Calder, per J. A. K. B., 7s 6d; Mrs D., Dumbarton, four pairs socks; Hood Memorial E.U. Church S.S., per H. A., £1; Crown Terrace Baptist Church Working Society, Aberdeen, per Mrs J., thirty-four articles clothing; "A Worm," 10s; D. C. and S., Leith, £5 5s; W. C., £3; M. H. M., two pieces cloth; Overnewton U.P. Church Bible Class, per P. R. B., £1; Teach rs Abingdon Hall S.S., Stewartville Street, Partick, per J. F., £1 7s 2d; Misses M. and M. S., Ayr, 10s; S. P., Winton, to take a girl to Canada, £10; Miss F., Airdrie, ten articles clothing and quantity buttons; Mrs W. M., quantity scones and rolls; Pollokshields U.P. Church S.S. Society, per J. R. W. M., £4 15s 8d; R. H., rolls; Orwell Free Church Young Women's Guild, Milnathort, per Mrs S., twenty-nine articles clothing; Mrs J., Langholm, fifteen do.; Mrs H., parcel used do.; Sherwood Free Church Sewing Meeting, Paisley, per W. B., £2; Mother of boy helped, £1; Mrs J., Harrowgate, twelve articles clothing; Strone Free Church S.S., Children's Church, Paisley, per T. D., 10s; "Alice, Willie, and Jessie," Grangemouth, 10s; D. M., £1; A Friend, 4s 6d, watch, and quantity books, used clothing, etc.; East Free Church S.S., Blantyre, per R. D., 7s; Mrs B., parcel periodicals; Miss Y., parcel remnants; D. R., £5; West Port Free Church 31st Co. Boys' Brigade Bible Class, per J. L. D., 11s; J. S., Kelso, £1; J. M., Lanark, £1; Mrs M., per do., 2s 6d; John Knox Street Baptist Church Evening S.S., per J. M., 4s 3d; Free Church S.S., Yetholm, Kelso, per A. O. H., 11s; East Free Church Bible Class Coatbridge, per J. S., £1; "From a Friend," for emigration, £20; D. M., for do., £5; Elie and Earlsferry Branch Work Party of the Ministering Children's League, fourteen articles clothing, scrap books, etc.; Mrs M., Gardross, parcel used clothing, etc.; Mrs M., of Madagascar, eight articles clothing; Mrs S., for girls going to Canada, six hoods; Mrs F., fifteen petticoats; Mrs M., large basket rolls, etc.; East Free Church S.S., Rutherglen, per R. P., 10s; R. P., do., 5s; Miss J. A., Motherwell, 10s; Mr K., basket rolls; Mr M., twenty-eight loaves; A Friend, basket rolls; Mrs M., basket bread; D. J. F., three pairs boots; Mrs M., Grangemouth, £2; L. B., quantity hats; H. C., Carlisle, for emigration, £20; Miss M., Helensburgh, 5s 4d; Mrs D. M., Ballinluig, 5s; A. and M., quantity flower seeds; Alva Boys and Girls' Religious Society, per W. H., seventeen articles clothing; Uddington Free Church S.S., per J. B. K., £3 6s 10d; Mrs M., Torquay, eight articles clothing; D. H., Campbelltown, £5; Misses S., Millport, £1 and quantity clothing, hats, etc.; J. P. H., per Charity Organisation Society, £1 1s; "An acknowledgment of Wrong-Doing," per T. K., Maybole, £1; Thornliebank Young Women's Guild, per Mrs C., forty articles clothing; Miss C., Edinburgh, nine articles clothing, etc.; found in Boxes City and Bridge-of-Weir Homes during April, £5 8s 3d; Mrs T., Pittenweem, ten articles clothing; Garmouth and Kingston Free Church S.S., per A. A. R., 17s 6d; Warrander Park Free Church S.S., Edinburgh, per Miss M., £2 10s; J. S., Huntly, £2; Miss S., Dundee, 10s; A Worker, £1; do., 2s; R. H., eighteen loaves. The following have been sent for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—Part Residue of Estate of the late Miss Georgina I. Small, Dundee, per Messrs Andrew Hendry & Sons, £400 10s 9d. The following have been sent for Consumptive Homes:—D. M., £5; T. F. M., Lenzie, Large Illustrated Family Bible.

May 18.—Anon., Polmont, parcel used clothing and folding bed; J. W., Tillicoultry, £10; Miss S., Dunfermline, £2; Free St. Mar's Children's Forenoon Meeting, Govan, per J. B., £1 2s; Millburn Free Church Bible Class, Renton, per I. H., 10s; Free South Church S.S., Stevenson Street, Paisley, per R. H. M., 14s 2d; J. S. T., for emigration, £25; J. T., for do., £25; Whitehill Grange Juvenile Missionary Society and Band of Hope, per J. L., 11s 6d; Milngavie U.P. Church Morning Meeting, per J. S. S., 10s; H. R., London, £3 5s 6d; A. S. L., Dublin, 5s; Anon., Dumbarton postmark, 1s; Mrs S., Nairn, eight pairs stockings and socks; Cranstonhill U.P. Church Bible Class, per G. J. G., £1 1s; U.P. Church Bible Class, Darvel, per D. R. W. S., £2; Misses P., Greenock, six pairs stockings and six collarettes; Mrs W., Bridge of Weir, parcel used clothing; R. C., 6s; "M. D." for emigration, £100; A. M., for do., £5; Glenluce Free Church S.S., per Miss J. M. C., 15s; St. James' Sabbath Evening School, Paisley, per Miss C., £2; Mr M. W. K.'s Bible Class, Montrose Street E.U. Church, per M. F. C., £1; Hamilton Memorial Free Church Bible Class, Clydebank, per D. A. L., £1; Anon., "A Thankoffering for getting Room Let," 6s; Children attending Friday evening meetings, Duncan Street Baptist Church, Edinburgh, per J. B., 6s; Mrs A., 10s; Mrs R., 10s; W. R., 10s; J. F., Carstairs Junction, 10s; C. C. I., Stromness, £1; J. W. M., Brighouse, for emigration, £25; U.P. Church, Ladies' Sewing Society, Me rose, per Miss D., 152 articles clothing; Mr and Mrs D. S., Edinburgh, for emigration, £11 10s; Anon., parcel used boots and shoes, etc.; Kelso Parish Church Guild, per Mrs S., sixty-nine articles clothing; Cromarty Y.W.C.A. work party, forty-two do.; Mrs H., Bridge of Allan, one box dates; Boy helped, 16 dols. (£1 6s 8d); Mrs A., Bridge of Weir, 10s and ten scarfs; Bowling S.S., per J. T., £2 4s 8d; Miss H., Galashiels, 5s; Elgin Place Congregational Church S.S., Bishop Street, per A. M. H., £1 1s; W. W., basket meat, etc.; Calton Parish Church Minister's Bible Class, per R. J., £1; Miss M., twenty-four articles clothing; Mrs W., parcel used clothing; Baxter Park Free Church S.S., Dundee, per D. R. C., £1; Mrs M., forty articles clothing, etc.; E. R., Edinburgh, "Proceeds of collection box," £1; Free Church S.S., Ports y, per J. B. K., £5; "Duet, O.K.," one dozen pairs stockings; A. S., Kilmalcolm, one petticoat; collection made at Adelaide Place Baptist Church, per H. B., £5 5s 10d; Mrs M., Ayr, 10s; A Lady Friend, per A. H. M., Dundee, £5; Miss M., Montrose, for emigration, £1; D. J. K., box books; "A Worm," for the young, Gartsherrie Parish Church, Coatbridge, per J. L., 9s 3d; Miss F., Edinburgh, £5; Mrs M., Hamilton, £1; "Topaz," 4d; "A Friend," Coatbridge, £2; Elgin Place Church Cedar Street London, £5; "In memory of Little Alice," Grangemouth, £5; Troon Free Church S.S., per G. M., £1 5s; Mrs M., Ayr, £2; Mrs A., Aberdeen, £1; Mrs D. S., Greenock, per Miss T., for emigration, £25; Mrs B., do., per do., for do., £1; Miss T., do., for do., £4; Miss T., do., per do., for do., 10s; Queen A., £1; A Friend, basket bread; Miss E. G., Capar-Fife, thirteen pairs socks; Sabbath School, per Guthrie, for emigration, 10s; "Alice, Willie, and Jessie," Grangemouth, 10s; Miss J. M. H., £4; M. C., Paisley, proceeds of sale of work, 15s; W. and C. G., £1; Congregational Church Bible Coatbridge, £1; A Friend, nine loaves and some small bread; Miss W., Beith, parcel used clothing; Newmans, per Mrs J. W., 18s; J. W., Blantyre, quantity jewellery to be sold; Mr and Mrs W. M., Leith, £1; Aunt of Children helped, 10s; a Friend, per do., six semmits; J. L., seven and a half

June 1.—Miss T. Cockenzie, for emigration, £5; Mrs B., twelve pairs stockings; Misses M., 10s; "Isaiahnuch," Edinburgh, 5s; Mr and Mrs J. G., do., £1; Chapelton Free Church Bible Class, per J. P., 16s 7d; West U.P. Church S.S., Coldstream, per R. C., £1 4s 5d; Legacy of the late Mr Andrew Harper, Langbank, per Messrs Black, Honeyman, & Monteath, for emigration, £10; "Subscription of the late Mrs General Forbes, Perth, per Messrs Mackenzie & Dickson, £2; D. M'D., solid safety bicycle; Mrs S., £2; J. E. S., Crieff, for emigration, £100; Miss P., Alloa, for do., £25; Mrs W., Newtyle, parcel used clothing; Misses A., Tighnabruach, £1; fifth instalment of legacy of £1000, from the late Mrs Alexander Allan, per Messrs Moncrieff, Barr, Paterson, & Co., for City Home, £200; J. R., Newport, 4s; T. C., Motherwell, 10s; "A Worm," £1; Mrs T., quantity boots; "A Friend," per Mrs M., £5; A. H., one hundred and eight leaves; W. H., ninety-six do.; Polmadie U.P. Church Mission S.S., per J. W., £1; Mrs H. K., Largs, £2; Mr B., do., £1; L. K., do., £1; Mrs B., do., 10s; Mr P., do., 10s (above sums from Largs were collected by Mrs B.); Anon., parcel used clothing; O. R., Colinton, £1; A Friend, per M. & D., Perth, £5; Adelaide Place Baptist Church Brown Street Mission S.S., per D. L., 15s; R. R., Hamilton, for emigration, £10; Mrs T., for do., £10; Miss Y., quantity remnants, buttons, etc.; W. W., London, 10s; Mrs D. I., Kirkcaldy, £1; Miss W., Crieff, parcel used clothing, hats, etc.; Mrs L., Leith, for emigration, 5s; Waterside Sabbath School, Kirkintilloch, per A. D., 13s 6d; U.P. Church Y.P.S.C.E., Comrie, per W. H., 15s; additional from West U.P. Church S.S., Coldstream, per R. C., 3s 2d; Free Church Dorcas Society, Taynult, per Mrs M., twenty-eight articles clothing; W. M. O., £1; G. M., Edinburgh, £1; Miss S., £2; Mrs E., per Mrs D. J. F., £1; G. D. F., Edinburgh, £2; Aunt of Children Helped, 10s; Mrs W. L., "In Memoriam," 10s; G. W., Edinburgh, 5s; G. C., Paisley, 5s; T. H. H., Llanidloes, Wales, £2 2s; Miss B., Milton of Campsie, 10s; "Ignota," 5s; Miss J. G., Brechin, 2s 6d; Mrs C., Motherwell, 10s; "A Friend," Perth postmark, for emigration, £5; Gillespie U.P. Church Bible-Class, per T. K., £1; Mrs K., Milton of Campsie, hamper used clothing; Miss M., Kilmalcolm, parcel do.; Mrs G., per F. & D., Aberdeen, £1; Broomknoll Christian Association, Airdrie, per T. L., £1 10s; Mother of Girls Helped, 2s 6d; Lylesland U.P. Church S.S., Paisley, per D. B., £1 1s; Mrs B., twelve hooded scarfs; Miss W., parcel used clothing and hats; Isle of Man Industrial Home, per W. T., for emigration, £10; Misses P., Kirkcudbright, £1; M. & C., Perth, 3s 6d; Mrs C., Macduff, 7s 6d; A. Friend, basket small bread and box biscuits; Burnbank U.P. Church, hamper bread, etc.; Mrs C., Govan, 5s; Mrs R., Aberdeen, £12; Anonymously, for emigration, £2; C. W. B., Elgin, 10s; Friends in Kirkcaldy, per Miss M., sixty-seven articles clothing, etc.; W. B. E., parcel magazines; "Netta," Paisley, 3s; W. W., Uddington, parcel used clothing; Mrs L., London, six articles clothing; D. P., Carnoustie, £1; Miss R., Edinburgh, for emigration, 5s; Miss B., Helensburgh, £1; "Of Thine Own," £1; one-fourth of legacy of £10 from the late Rev. H. A. Stewart, Elgin, per Messrs Stewart & M'Isaac, £2 10s, less dues, 4s—£2 9s 8d; Mrs I. M., Campbelltown, £2; Mrs B., London, £1; C. C. G., Campbelltown, £1; Mrs G., do., £1; Mrs W. M., do., £1; Miss M., do., £1; Mrs B., do., £1; Miss G., do., £1; Mrs M., do., £1; D. J. and Mrs M., do., £1 10s; Mrs C., do., £5; Mrs P., do., 10s; Mrs G., do., 10s; Mrs C. M., do., 10s; Mrs M., do., 10s; Mrs H., 10s; Miss D., do., 10s; Miss B., do., 10s; Miss T., do., 10s; Mrs G., do., 10s; D. M., do., 10s; Mrs S. G., do., 10s; Mrs D., do., 10s; Miss M., do., 10s; Mrs B., do., 5s; Mrs T., do., 5s; Mrs J. M., do., 5s; Mrs D. C., do., 5s; Mrs D. C., do., 5s; Mrs M., do., 5s; Miss L., do., 5s; Mrs W. M., do., 5s; Mrs A. M., do., 5s; Mrs J. M., do., 5s; Miss J. M., do., 5s; Mrs M., do., 5s; Miss W., do., 3s; Mrs M., do., 3s; J. M., do., 2s 6d; Mrs K., do., 2s 6d; Mrs W. B., do., 4s; Two Little Boys, do., 1s; Mrs A. H., do., 2s 6d; Mrs S., do., 2s 6d; Mrs D., do., 3s; Mrs G., do., 2s 6d; J. C., do., 5s; Miss R., do., 2s 6d; Miss M., do., 2s 6d; Miss C., do., 5s; Mrs J. B., do., 2s 6d; Mrs B., do., 2s; Miss M., do., 2s; Mrs W., do., 2s; Mrs G., do., 2s; Mr M., do., 2s 6d; Mrs M., do., 2s 6d; Mrs M., do., 2s; Mrs J. C., do., 2s; Miss P., do., 2s; L. C., do., 5s; Mr M., do., 5s; Mrs S., do., 2s; Mrs J. M., do., 2s 6d; Miss I. S., do., 2s 6d; R. W., do., 2s 6d; A. & C. R., do., 2s 6d; J. M. M., do., 2s 6d; Mrs B., do., 2s; A. H. D., do., 2s 6d; M. B., do., 2s 6d; J. C. M., do., 2s 6d; Mrs C., do., 5s; D. H., do., 10s; Miss S., do., 5s; Miss L., do., 2s; Miss W., do., 2s 6d; Mrs C., do., 5s; Miss L. T., do., 5s; Mrs W. J. P., do., 2s 6d; Mrs G., do., 5s; Mrs A. M., do., 2s 6d; Mrs C., do., 2s 6d; Miss H., do., 2s 6d; H. H., do., 2s; Mrs G., do., 5s; R. C., do., 5s; M. D., do., 2s; Mr D., do., 2s 6d; S. M., do., 2s 6d; J. R., do., 5s; S. M., do., 2s 6d; W. G. C. P., do., 2s; L. M., do., 2s; A. M., do., 2s 6d; A. M., do., 2s 6d; Miss B., do., 1s; A Friend, do., 1s; G. G., do., 1s; Mrs L., do., 5s; Mrs M., do., 2s 6d; H. M., do., 5s; J. M., do., 5s. Above sums from Campbelltown and London collected by Miss M. and Miss L.; "Alice, Willie, and Jessie," Gungahmoun, 10s; Kelso Free Church S.S., per W. B., £1 5s; "A Friend for the Dear Orphans," £10; "Nemo," for emigration, £10; Miss H., Melrose, five articles clothing; Mrs D., Currer Hall, twenty-six petticoats; C. Luss, parcel odd, and ends; "A Thankoffering, Paisley," 4s; G. W. R., Instow, N. Devon, £5; Wemyss Bay U.P. Church S.S., per J. K., £3 13s 9d; R. B., Dundee, 10s; Miss J. F. S., do., 2s; A Friend," for emigration, £5; St. Andrew's Place U.P. Church Congregational S.S., Leith, per W. D., £1; Uncle of Children Helped, for emigration, 29 dollars, 50 cents=£6 2s; Union U.P. Church S.S., £1; Aunt of Children Helped, for emigration, 2s; U.P. Church Bible Class, Mid Calder, per R. B., 12s; Aunt of Children Helped, per A. M., 2s; U.P. Church Bible Class, Mid Calder, per R. B., 12s; Aunt of Children Helped, per A. M., 10s; for half-year's keep of cottage home of 30 children, £180; Mrs G., Falkland, 10s; Misses H., for half-year's keep of cottage home of 30 children, £180; Mrs G., Falkland, 10s; hamper used clothing; "An Old Worker's Mite," 2s; N. H., Lochmaben, 10s; L. & S., do., 1s; Charity Organisation Society, £1 1s; P. & R. F. & Co., per do., £1 1s; J. C. A., per do., 1s; Mrs W. J. P. H., Port-Glasgow, per do., £1 1s; Mrs A., per do., 2s 6d; M. H., per do., £1; Mrs W., Kelso, parcel used clothing; Mr H., Newcastle, £2; Broomhouse Mothers' Meeting, per Mrs T., 7s; W. B., for emigration, £10; Wallace S.S., Elderslie, per T. W., £1; Mrs M., Bridge-of-Weir, 4s; Miss J. T., St. Andrews, £1; D. D., Colmonell, £2; Some Members of the Missionary Training Club in connection with Tayport Y.W.C.A., per Miss M. D., £1 1s; Mrs T., Walkerburn, £1 10s; Miss F., Edinburgh, "A Thanksgiving," 10s; Miss M., 5s. The following has been sent for

June 29. — "A Warm," 10s; Arbriol Free Church S.S., Arbroath, per E. T. V., £1; Miss A. M., some fish, bacon, and small pieces cloth; "A Jammemuir Shepherd," 5s; a boy helped, Canada, 5 dollars (£1 0s 10d); Anonymously, "for the mail bag," £1; R. L. B., £1; J. E., Govan, 2s 4d; J. rolls, and small bread; D. K., two baskets rolls and bread; A Friend, two baskets scones, Edinburgh, 1s; C. I., Greenock, £1; Miss L., Bridge-of-Weir, parcel used clothing; R. P. Jun., Paisley, 2s; Relief U.P. Church B.C., Irvine, per D. M. J., £2; Mrs. B., £2; "Mysie," Callander, per W. W., £1; J. F. N., 6s; A Friend, 4s and parcel books, etc.; J. J., £3 10s; friend of children helped, 5s; Hillson Free Church S.S., Dundee, per H. N., 5s; E.U. Church S.S., Hamilton, per J. C., 10s; Dundee, per B. W., 10s 7d; a girl helped, 10s; Mrs. A., Leslie, parcel used clothing; Miss F., Helensburgh, seven pairs stockings; Mrs. F., Edinburgh, £2 2s; Foundry Boys' and Girls' R. Society, Irvine, per W. C., £1; J. O. H., Uddingston, £1; D. J. F., eighteen pairs boots; Mrs. S., Gaia-hills, £5; Misses E. and H. S., Lesmahagow, £2; A. C., Shettleston, 10s; R. M. G., Aberdeen, 5s; North Leith Parish Church S.S., per J. M., £3 13s 6d; Miss H., Aberdeen, 5s; Miss E. M., Bath, £5; do. do., for socks; W. T. R., 10s; "an old City Home girl," £1; T. M., ninety loaves; A Friend, fifty-one do. and basket small bread; Mr M., nineteen do. and do. to G. W., three and a half dozen pies; Mrs W., Ayr, 5s; West Calder Free Church S.S., per D. T., 5s; Charity Football Committee, per J. K. M., £15; Newmill of Keith S.S., per Miss R. T., 4s; Mr C., Kilmalcolm, a cheese; Miss F., Edinburgh, 6s; B. B., two hampers bread; Tayport Y.W.C.A., per Miss M. D., forty-five articles clothing; G. S., £2; "Thankoffering," Paisley, 10s; Bible Class, per C. A. T., £1 4s; Sandford U.P. Church, £1; Mrs. M., £2; Blantyre Free Church S.S., per D. D., £1; Children in school room, £1; A Friend, per Mrs. L., £1; "A Thankoffering from Paisley," 5s; Cowlaire Church Bible Class, per Miss M., Helensburgh, 10s; A Friend, £1; Mother of Boys helped, Castle Kennedy, 5s; Mrs C., Lenzie, parcel used clothing; A Friend, jacket and vest; Miss R. and Mrs C., Greenock, £3; G. G., £4; Miss H. F., Kilmarnock, parcel used clothing; C. J., St. Andrews, £10; Miss C., Montrose, thirty-five pairs stockings; Mrs L., sixteen pairs stockings and one pair mittens; Miss L., Aberdeen, £1; T. T., and Mrs J. A. A., per do., £5; W. R., Duns, £1; J. A., £1; J. G. O., towards keep of "Oswald Mill," M. G., Brockville, Canada, six lawn mowers. The following have been sent for Orphan Homes and interest, £41 13s 4d, less duty, £104 3s 4d=£937 10s; from bequest of the late Mr William Andrew.

new friends, per B. E. Shaw-Walker, 1s; collected from
Innan Free Church, per R. W. M., £1 10s.

July 27.—“For the Master,” £10: W. C., Barrhead, box magazines; P. E., Crieft, twelve pair
stockings; J. P., Kilmarnock, parcel books and tracts; Mrs H., Dunkeld, parcel used clothing
Olive C., one pair stockings; Victoria do., one knitted scarf; Miss W., 5s; “From girls in Burnside
Warehouse,” per A. M. B., eight knitted articles; Aunt of boys helped, 10s; Grandmother of do.
£2; A Friend, ba-ket bread; Mr H., do.; Collected from a few Friends, per Miss S., Edinburgh, 4
3s 6d; Ladies’ Literary Club, Kirkcaldy, per Miss W., fifteen articles clothing; “A Thank-offering
a cushion; Sunday Class, per Miss M. F., Row, 8s; Mrs C., “In memory of her daughter Mart
per do., 1s; Mrs T. B. D., Edinburgh, 5s; J. M., Paisley, parcel used clothing; A Friend, 19s 6d
used clothing, note books, etc.; M. I. S., “for the orphans,” 25; G. G., Broughty-Ferry postma
£2; Mrs G., Edinburgh, 10s; Willie, Kathleen, and Flo, M., 5s; J. K., £3; A Friend, Glasgow post
mark, 10s; proceeds of four fractional shares Messrs J. & F., Coats, Ltd., sent by W. P., Norham-
Tweed, 24 14s; Do. of two do., sent by T. Y., do., £2 7s; Miss C., Loch Awe, 25; Mrs K., Ste
Road, £1; Parish Council of Larbert, per A. S., £10; Faith, Mission S.S., Adelphi H.
Paisley, per J. M., 10s; W. T. R., Maerdy, near Pontypridd, 7s 6d; St. George’s-in-the-Fields Par
Church S.S., per J. B. H., £2 2s; Anon., parcel used clothing; Mrs L., Arbroath, £1; Mornin
Presbyterian Church S.S., Dunedin, New Zealand, per F. S., £2, less 1s for exchange and stamp
on draft—£1 18s 10d; A Friend, Strone, £1; Anonymously, “to help to fill the meal bag,” £1; A
Baptist Church S.S., per R. W., 5s; Miss F. and Mrs D., Kirkmichael, 18s; Fellowship, Fraserburg
forty boxes kipper herrings; T. F. M., Lenzie, folding hammock; Mrs T. F. M., do., chair and
quantity cloth, etc.; Miss D., Dumfries, four-three articles clothing; Sewing class of girls, per M.
R., Paisley, thirteen articles clothing; I. R., 10s; A boy helped, 10s; R. M., Rutherglen, £10; Albe
Square Free Church S.S., Dundee, per W. R., 7s 6d; R. H., basket bread; Miss H., Edinburgh, £5; A Friend
£2; Mrs B., do., per do., £1; J. A. A., £3; “Alice, Willie, and Jessie,” Grangemouth, 10s; A. M., £4
thirteen loaves; J. and B. S., thirty baskets do.; Miss J. M., two boxes trimmed 10s; Two Workers
Children’s Mission, Largs, per Mr B., £1; Mrs W., Bridge-of-Weir, six scarfs; A Friend
thankoffering, £2; C. M., 10s; Miss C., near Lanark, 10s; B. B., three hamper bread; A Friend
twenty-seven loaves and basket rolls; “A thankoffering for abundance,” Helensburgh postma
£5; J. M., Cellardyke, £3; J. M., Aberdeen, £1 10s 6d; Mrs M., Stanraer, large box toys, box
etc.; R. W.’s saved pennies, Longriggend, 12s 7d; A. and his sisters and brothers, collected in box,
£2s; Allison Memorial Hall, Children’s Church, Paisley, per R. A. H., £1 7s; “Ivy,” Blairgowrie, £1
J. and R. G., Edinburgh, £5; Blairhill U.P. Church Junior Bible Class, Coatbridge, per R. E., £1
Collecting box, per Mrs G., Lossiemouth, 10s 6d; Free St. Stephen’s Church S.S., per
M., £2 11s 6d; Pentecost Free Church Christian Fellowship Association, per T. A., £2; J. O. Y.
Helensburgh, £10 and parcel tracts; A Friend, fifty-two loaves; R. B., twenty-four loaves and rolls
Mrs M., Newton, parcel Graphics; Aunt of boy helped, £1; J. M., Leith, 10s; R. S., Tayport
entertainment given by pupils, Private School, Milnathort, per Miss E. C. W., 10s; R. S., Tayport
£2; M. S. H. F., Kilmarnock, six pen articles used clothing and one pair socks; A. H., £1; A. H.,
un., 10s; G. T., Bridge-of-Weir, large quantity gooseberries; Y.W.C.A., St. Andrews, per Miss
eight articles clothing and quantity used do.; Rait Y.W.C.A., Errol, per Miss M., eighteen articles

August 24.—Boys' and Girls' Forenoon Meeting, Christian Mission, Tayport, per D. F. W., £1 9s 6d; Miss J. E. C., Pitlochry, for keep of a boy for one year, £12; Mother and Girls in one of the Cottage Homes, 13s; Mr G., Whitburn, £1; A. B. C., 5s; Mrs M., Stranraer, box new and used clothing; Miss C., Stirling, twenty-four scarves: A Friend, 10s and parcel used clothing; do., six gowns; A. Servant in Broughty Ferry, one child's petticoat; Rattray Parish Church S.S., Blair-clothing; Mrs M., Airdrie, per Mr R., 2s; D. R., do., per do., 2s; Helensburgh Working Boys' and Girls' Religious Society Sabbath Forenoon Meeting, per R. U., £1 17s 9d; Anon., Dunbar postmark, 10s; W. S. B., Dundee, 10s; Mr C., Dumfries, 10s; N. E. I., £3; Mr and Mrs A. M., 10s; Miss E. G., Caprarie, seven pairs socks; Collect-d at Children's Meetings, Fraserburgh, per A. A. M. Cam-buslang, 8s; P. K. M., Brockville, Canada, £1; A Friend, fifty-one loaves; Mrs E. B., Huntly, £4; A few workers in Valleyfield Mills, Penicuik, per Miss C. P., £1 10s; E. H., Perth, "In memory of Paisley, £2; A few friends, per H. P. C., Liverpool, £1 18s; J. H., Stockton-on-Tees, £2; J. L., little girl, per Mrs G., Rast Wemyss, ninety-six articles clothing; J. E. C. C. Westerham, £20; K., £3 and eight pairs stockings; "Hope," Leith postmark, £30; Aunt of boy helped, Edin-burgh, 3s 6d; Miss C., Stirling, four pairs blankets; Blantyre Branch Scotch Girls' Friendly Society, per Miss M. C. S., nine articles clothing; Miss G., Hawick, two t-y-tight do., etc.; Mr and Mrs M., Arran, £1; Mrs M. D., Tayport, £1; "An Anonymous D.n.r.", Alloa, £150; R. G., large box odds and ends; J. W., a horse; D. W., Musselburgh, 10s; contents missionary box, Pumpherson Bible-Class, per E. M. B., £1 3s 6d; Miss S., six pairs stockings; Five Little Ones, per Mrs M., Paisley, 5s; Aberdeen postmark, 7s; Mrs C., Newport, £1; "Alice, Willie, and Jessie," Grangemouth, 1s; W. D., £1; J. K. and S., £3 10s; Miss B., Greenock, 3s; Anon., Dollar postmark, two pairs stockings and one pair gloves; do., parcel used clothing; do., Cheltenham postmark, do.; E. and M. T., Service, Y.P.S.C.E., three pairs stockings, etc.; M. A., Du-alastair, £10; Telegraph Messengers of Postal J. W., London, £1 is; Anon., Lochgelhead postmark, 3s; R. L., Lenark, £20; M. S., £1 10s; H., twenty-two loaves; A Friend, seventeen do. and small bread; Anon., Fraserburgh, four straw hats and some oddments; W. W., Dunlop, forty-one 2lb loaves; S. G., 5s; A Friend, Dundee, 5s; R. H., nineteen pots plum jam; M. T., Greenock, one pair stockings; D. C., Alloa, "result of a penny put by occasionally by two ladies and myself," 7s; D. S., Edinburgh, £3; Mr and Mrs M., Leadhills, £1; A. G., Broughty-Ferry, for emigration, £5; Anon., Cardross, two dolls and quantity dolls' clothing,

etc.; Friends, Edinburgh visiting, 5s; Proceeds of Children's Bazaar, Greenock, per Misses S. W. B. K., and B. W., £2; "Of Thine Own," £1; "From friends interested in Mr Quarrier's Orphans," Edinburgh postmark, £50; D. W. S., Bridge-of-Weir, £5; J. C. G., Port-William, 5s; Mrs L. Birkenhead, 10s; W. D. H., one hundred and three loaves; Mrs M. Perth, 1s; Mrs B., do, per do, 2s 6d. The following has been sent for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—Miss A. D., for servants' cottage, 5s. The following has been sent for Consumptive Homes:—W. H. Gleniue, £5; W. S. B., Dundee, 5s; "Kappa," Largs, £10; E. and M. T., Chirnside, some blankets, sheets, etc.; W. S. M., Ardnadam, £1; Miss A. D., 5s; St. Clement's S.S., Dundee, per C. S., 10s; Free St. Mark's forenoon meeting, per P. M., 10s.

September 7th.—H. G. and S., Stirling, seventeen children's and infants' hats; Kent Road U.P. Church Congregational and Mission S. School, per J. S., 18s 11d; left by two ladies when visiting, parcel used clothing; M. and M. S., Ayr, 7s 6d; Mrs M. P. G., Barrhead, £5; J. A., Wooler, fourteen girls' hats; Anon., Grahamston, parcel used clothing; proceeds of entertainment given by some of the young people, Kilmalcolm Hydropathic, per Mrs K., £3; J. F. P., Perth, £100; J. G., Edinburgh, £1; Miss J. G., Machrihanish, parcel new and used clothing; Mrs G., 10s; Miss J. N. T., Broughty-Ferry, two articles clothing; Mrs L., Strathmiglo, per do., two do.; Miss J. A., Perth, 10s; Collected at Children's Seaside Services, Dunoon, per D. M., £1; Mrs S., Dundee, £5; A. P., Row, £10; G. F., Greenock, £1; proceeds of Children's Bazaar, Greenock, per Misses R. G. and I. B. and Masters H. M., P. B., and A. H., 5s; D. B., Walkerburn, quantity remnants tweed; Mount Florida U.P. Church S.S., per D. M., £1 11s 3d; Mrs T., Motherwell, 5s; Mrs E. L., Kippen, £10; West Street E.U. Church, per J. R., 17s; "A Thankoffering," £5; do., £5; A Friend, twenty two loaves and four baskets rolls; C. M., twelve loaves; Mrs N., £1; H. B. M., Mid-Caldor, £50; A Friend, Uddington, £1; Anon., Daily postmark, parcel used clothing; Miss H., Kelso, forty-four articles clothing; M. L., Greenock, £1; A. C., Paisley, £5; W. M., Newton-Stewart, £1; Mrs B., parcel used clothing; Anon., do.; G. M. B., per Charity Organisation Society, 10s 6d; R. G., per do., £3 3s; Mr C., Shettleston, £1; J. and J. W., Longrigg, "In memory of little James," £1; Anon., West Kilbride, 2s; "From a friend for the dear orphans," £25; Trustees of the late Mr George McCorquodale, Newton-le-Willows, per Messrs Edward Moore & Sons, £50; R. A., £20; A. S., Newport-on-Tay, £1; "Alice, Willie, and Jessie," Grangemouth, 10s; D. R., £1; Hardgate, Duntocher, Ebenezer Mission Children's Meeting, per W. M., 12s; Mrs S., Lenzie, 18s; Anonymously, "a thankoffering," £12; "A Worker," 5s; Found in boxes, City and Bridge-of-Weir Homes during August, £17 19s 2d; "Matthew xix. 14," £15; H. M. A., £2; J. R., Stirling, £5; D. M., Winchburgh, £1; D. H., Bothwell, £1; J. S. G., 5s; "A thankful one," Paisley, 10s; Children's Seaside Services, Dunoon, per D. M., £1; T. S., Loches, £1 3s; Sabbath School, per do., 7s; "One who cannot attend your thanksgiving on Thursday," Helensburgh, 10s; "In memory of a loved one gone home," Strone postmark, 10s; Mrs T. C. D., Callander, £39 18s; D. C., London (visiting), 10s; Christian Endeavour Society in one of the Boys' Homes, 1s 6d; W. T., "the first fruits of a rise of pay," 2s; "For Jesus' Sake," Paisley, 10s; J. S., Edinburgh, £5; T. C., Stirling, 10s; "Nitsbill," 10s 3d; Stithell Union S.S., per W. S., 17s 3d; Aunt of children helped, £1 and parcel used clothing; Anonymously, Milliken Park, parcel used clothing; Alcoa Y.M.C.A., per A. M., jun., 5s; J. F., Arbroath, 2s; F. H. J., London, 10s 6d; Mrs R. G., per Mrs M., Craigellachie, 5s; Mrs B. D., per do., 5s; Mrs C. L., per do., 5s; Mrs M., per do., 5s; Mrs D., per do., 5s; Mrs C., per do., 3s; Mrs B., per do., 2s; Longforgan Y.W.C.A., per Mrs A., forty articles clothing; Mrs W. B., Kettlebridge, six pairs stockings; Mrs M., Elderslie, £10; G. M. F., Govan, £1; R. M. G., Aberdeen, 5s; A Friend, Perth, £1; do., 1s; "Topaz," 1s 6d; W. R., £1 1s; Mrs M., Harrow, £1; A. M., do., £1; Mr and Mrs M., Edinburgh, 5s; "In loving memory of our two dear children," Mrs T., Broomhouse, 10s; R. J., £1; Miss B., Melrose, £1; found in boxes and collections at meetings, "Thanksgiving Day," £39 13s 14d; Mrs W., per Mrs F., 10s; J. C., £25; W. D., £10; J. R. P., Loches, 10s; Miss H. C., near Dundee, 10s; Kincardine U.P. Church Junior Bible Class, per J. D., 5s; Minister's Bible Class, Dennistoun U.P. Church, per R. J. P., £7; a girl helped, Canada, 5 dollars (£1 0s 10d); do., do., 1 dollar (4s 2d); do., do., 75 cents (3s 14d); Anon., Edinburgh, parcel used clothing; do., Greenock postmark, £1; J. E., 2s 6d; W. P. L., thirteen articles clothing; Belmont Congregation Bible Class, Aberdeen, per M. S., 5s; Mrs D. N., 10s; proportion of legacy of £500 from the late Mrs Buik, Aberdeen, per Messrs Hunter & Gordon, £397 18s 4d, less legacy duty and fee, £358 15s; Miss B., Newport, £1; C. C., Rothesay, £1; J. B. F., Aberdeen, 12s 6d; Miss M., Edinburgh, £2; Miss B., per do., £2. The following has been sent for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—"Topaz," 1s. The following have been sent for Consumptive Homes:—Mrs G., £1; M. family, Ayr, for six stones, £1 10s; Mrs P., "In memoriam," £2; Mrs D., Largo, 10s; M. L., Greenock, £1; A. C., Paisley, £1; W. S., £1; D. R. P., £25; A Worker, 10s; Given anonymously on "Thanksgiving Day," £1; Anon., Paisley, £1; do., Kilmalcolm, 5s.

September 21.—R. H., some rolls; Mrs J., Dundee, six pairs stockings; "I. I. C.," £1; A Friend, Paisley postmark, 10s; Misses C., parcel used clothing; Scotch Girls' Friendly Society, Motherwell, per Miss S., fifteen articles clothing; Mrs H., Greenock, parcel used do.; D. & A. W., £5; G. W. C., Coatbridge, £20; Rothesay Foundry Boys' Religious Society, per J. G. D., £3 13s; M. S., Kilm, £4; Mrs M., Falkirk, five pairs stockings; Uncle of Boy helped, 5s; Mrs H., £1 5s; C. M. & S., fifteen loaves; A Friend, thirty-two do., and rolls; M. and A. B., forty-four do.; P. M., Clachan, £150; Mrs C., Ayr, per Mrs M., £1; Mrs T., do., per do., 10s; Mrs L., do., per do., 5s; Friend, do., per do., 5s; A. G., Broughty Ferry, £10; "Wellwisher," 10s; A Friend, Lochmaben, £1; A School Boy, Beith postmark, 2s; Legacy of the late Mr Thos. Reid, Ayr, per Messrs Kilpatrick & Wilson, £10; Miss W., Greenock, £2; Lochwinnoch Parish Church S.S., per R. B., 16s 8d; Mrs R., Bothwell, hamper used clothing; proceeds of sale of clothing, etc., belonging to mother of two boys received, per E. E. M., Pittenweem, £6 10s; A. R., £10; G. F., Manchester, 2s; Mrs C., Lenzie, two boxes used clothing, boots, etc.; A. D., £1; Saltcoats Y.M.C.A. Morning Meeting, per J. G., 12s; West Free Church S.S., Broughty Ferry, per P. G., jun., £1 7s 11d; Springburn U.P. Church Bible Class, per J. M., 10s; A Friend, Edinburgh, 10s; Anon., Helensburgh postmark, 2s 6d; Bristo Place Baptist Church S.S., Edinburgh, per A. S., for "Sabbath School" Home, £9 11s; Miss D., Selkirk, £1; Misses S., Prestonkirk, seventeen articles clothing and two dozen pocket handkerchiefs; W. R., Lockerbie, £2; St. Paul's Parish Church Bible Class, John Street, per F. M., £1; Miss M., Campbelltown, 114 articles clothing; Wilning Helpers' Society, parcel used do.; Macduff Parish Church S.S., per T. V., £2; J. B. M., Perth, "In memoriam gift for 11th September," 10s; Mrs H., Bridge-of-Allan, box biscuits; Mrs W., Lenzie, box used clothing; J. R. L., parcel magazines; E. M., Alexandria postmark, £1; "One Interested," Glenboig, 10s; J. M., Balmuir, by Guthrie, for emigration, 15s; Mrs W. (visiting), 10s; C. A. R., £15; Mrs G., Hawick, £5; "An Old Worker's Mite," 2s; A. M., box herrings; J. M., Garty, 2s 6d; A. C., £1; Mrs L., Kirkcaldy, 5s; "Alice, Willie, and Jessie," Grangemouth, 10s; Mother of Boy helped, £1; J. M. P., £3; T. M., £5; Anon., Balfour postmark, 3s; G. F., Manchester, 2s; A. L., Edinburgh, £1; J. P., Stranraer, £3; part of

Collection annual Flower Service, Darvel U.P. Church S.S., per D. R. W. S., £1; Anon., six Shetland sweaters; do., six petticoats; "Through One of His Stewards," Wales, £5; Mrs T., Lanark, £2; Mrs L., ham er do.; "Of Thine Own," £1; Mrs A., Paisley, £10; Miss M., Edinburgh, per Miss G., 10s; clothing; do., parcel used do.; D. J. W., do.; Miss F. P., Alloa, 150 articles do.; Mrs M., Moscov, £2; Mrs C., Motherwell, 5s; Mrs A., £1; Barr Street S.S., Paisley, per Mr D., 8s; Bella-houston Parish Church S.S., per Mr K., £1 5s 10d; balance after paying funeral expenses, debts, etc., of father of children received, £4 8s 3d; Mrs B., Clydebank, parcel used clothing; A. S., wardrobe "I. I. C.," £1; "Wellwisher," £1; "Unknown," 10s; J. W. M., Crieff, for building fund, £1; H., £1 5s; W. D., Langholm, £1; J. C. W., Edinburgh, £1; "Jim," for a brick, 5s; J. F. P., Perth, £200; L. A., Ayr, £1; E. M., Alexandria postmark, £1; Mrs K., £1; "Per Agent on Lawmarnock Estate, £2; A. C., £1; Mrs and Miss L., Edinburgh, £20; Little Dorothy, for a stone, £1; left by lad who died in our invalid Boys' Home after many years of suffering, 3s 24d.

October 5.—W. K., Holytown, 10s; Aunt of children helped, £2; S. C., East Kilbride, one kit butter; Mrs M., Fraserburgh, 12s 6d; J. H., Edinburgh, block of opening of Consumptive Hospital; G. F., Manchester, 2s; "From a mother, as a thankoffering to God," £1; J. C., £10; A. M. N., £3 3s; J. M., £1; "Fellowship," Fraserburgh, twenty barrels herrings; "In memory of a dear son," £5; Anon., Grahamston, parcel used clothing; balance left after paying funeral expenses, debts, etc., of mother of family, received from Edinburgh, per Miss G., £5; "M., Dunfermline, £10; Crossie, sixteen 2lb pots jelly; H. B., Valparaiso, per H. & S., Birmingham, £10; F. P., New Barnet, proceeds of old watch sold, 2s 6d; Anon., Glasgow postmark, £1; J. T., Alloa, 5s; Miss N., Aboyne, 10s; H. R., London, £3; Paisley Co-operative Manufacturing Society, per G. M., £2; A. M., Ardishaig, £2 8s; M., Perth, 10s; E. R., £1; from John Knox Street Baptist Church Harvest Festival, quantity vegetables; A. S., large quantity magazines; T. A., Girvan, two cheeses; Miss B., Loans, near Troon, one piece wine; Miss H., Edinburgh, £1; Miss B., £1; Free Church S.S., Maybole, per T. D., £2 17s 6d; G. F., Manchester, 2s; Mrs B., £1; Sewing Class, per Mrs M., Kintyre, seven boys' shirts; Mrs A., Pershore postmark, 5s; G. D. C., London, 10s; Mr S., Renfrew, £11; "Alice, Willie, and Jessie," Grangemouth, 10s; J. E. D., Guard-bridge, "in memory of little Willie's birthday," 10th September, 10s; Mrs M., Guildtown, twelve pairs stockings and socks; Miss D., 5s; T. & J. D., Coatbridge, £5; collected from friends by L. N. M., Lauder, £12 10s; Miss M., Partick, 10s; "For the Master," £10; Mrs R., twelve articles clothing; I. T., Carlisle, 10s 6d; J. C., Perth, 5s; Friend, per do., 2s; J. M., Methven, per Messrs M. & D., Perth, £5; Anon., parcel used soldiers' clothing; Mrs T., Partick, thirteen pairs stockings and socks; Misses M. S., eight articles clothing; Miss C. S., Hamilton, forty-four do.; Anon., Kil-winning, 5s; A girl helped, Paisley, 5s; Dunlop Parish Church S.S., per J. S., £1 10s 6d; E. U. Band of Hope Deputation Committee, per Mr L., quantity pastry; R. D., Cambuslang, towards support of P., quantity magazines; A Friend, Ferryden, £2; Mrs P., Leven, 1s; "K. L. M.," £100; proceeds of Children's Bazaar, Falkirk, per Misses E. and N. S., N. R. N. P. M. M., and M. G., 15s; "Grace before meat," per W. C., Dundee, 4s; J. A. S., 5s; Miss W., Ballachulish, £1; A Friend, per Miss G., £1; Mr B., parcel magazines; J. W., quantity packing boxes for firewood; Miss J., Paisley, parcel used clothing; C. L., Perth, £1; J. R. M., Falkirk, £2; Mrs W., Elgin, box used clothing, jewellery, etc.; Mrs R., Trinidad, £3; Mrs M., Stranraer, sixteen articles new and quantity used clothing; Anon., Kilmalcolm, thirty articles clothing; Mrs D., Dumbarton, eight pairs socks; Misses E. and M. T., Chirnside, twenty articles clothing and quantity bed linen, etc.; Gallowgate Branch Y.M.C.A., per J. M., quarterly amount for keep of a child, £3 5s; Elgin Place Church Mission S.S., Clyde Street, Port-Dundas, per J. W., £1 5s 4d; J. W. O., £10; Mrs R., £1; P. S., Denny, £1. The following have been sent for Consumptive Homes:—Mrs C., £5; J. F. P., Alloa, 10s.

October 19.—Miss E. G., Cupar-Pife, thirteen pairs socks; M. S., Sandbank, six pairs stockings and two articles used clothing; Hillhead Baptist Church Congregational S.S., per A. D., £2; A Worker, 5s; J. P., Kilmarnock, quantity magazines; M. C., Dollar, 1 chandelier; G. F., Manchester, 2s; Miss F., Montrose, twenty-one articles clothing and nine and a-half yards dress material; Workers and Children of Falkirk Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, per G. I., £3; Mrs L., Pollokshields, two quilts, nineteen hoods, and some used clothing; A Worker, "a birthday thank-offering," £1; St. Andrews Episcopal Church, basket of vegetables; Mrs M., Bridge-of-Allan, £1; Mrs W., parcel used clothing; P. M., Greenock, £20; W. R., Annan, 10s; M. A. R., do., 10s; Miss F. S., Edinburgh, £1; Leith Friends' per J. B., for emigration expenses of boy from Leith, £7; W. M., Liverpool, £70; Mrs M., Pollokshields, £1 and parcel of tea, eighteen pairs stockings, and two House, per M. C., £1; A. D., per Mrs W., Row, £1; Anon., "In memory of a loved one, who died on 4th October, 1895," 7s 6d; Typographical Society, per W. M., for emigration, £2 2s; from the little Church Mission S.S., per O. J. B., £1 4s 9d; A. T., Edinburgh, 10s; M. R., Edinburgh, one dozen pairs socks and pair cuffs; "An old worker's mite," 2s; "Two workers," a thankoffering, £1; W. F. St. Andrews, 5s; Mrs F., per do., 5s; A Friend, Glasgow postmark, £1; W. F., Govan, £1; Sewing Party Y.W.C.A., Broughty-Ferry, per M. R., thirty-one articles clothing; Parish Council, Kirkintilloch, per R. D., £3 8s; Mrs H., large parcel used clothing, boots, hats, furs, etc.; "A jinn," Edinburgh, 10s; R. H., basket rolls; St. Andrews Parish Church S.S., per A. P., £1 10s; M. H. M. F., Helensburgh, £1; Mrs R. C., Edinburgh, thirty articles clothing; M. P., Liverpool, 5s; D. K., forty-eight loaves and basket scones; "A Friend," nursery fender and quantity toys, books, etc.; J. C., Perth, 10s 6d; J. C., do., 10s; A. C., do., 10s; Mrs G. S., Uddington, £1; "The Lord's Money," Glasgow postmark, 4s 5d; Mrs M., £10; Mr D. C. Y.'s Bible Class, London Road U.P. Church S.S., Paisley, per R. L., £3 5s; Mr and Mrs W., Bath, £1; M. S. and Friends, Hawick, £1; Mrs R. G. R., per R. L., £3 5s; Free Church S.S., Ecclefechan, per J. L., 10s 14d; Sherwood Free Church S.S., per R. L., £3 5s; Mr and Mrs W., Bath, £1; M. S. and Friends, Hawick, £1; Manchester, 2s; Kilmalcolm Lawn Tennis Club, per J. A. H., three dozen lawn tennis balls; Mrs M., 12s 6d; Mrs D., Kilmarnock, twelve pairs stockings; "Alice, Willie, and Jessie," Grange-mouth, 10s; M. S., Aberdeen, 5s; Mrs M., Monkton, £1 and parcel used clothing; Anon., Thorn-hall, parcel used clothing; "A Friend," one dozen loaves and two baskets rolls; Misses J., Milnathort, fifty-three articles clothing; Mrs K., Hamilton, two pairs boys' stockings; "Cable," St.

Andrews, 10s; Mrs R. C. Edinburgh, £1; M. G., Fordoun, 4s; M. A., Dunoon, 10s; Anon., Edinburgh postmark, six pairs stockings; Mrs M. H., Stirling, £1; Miss S., Surbiton, Surrey, 2s 6d; Mrs D., Helensburgh, parcel used clothing and magazines; M. S., Lanark, ten pairs socks; Mrs H., Busby, parcel used clothing; Miss E., Edinburgh, do. and three crib mats; Mrs R., do. and four pair socks; Peter Brough Bequest Fund, Paisley, per J. G., £25; Miss M. F., Bridge-of-Weir, four scarfs; W. S. W., £1; R. W., Bridge-of-Weir, £7; M. M. H. D., Nairn, 10s; add tional from Newton Parish S.S., Dalkeith, per A. F., 3s 3d; M. H., three pairs stockings; Mrs G., Elgin, one dozen knitted scarfs; J. B. K., per do., six petticoats; M. L., Peebles, parcel used clothing; Miss W., pairs cuffs; M. L., do. per do., twelve pairs cuffs; M. L., Johnstone, 1s; S. C., Isle of Dollar, for keep of a child, £12; "From a Friend," Dundee, 10s; R. P., Johnstone, 1s; S. C., Isle of Man, £1; Anon., parcel used clothing; J. and J. B., Croy, 10s; F. A. C., Carlisle, £2; J. B., Edinburgh, £2 2s; St. Vincent Parish Church S.S., per J. M., £1; J. T., Cockenzie, one thousand magazines. The following have been sent for Consumptive Homes:—Barr Children's Meeting, Girvaio, per J. M. G., 6s; Anonymously, Ayr postmark, £1; J. C. S., Dundee, £1; L. D., Greenock, 10s; A neighbour, per J. W., Lesmahagow, £1; Miss M. H. D., Nairn, 10s; A. B., Clydebank, 10s; Anon., 2s 6d; A Friend, "In memoriam of a much loved brother, Greenock," £20.

October 31.—Viewforth Free Church S.S., Edinburgh, per W. M. M., £1; A & C., 24 bundles pamphlets; A. J., New Deer, £1; J. C. D., San Francisco, £2; G. F., Manchester, 2s; Mrs C., Kilmarnock, 10s; T. C., Motherwell, 5s; Mrs S., Kilmarnock, £1; J. H., Johnstone, thirty-six castings; Mrs L., Birkenhead, £1; Miss R., Ballantrae, thirty-five yards blue serge; M. G., £1; D. M. W., £7 10s; R. A., Portobello, £1; Coldstream Parish Church S.S., per N. N., 9s; Miss P., Lanark, £2; Union Street U.P. Church S.S., Greenock, per L. M., 13s 2d; R. H., basket loaves and do. rolls; Mrs K., Lochranza, 6s; L. C., Luss, nine articles clothing, etc.; R. C., Ayr, £2 7s 11d; sent by a school girl out of her pocket money, per M. R., St. Leonards-on-Sea, 5s; Citadel Mission Children's Church, Leith, per J. M., £1; Miss M., Greenock, twelve pairs stockings; M. G., Edinburgh, twenty-two articles clothing, etc.; M. B., Craigellachie, £1; G. W., Punjab, India, per W. W., Slamannan, £3; Mr and Mrs M., Newton of Falkland, 10s; "From a Friend," Helensburgh p.m., 10s; Miss M., £1; R. B., Aberystwyth, £3; Anon., six boys' reefer jackets, five sailor suits, and three dozen boys' braces; M. H., Neilston, 10s; A. J., Kireudbright, £1; Miss H. A. D., Edinburgh, £3; R. H., basket bread, rolls, etc.; G. P., Kireudbright, four articles clothing; D. T. C. S., £2; A Friend, basket loaves, rolls, and scones; Pollokshields Free Church S.S., per W. M., £2 5s 11d; M. A., Lintrathen, 6s; A Friend, 9s 9d; Clyde Navigation Trust, causeways, platelayers, and harbour workshop employees, £1 1s; Mrs A., Edinburgh, five articles clothing, two pieces cotton, and some used clothing; Craig Free Church S.S., Dunscore, per A. G., 6s; M. W., Dunlop, fifty-one 2-lb. loaves; Miss R., Drem, £1 and parcel clothing; Anon., Kilsyth p.m., some odds and ends; A. G., Y., Edinburgh, £2; R. S., parcel clothing; Mrs R. W. and friends, Avondale, piece material and parcel used clothing; M. P., Pitlochry, six pairs stockings; L. C., Luss, parcel clothing, etc.; "Alice, Willie, and Jessie, Grangemouth," 10s; M. S., Wemyss Bay, eighteen knitted articles clothing; Mrs S., Edinburgh, £1; M. M., Dumfries, £3; London Road Free Church S.S., per W. S., 13s and two bunsles clothing; Great Gate Chapel S.S., Rochester, per M. G., fifty-six articles clothing; Mrs M., Dundee, £1; A. C., Beith, £1; R. H., ten loaves and basket rolls; A. Wo ker, 10s; do., 3s 4d; J. M., Greenock, one barrel paraffin oil; R. B., per Charity Organisation Society, £1; L. B. and C., per do., 10s 6d; Mrs C., per do., £2 2s; Mrs K., Milngavie, per do., £1 1s; W. K., per do., £5 5s; Miss J. A., Carstairs, per do., £3; G. M., per do., 10s; A Friend, two baskets rolls and bread; J. B., Coupar-Angus, seven ulsters and quantity straw and felt hats; Mr S., 10s; J. W., Prestwick postmark, fifteen pairs gloves; Church of Scotland Women's Guild, Closeburn per Miss O. R., thirty-four articles clothing; Mrs W., Bridge-of-Weir, parcel used clothing; R. H., basket bread; Miss B., Langholm, 5s; J. A., Paisley, £2 2s; S.S. Class, Huntly, per M. B., 3s; Whitevale Free Church B.C., per W. S. Y., 10s; legacy of Edinburgh, two pairs socks; Mrs H., £1 10s; legacy of the late Miss E. A. Bell, Hawick, per Messrs Pearson, Robertson, & Finlay, Edinburgh, £100 less duty £10=£90; G. M., M. nktion, £2 2s; Collected from Friends, per Miss T., Yetholm, £1; S. and O., seventy-four girls' hats; Mrs T. F. M., Lenzie, 16s articles, toys, knives, etc., for New Year presents; an old lady of 82 forwards children's Hallowe'en expenses, £5; found in boxes, City and Bridge-of-Weir Homes during October, £6 2s 8d. The following has been sent for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—One third of dividend on Deposit Receipt in the Federal Bank of Australia, Limited, in liquidation, from the estate of the late Miss G. I. Small, Dundee, 16s 6d. The following have been sent for Consumptive Homes:—A. J., New Deer, £1; J. G. O., London, £50; Miss H., Ayr, £50; Mrs S., Cambuslang, £1; Mrs M. S., Kilmarnock, £3; from a Servant Girl, 5s; Messrs Alley & MacLellan's employees, £5 5s.

CONSUMPTIVE HOSPITALS FOR SCOTLAND.

Dr. Abstract of Income and Expenditure for Year ending 31st October, 1896. Cr.

October 31, 1895.		October 31, 1896.	
To Balance on hand and in Bank, £7,082 12 2½		By Payments to various Tradesmen for Work done during the year, £8,568 6 2	
October 31, 1896.		" Rent of Ground taken from Farm, Insurance, etc., 27 9 5	
" Donations and Legacies received during the year, £1,509 8 6½		" Cash in Union Bank, £152 15 7	
" Interest from Bank, 67 5 9		" Cash on hand, 0 15 3½	
	1,666 14 3½		*153 10 10½
	£8,749 6 5½		£8,749 6 5½

* This balance is already absorbed by Executive Buildings not yet completed.

GLASGOW, 10th November, 1896.—I have audited the Books containing the Intramissions of Mr. Quarrier for the year ending 31st October, 1896, in connection with the Consumptive Hospitals for Scotland, compared the relative vouchers and his various acknowledgments of Donations, etc., and hereby certify that the above is a true abstract thereof; that it is correctly stated and vouched, and closes with a Balance in Bank of One Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Sevenpence, and a sum of Fifteen Shillings and Threepence Three Farthings in Mr. Quarrier's hands.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S EMIGRATION HOMES, AND CITY HOME AND MISSION.

October 31, 1895.		October 31, 1896.	
To Balance on hand and in Bank, £2,583 6 4½		By General Household Expenses at City and Bridge-of-Weir Homes, £7,677 8 1	
" Donations and Legacies received during the year, £12,575 0 8½		" Allowance to Workers, 1,800 10 0	
" Proceeds of Gifts, Photos, and Sundry Articles, 85 15 10½		" Furniture, Repairs, Taxes, and Insurance, 736 10 8½	
" Proceeds of Gifts, Photos, and Sundry Articles, 85 15 10½		" Emigration Expenses and Money sent for Upkeep of Canadian Home, 2,750 13 1	
" Wages earned by Working Boys, 919 15 3½		" Evangelical Expenses, Printing, Stationery, School Books, Postage, Photos, and Advertising, 459 11 2½	
" Interest from Bank, 13 10 6		" Rewards to Children and Premiums to Working Boys on Wages earned, 294 16 9	
	13,961 18 1½	" Relief given to Neccessitous Cases, 93 17 3	
	£14,245 4 5½	" Cash in Union Bank on Deposit Receipts, £230 0 0	
		" Cash in Union Bank on Current Account, 53 14 7	
		" Cash on hand, 7 18 9½	
			£13,853 11 1
			391 13 4½
			£14,245 4 5½

(In addition to above, a sum of 755-20 dols. has been received in Canada from Children and friends, and expended upon the Home there.)

GLASGOW, 10th November, 1896.—I have audited the Books containing the Intramissions of Mr. Quarrier for the year ending 31st October, 1896, in connection with the Orphan Homes of Scotland, Destitute Children's Emigration Homes, and City Home and Mission, compared the relative vouchers and his various acknowledgments of Donations, etc., and hereby certify that the above is a true abstract thereof; that it is correctly stated and vouched, and closes with a Balance in Bank of Three Hundred and Eighty-three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Sevenpence, and a sum of Seven Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ninepence Three Farthings in Mr. Quarrier's hands.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Abstract of Income and Expenditure for Year ending 31st October, 1896.

October 31, 1895.		October 31, 1896.	
To Balance on hand and in Bank, £2,668 14 4½		By Payments to various Tradesmen for Work done during the year, £3,843 12 11	
" Donations and Legacies received during the year, £11,130 0 7		" Money sent for alteration of Canadian Home, 100 0 0	
" Interest from Bank, 68 19 3		" Glasgow Corporation Loan, £7,000 0 0	
" Rent of Farm, £210, less Rent of 20 acres adjoining, 148 16 11		" Cash in Union Bank on Deposit Receipts, 2,600 0 0	
" Taxes, etc., 461 8s 1d., 11,342 16 9		" Cash in Union Bank on Current Account, 464 17 8	
	11,342 16 9	" Cash on hand, 3 0 6½	
	£14,011 11 1½		£10,967 18 2½
			£14,011 11 1½

* This balance is already absorbed by buildings not yet completed, and to be erected.

GLASGOW, 10th November, 1896.—I have audited the Books containing the Intramissions of Mr. Quarrier for the year ending 31st October, 1896, in connection with the Orphan Homes of Scotland Building Account, compared the relative vouchers and his various acknowledgments of Donations, etc., and hereby certify that the above is a true abstract thereof; that it is correctly stated and vouched, and closes with a Balance on Corporation Loan and in Bank of Ten Thousand and Sixty-four Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Eightpence, and a sum of Three Pounds and Sixpence Three Farthings in Mr. Quarrier's hands.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

NEW BUILDINGS DURING THE YEAR.

THE progress made throughout the year has been as great as it has been possible to get men to work. The "Ebenezer Maclay" Home has been completed and is now occupied, the rock around blasted, and a new terrace formed. The first house gifted in the new year was the "Killearn Home," by an old Glasgow friend, to be built in memory of a dearly-beloved mother. It is now roofed in and being slated, and when finished will be a beautiful building. During the year two large bridges have been built across our Gotter Burn, the gift of a friend in Glasgow. One, which is 25 feet long by 20 feet broad, is near the entrance-gate of the Homes, on the other side of the road, and connects the new avenue leading to the Consumptive Hospital. This road has been made round the hollow of the hill, and is comparatively level. It will be a great saving to the heavy traffic which we have daily to and from the station, and which in the past has had to be taken over the high hills which come before the entrance to the Homes. The other bridge—which might be called the "Forth" bridge—is situated behind No. 1 Cottage, and spans the bathing-pond, connecting the New Farm with the old ground. This is a beautiful structure, the span 50 feet long, and as the ground is high on both sides here, the depth is 70 feet to the bottom of burn.

In July we received from a friend in the East of Scotland money to build a house to be called the "Glenfarg Home," it is now in the builder's hands, and will be a fine structure on the beautiful site chosen for it. It is rather a curious coincidence that this house, the "Glenfarg Home," should be built here at the only part of our stream which has the character of a glen. I remember in the earlier stages of the work sitting near this spot one summer day, imagining from the quietness of the place, that I was in some Highland glen, although a large population was close at hand. It is a lovely spot, and when the house is finished, it will add beauty to the east end of the Children's City, which we anticipate will be about equal with the west end, which is beautiful indeed.

Besides these gifts, there have been others small and large towards the building fund, which have enabled us to accomplish much that was requiring to be done. A new set of gates and walls, similar to those at the entrance to the Homes, have been erected at a cost of £300, closing in the Poultry Farm and the new road leading to the Consumptive Buildings. A drainage system to drain the new farm, involving hundreds of pounds, has been gone on with during the year, also the new road round by the Consumptive Hospital, and what with blasting, planting shrubs, etc., etc., the year has been a busy one in outside work and development. No debt has been incurred, for which we magnify the Lord, and great progress has been made, notwithstanding the great troubles and trials of the way. We long for the time when every destitute orphan throughout the length and breadth of our land shall be cared for as it should be. More houses will be required to accommodate the numbers who shall come, and we believe the Lord, who is Himself the Father of the fatherless, will lay it on the hearts of His children to send what is required. We are only servants in the house seeking to do the Master's pleasure and not our own will, and feel sure that as it is His own work in which we are privileged to labour, He will not suffer us to lack any needed thing.

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EXECUTIVE BUILDINGS.

DURING the year great progress has been made in this department of work laid to our hands, but we could have wished that much more had been accomplished. Some of my kind friends, in the Orphan Home work, have wondered that I should have anything to do with Consumptive Hospitals, and for the sake of them, as well as any others who may hold the same views, I desire to make a statement which is not generally known, namely, that of the hundreds of children taken into the Homes annually a very large number (almost 30 per cent.) are born of consumptive parents, who die before their time. When this is so, is it any wonder that I have been moved to help forward this most needful work of our time? I think not.

The cry for help of the needy ones afflicted with this disease all over the country is very appalling, and demands the attention of all lovers of their fellows, and also the practical help of those who have means at their disposal, so that the tide of suffering may be stayed, and help afforded to those who are perishing in the way. Dr. Duncan, in a lecture given before the Philosophical Society of Glasgow, gives the number of deaths in Scotland from Consumption of the lungs to be upwards of 7,000 annually, and considering the chronic nature of the disease, and the large proportion of deaths from Consumption, registered under the names of bronchitis and inflammation of the lungs, etc., he affirms that there are in Scotland alone 70,000 persons continually suffering from tubercular diseases of the chest. We have received a large number of applications from all parts of the country asking us to admit

consumptive cases, and I would like briefly to give a few details of some of these, to show in a small measure the great need that exists for such work. The first case I will mention is that of a pointsman of the Glasgow & South-Western Railway, who has been off duty for over six months, suffering from Consumption, and writes in the hope that he can be admitted and cured. I should like to have been able to help this man, whose work it has been to watch for the safety of the lives of others, and who is now in danger of losing his own.

Special manner of giving help. The idea occurred to me that if the employees of the Glasgow & South-Western Railway would give 5s. each, and the directors and shareholders make up the balance, an hospital might be erected, to be called the Glasgow and South-Western Railway Hospital. This is a proposal that might be taken up, and I should like to see it done, and thus a haven of rest be provided for those who are caught by this fell disease in the discharge of their duty. The next case is that of a servant in Ayr, who left her place to nurse a brother who was ill with consumption, and who died after four months' close nursing on his sister's part. She went to another situation thereafter, but had to leave in two months, consumption having developed. Her mother is a poor widow who supports the family by going out washing. A younger sister is also ill with consumption, but is too far gone to hope for recovery. This young woman has only one lung affected, and there is a prospect of cure if taken in time.

A few cases of suffering ones. Another case is that of a young woman in Pollokshaws, whose father is dead, and her brother, who has been the chief support of the family, is seriously ill, and the only money coming in to keep the family of four is 14s. a week, earned by a sister. She finds she is not getting sufficient nourishment, and must sink under the disease if there is no help given. Another case is that of a young woman of 18, in Edinburgh, whose father and mother are both dead. She was in service, but had to leave owing to her illness, and has been staying since with her brother, a young lad, who finds it difficult to support his sister and himself out of his small wage. Another application is on behalf of a young woman belonging to Dundee, with one lung affected, whom doctor thinks might pull through with good care and treatment. Another is from a friend regarding a girl in Perth, ill with consumption and without friends to care for her. Another is from Fife from a young man of 23, who is stricken with this disease, and pleads for admission as his only hope of cure. Other applications have reached us from Stirling, Campbeltown, Paisley, Prestonpans, Dunfermline, Lochwinnoch, etc., and a large number from Glasgow. We give the above as samples of the many that are coming daily, and I pray that their pleading may be heard and answered by every one who is able to help, by means and prayer, in the saving of these valuable lives.

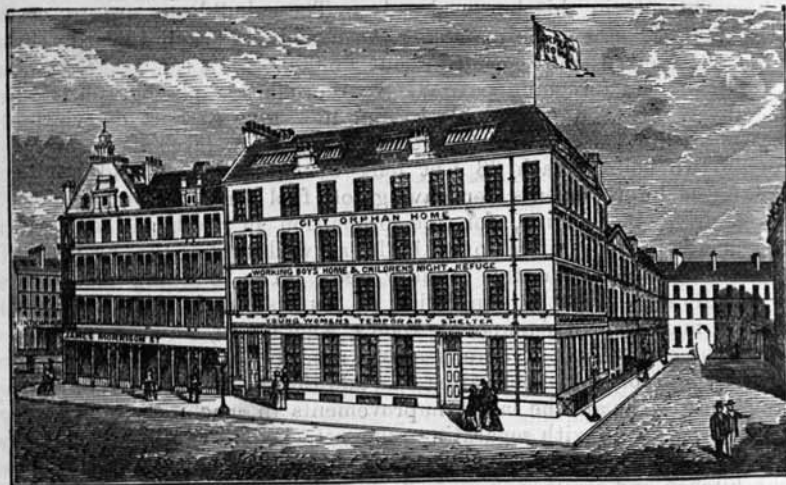
To open Hospital for these suffering ones, Funds still required. My own recent illness has led me into deeper sympathy with these suffering ones, and I would plead the more earnestly on their behalf. The above cases are only a few out of the hundreds who are crying in their great need for some one to take pity on them, and shall their cry be unheard still? We believe not, and are looking to the Lord for the needed means to complete the Executive Buildings in course of erection, and also to build more hospitals. The Secretary's house was finished towards the end of May, and on the 3rd of September, our Biennial Thanksgiving Day, (see Narrative page 51) the first

Consumptive Hospital, which is for females, was publicly opened, and, but for the lack of funds to complete the Executive Buildings, there would have been patients in this house already. These buildings are to cost about £8,500, £2,500 of this amount for machinery; and towards this sum we have received and expended about £6,000.

Description of Executive Buildings. On the foregoing page 87 we reproduce a photograph taken by my son of the block, and now give a short description of its varied departments. There is a large boiler-room, containing two boilers, each 28 feet long by 8 feet broad, and having all the latest improvements for saving of fuel and the making of steam to drive the engine, for the propulsion of fresh air, and the heating of all the Hospitals to be built, as well as for the propelling of all the machinery in the laundry, etc. The building also contains a full set of baths, consisting of Turkish and Russian baths, tepidarium, massage and shampooing rooms, where, also, wave, spray, and shower baths can be had. There is also a room for a hot-earth bath, and a large retiring room for resting after. In addition to these there is a large washing-house, with all the latest improvements in machinery, etc.; also a large ironing-room, with separating room attached. At the east side of the block, there are rooms for workers, consisting of large dining-room and parlour, kitchen and scullery on main floor, and upstairs thirteen bedrooms to be used by different workers. The picture of the block given is looking to Bridge of Weir and across to the railway. These buildings are really essential for the working of the first hospital already built, and they will also meet the needs in the way of washing, heating, steam power, etc., of all the other five houses that are contemplated to be erected.

The Practical Sympathy of the Lord's Stewards waited for. For the completion of the Executive Buildings alone we still require £2,000, and we had hoped that this amount had been forthcoming before this time. Are there not many of our helpers and others who have not yet given to this new department of work who could supply this much-needed sum? We are also looking to the Lord to send, through some of His children, £1,000 to build a lodge, £2,000 for a nurses' home, and £3,000 for a city dispensary, where cases applying for admission could be dealt with, advice given, and from which hundreds could be assisted in their own homes. £5,000 will build an hospital containing 25 bedrooms, and £7,000, one with accommodation for 35 patients. £13,000 in all are required to complete the scheme. Are there not many of the Lord's wealthy stewards who could give this entire sum? It would be a splendid investment to receive the hundredfold reward in time, and at last to hear the Master say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Those who have the money in their possession are just as responsible as we who labour to help our neighbours who are dying before our eyes and before their time. The widow's mite and the seamstresses' and servants' few shillings are all needed, and will be acknowledged by the Master in the proportion, "according to that a man hath." It may be said by some that they cannot do or give much, but that is no reason why they should not do what they can, for while the rich cast in much to the treasury of God in the days of our Saviour, He saw the poor widow's sacrifice in the gift of her two mites, and acknowledged the worth of them. We shall each one be measured by the ability and opportunities we have of working for His dear name's sake among the needy and perishing ones of our land.

CITY HOME REFUGE AND MISSION WORK.



In the short space at our disposal, we give some account of the work carried on in the City Home and Mission, represented by above sketch. In its capacity as

OFFICE AND RECEIVING HOME,

it occupies a very important position in the work. Applicants of whatever sort are seen here, necessary inquiries made, and all children admitted, cleaned, and, when necessary, clothed, prior to their being sent to Bridge-of-Weir. When the great variety of needs among the poor in a great city like Glasgow is thought of, it can well be seen how many will apply to a place where advice, and probably help, may be had at any hour of the day or night. The numbers shown in report as being received or temporarily assisted, do not by any means represent the cases dealt with, for many children cannot be helped because they have drunken, careless parents, who ought to provide for them, or from other causes too numerous to name; while of the adult applicants, many are of the chronic destitute, who, through various causes, will never by any human means be raised to lives of independence and self-support, and are therefore outside our sphere. The second department of work is the

CHILDREN'S NIGHT REFUGE,

which of late years has greatly diminished, no doubt owing to the efforts of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, our own efforts, and those of kindred Institutions. Any child under 14 who says he is homeless and destitute is received at any hour, inquiry is afterwards made, and he is kept, restored to relatives, or otherwise helped as thought best. Frequently ladies and gentlemen are appealed to on behalf of, or by children or others, and to save time or bother a little temporary help is given; and this, in many cases, only encourages imposition, and never does any permanent good. If such cases be sent to City Home with a note, they will be attended to and relieved at once, pending inquiries. In the case of virtuous young women, from 14 to 30 years, who may be without proper home, we take them into our

TRAINING HOME FOR YOUNG WOMEN,

where, after several months' training a situation is found, and they get an outfit of clothing to let them have a fresh start in life. Many of them have had poor upbringing, and know little about work or order, and some are found not capable of being trained for servants; but, on the whole, they do fairly well while under the restraint of the Home. Quite a proportion do well in service; but sometimes old associations cause them to get unsettled instead of remaining in one place until a good name may be fully established. The practical training of these young women dovetails into another branch of the work, the

WORKING BOYS' HOME;

for, but for their doing the cleaning, washing, cooking, etc., it would be necessary to have paid servants. The average number of lads has been fewer than during former years, being a little under 50. During the year 18 of the older ones have gone to lodgings, having an average wage of seventeen shillings per week. All have been well employed as seen by the substantial sum of £919 earned in wages. For the sake of those who may be ignorant of our plans, and who might know lads suitable for admission, we may say that we receive any homeless destitute boy from 14 to 18 years of age, and also have for learning or finishing their trade any from Bridge-of-Weir who are more suitable for this country than Canada, and whose relatives cannot take them in charge. We find them situations in the city according to their ability, and endeavour where possible to apprentice them to trades. Besides message boys, porters, etc., we have some thirteen trades represented by the lads at present in the Home. We supply them with board, lodgings, and clothing, and in return get all their wages, less one penny per shilling given back as good conduct money; while all over 10s. a week is put to their credit. When they have sufficient wages and choose to go into private lodgings, they get all clothes, etc., as if leaving their father's house, and those who are of saving habits have a few pounds to start with from the wages over 10s.

EVANGELISTIC AND MISSION WORK,

the last, but by no means the least, of the City Home branches of work. Meetings are held on Sunday at 10 for prayer, at 11 for young people, and at 7 for preaching the Gospel to all; while there is a fellowship meeting on Monday night, a Gospel meeting on Wednesday, and, during the winter months, a lime-light meeting for children on Friday. The boys and girls in the home attend two meetings on Sunday and the Wednesday night meeting, and several of the boys—those who profess to be Christians—attend the Sunday prayer meeting and the Monday night meeting. During the year there has been no special effort, such as a series of nightly meetings, but the ordinary work has gone steadily on not without encouragement. A band of voluntary workers go round the district with tracts, a weekly meeting is carried on in the Women's Lodging House, Russell Street, and every Sunday night the old, old story is sounded forth in the open air by word and song at the well-known thoroughfare, Saltmarket; while inside the hall the love of Christ to the lost and perishing has been faithfully proclaimed by clergymen and laymen of almost every branch of the Christian Church. Our missionary devotes a great part of his time in visiting the surrounding district, which, from various causes, is not a very hopeful one.

SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S WORK.

CITY ORPHAN HOME.—On 1st November, 1895, we had 48 boys and 26 girls in the Home, and these numbers have been augmented during the year by 262 boys and 184 girls, thus giving a total of 520 cases, disposed of as follows:—

BOYS.—227 were sent to the Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir; 18 went to lodgings; 1 died; 6 left, etc.; 4 were dismissed; 1 to another Institution; and 10 were returned to relatives in different places—leaving 43 in the Home.

GIRLS.—155 were sent to Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir; 11 were placed in service; 2 died; 4 were adopted; 7 left; 4 dismissed; 7 were returned to their relatives in different places—leaving 20 in the Home.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR.—The year commenced with 935 children; 382 new cases were received from City Home, giving a total of 1317 disposed of as follows:—Sent to Canada, 254; to service, 6; to sea, 2; sent to City Home, 7; to other institutions, 2; died, 11; left, 3; returned to friends now able to help them, 52; dismissed, 2;—leaving at present in the Homes, 978 (which, with 63 in City Home, and about 90 workers, makes a total of over 1100 mouths to feed daily).

Thus it will be seen that during the year we have helped 1,455 children and young people.

Besides this number admitted into the Homes, 648 homeless, friendless wanderers were provided with a night's shelter in the model lodging-houses, and in many cases with food. The difficulties in dealing with such a large number of applicants tax us and our fellow helpers to the utmost, but the grace given by our Heavenly Father, and the encouraging sympathy of our numerous givers enable us, though often cast down, to go on from day to day, in the work of rescuing the perishing and caring for the dying. Through the kindness of friends, 31 lines for Infirmary and Convalescent Homes were got for those in sickness or delicate health. It is not easy for poor people to secure these for themselves, and many demands are made on us, so that if friends who have such at their disposal, will send them to us, they will confer a favour, and we will see that they are given to proper persons.

Over 200 evangelistic meetings have been held in our own halls, and thousands of tracts have been distributed and many visits paid to the poor of the district by our missionary and voluntary workers.

OUTSIDE WORK.—The numbers who daily come to the City Home for advice and help are very great, and during the past year thousands were personally dealt with. Many of these were poor widows out of work and not able to pay their rent, while some were starving for lack of the bread that perisheth. Others were in trouble or difficulties of various kinds, and in every case we endeavoured to give the advice or temporary assistance required, and also used the opportunities thus afforded of pointing to Him who has promised to deliver those who call upon Him in the time of trouble.

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, and the City Home Refuge and Mission, including £919 15s. 3½d. earned by working boys, £13,961 18s. 1½d.; for Orphan Homes of Scotland Building Fund, £11,342 16s. 9d.; and for Consumptive Homes, £1,666 14s. 3½d.—the total amount for all purposes being £26,971 9s. 1½d., besides large quantities of clothing and provisions. This amount, large as it is, has all been needed for the increased work of

the year just closed; and we shall require more in the year to come if we are to rescue a larger number of the perishing little ones. This is our desire, and we are sure that those who know the need will sympathise with us in it, and do all in their power to help.

For the coming year for our large family of over 1100, the amount required for daily maintenance and emigration expenses will be about £15,000, or about £1,250 a month; but as new members are being constantly added, the needs are daily increasing. We are desirous of building more houses; £1,800 will build and furnish one Cottage to hold 30 children. We also require £2,500 for enlarging our beautiful church. £7,500 will build a Consumptive Hospital to hold 30 patients with separate bedroom accommodation for each, and we trust some of the Lord's children will supply one or more of these most needful buildings for this National work. Money will be needed for formation of roads, drains, etc., and we contemplate that from £28,000 to £30,000 will be required, for all purposes, during the year.

We hope to send to Canada in the coming year about 250 children. £10 pays for the passage and outfit of one child to Canada, and £10 keeps a child in the Homes for one year. For the large family now in the Homes, and for those who will be taken in during the year, we shall need thousands of shirts, pairs of stockings, dresses, petticoats, and other garments, and we believe our lady friends will esteem it a pleasure to help us thus to clothe the naked. We are always pleased to send shapes or patterns of articles of clothing useful for the children to friends desiring such, and are also glad to give any information that may be wished regarding sewing or other work.

Our needs are great, but the faithfulness of our God in the past, and the generous sympathy of His children, encourage us to go forward with more earnest desires to rescue the perishing; and in the assurance that the work is the Lord's, and He will not suffer us to lack any good thing, we once more "launch out into the deep," praising Him for what is past, and trusting Him for what is to come.

CONSECRATED MEN AND WOMEN TO ACT AS FATHERS AND MOTHERS

will be required, also teachers and other additional workers; and for the supply of this need also, we look to Him who has the hearts of all in His hands, praying that He may send us those who will be fitted in every way to train the children for this life and for that which is beyond. We do praise Him for the true yoke fellows in the various Homes, and all who share with us this blessed service for the great Master. For the work accomplished we are, under God, indebted to them and 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 for our little ones; to the accountant who audits the books; to the Press which has given 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, etc. In reviewing the past, so full of the goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father, we can truly say, "Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness." To Him be all the praise. 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."

In Memoriam.

THROUGHOUT the year many of our valued friends and tried helpers in the work, have been removed from their early labours here to the higher service above. We shall greatly miss their kindly sympathy and help, but our loss is their gain.

On the 2nd of November, Miss Margaret Edmond, of Banchory, passed away to her rest and reward. She was one of those quiet Christian women who ministered to the Lord's work under our care, one of those connecting links with Aberdeenshire which have oftentimes cheered me. We shall miss her practical sympathy, but she rests from her labours and is now in the Master's presence.

Miss Catherine Kerr, of Sardinia Terrace, one of our helpers in the early stages of the work, was called home in February. She was a devoted servant of the Master and was one of our first lady workers, giving her spare time to teach the girls in our first Girls' Home in Renfield Street, continuing to do so until we removed too far, but her fellowship in gifts continued and the savour of her influence is still felt.

Mr. Robert Blackie, of Great Western Terrace, entered into rest on the 2nd of April. He not only ministered to the work but also to our own needs. His fellowship was constant and a great cheer to me, and we do miss his practical sympathy and help. May the dear ones left behind be comforted by the God of all comfort.

On April 5th, the veteran evangelist and friend, Richard Weaver, passed away to the rest which remains for the people of God. The hundreds he was the means of bringing to Jesus, and who were gathered home before him, would rejoice to welcome their spiritual father in the presence of the Lord.

Mrs. Darling, of Edinburgh, was called home to be with her Lord and Saviour on the 7th of April. She was interested in all Christian work and took special interest in that under our care. The savour of her godly life influenced many, and I have no doubt but that those gathered home before her and others to follow will bless the Lord for the faithfulness of His servant.

On May 1st, Mr. David Bird was gathered home at the ripe old age of 81. Many times his help and fellowship in the work cheered us, and now that his earthly labours are over, we shall miss his brotherly sympathy in the gifts sent, but "we shall know each other better when the mists are rolled away."

On the 22nd of June Mrs. Charles Kidston, of Helensburgh, was called to the presence of the King and to meet her dear husband, who had so shortly gone before. She will be much missed in Helensburgh, where the poor and needy never failed to find in her a helper and succourer in time of need. She has, in her will, left £2,000 for the work here—half for the children and half for the consumptive work. We pray that the dear one associated with her in labours here, may be comforted by the thought that it is only a little while until they shall meet again, to serve the Lord without a cloud between.

Mrs. Elder, of Knock Castle, Largs, passed from the earthly service to the heavenly on the 5th of October. For many years she ministered to the work under our care, and her constant gifts were a stimulus and joy to us, and oftentimes we were led to praise our Heavenly Father on her behalf.

Mrs. Mackay, of Ilkley, late of Bradford; Mrs. Trotter, Edinburgh; Mrs. Wm. Matthewson, Dunfermline; Mrs. John Taylor, Kilmalcolm; Mr. Wm. Landells, Alloa; and Mrs. Hughes, Bangor, who have been gathered home during the year, were among our fellow-helpers, who, in their sphere of service for the Master sought to glorify and honour Him. We shall miss the kind, practical sympathy of these dear friends, but our loss is their gain. They were faithful to the Lord in their day and generation, and now they enjoy that eternal fellowship and rest, which all who labour for Him do enter into.

Among such a large circle of friends, we feel sure there are many others of whose departure we have not heard. Our prayer is, that all the relatives and friends may be comforted by Him who is "a very present help in trouble," and may they and we be followers of them who, through faith and patience, are now inheriting the promises.

CONCLUSION.

In closing the records of another year, there are many more things we should like to have spoken about, but in the space at our disposal we have tried to give some connected details of the daily life during the past year, in the hope that our helpers having time to read through the narrative, may catch some of the spirit of the work, and enjoy some of the blessing that we ourselves have enjoyed in the service of the Master among His little ones. In looking out upon the year that lies before us, we feel we shall need more of your prayers for us and more of your help, and we trust that the Lord will bless the fellowship of your gifts and our work to His glory. In the coming year, we shall need

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to help in carrying forward the blessed work. Men and women without family, who are desirous of work for God, would find such a sphere as would amply repay the labours of the most earnest and consecrated life. The man who is a mechanic of some sort would be valuable to us, such as joiner, painter, gardener, baker, plumber, etc. We shall also need **Consecrated Female Helpers**—some to act as dressmakers, some as teachers, some as mothers—for the new cottages; but especially nurses for the new Consumptive Hospital. We are anxious to meet women who will devote themselves to this department of work, although not tied to it entirely.

We shall be glad of the continued help of the kind friends who make clothing for our children, and of those dear ones, old and young, who knit for the bairns. As giving an idea of the value of such work, I may say that we need 4,000 pairs of stockings annually, from the tiny pair to fit the little baby of the family to the young men and women's size, so that there is a wide field for the labours of loving hearts and nimble fingers.

For the daily maintenance of our large family throughout the coming year, we shall need about £14,000, and for the emigration of the 250 children we hope to send to Canada, £2,500. Additional houses will be needed, also £2,500 for the enlargement of our Church, and for the completion of the Consumptive Hospitals and other buildings in connection with that department of work, £43,000 will be required. Some of the Lord's wealthy stewards might build one of the Hospitals, with 35 rooms, costing £7,000, others might give £1,000 for the lodge and gates, or £3,000 for the City Dispensary. The fellowship in gifts is very much appreciated by me, but how much more by the Father, who seeth in secret and shall reward openly.

We are longing for the time when every orphan child in Scotland who needs to seek the shelter of the poorhouse, can be dealt with in the National Group of Homes. With the help of Parish Councils throughout the land, in the matter, this might be accomplished, and pauperism be lessened to an even greater extent than has been accomplished hitherto by the work of the Homes.

We go forward stimulated by your kindness in the past, and, realising that your ministry is one of heart to heart, we feel sure our mutual labour will not be in vain in the Lord.

The gathering in of the hundreds of needy ones that we anticipate doing under the good hand of our God, and the helping of thousands of others

by advice, etc., is laid on the altar of the coming year, and we say from the heart, "where He doth lead, we'll follow."

We close the record of the year's work with the following lines:—

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

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 of Scotland, Glasgow and Bridge-of-Weir, 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 me, at Orphan Homes, Bridge-of-Weir. Cheques and Orders to be made payable to WILLIAM QUARRIER. If more convenient, donations can be left at City Home, 13 James Morrison Street, Glasgow, or paid into the Union Bank of Scotland, 32 Union Street. Donations in Money and Clothing may also be left at Mr. D. J. Findlay's, 255 Argyle Street. Clothing, provisions, etc., may also be sent to City Home, James Morrison Street; or, if post-card is sent from any part of the city, a messenger will call for parcels. Telegrams should be sent to City Home, James Morrison Street, as we have to pay on delivery of them at the Bridge-of-Weir Homes, they being two miles from the Post Office. We are now connected with the National Telephone Company, and telegrams sent to City Home will be communicated to us from there.

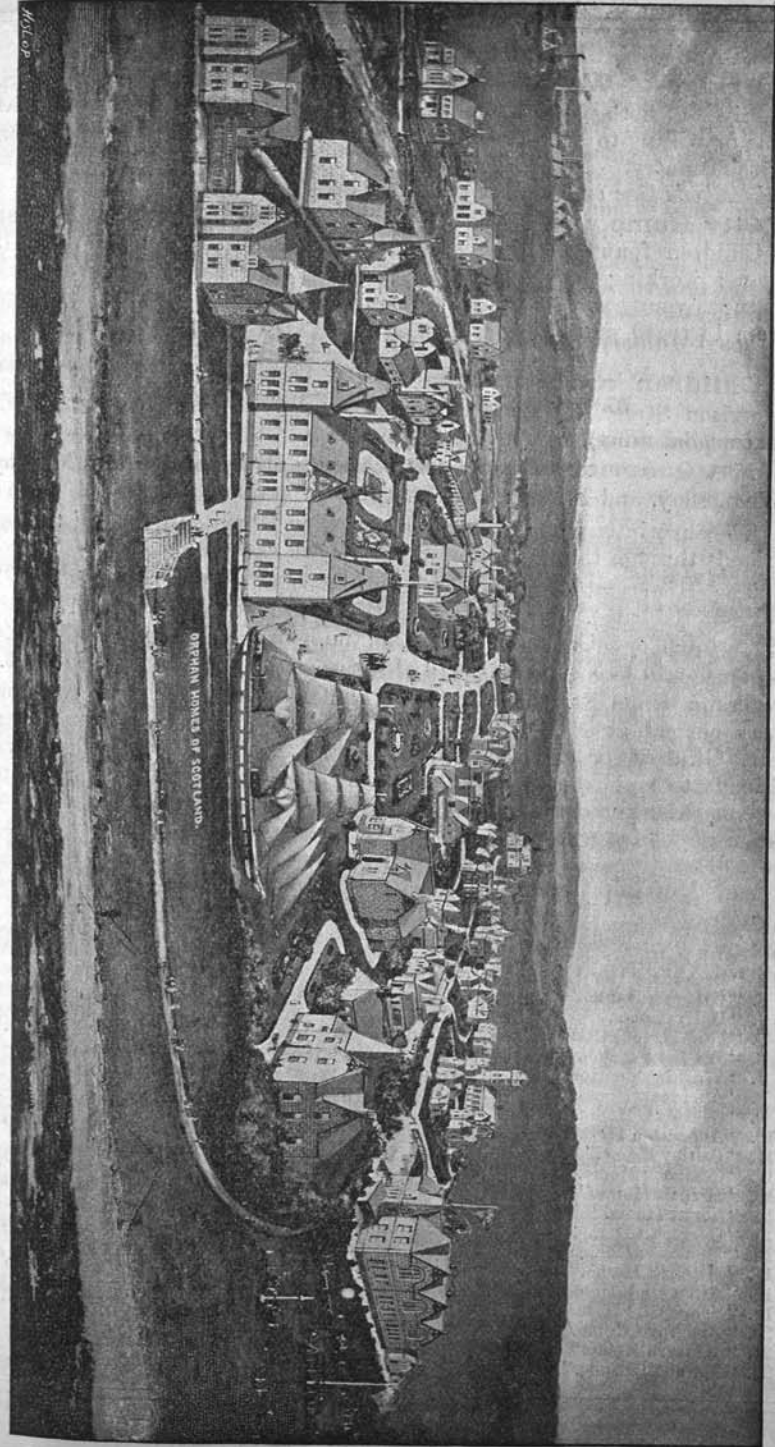
All donors, whose names and addresses we have, will receive the Annual Report, and others desiring one or more copies can have them forwarded by sending a post-card to City Home, James Morrison Street.

Friends 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—to the City Home Refuge and Mission Work—to the Orphan Homes' Building Fund, or the Consumptive Homes. 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 by initials every second Monday in the *North British Daily Mail*. Friends not seeing their Donations acknowledged in the fortnightly statements, will please communicate with me at once, in case the money has gone amissing.

WILLIAM QUARRIER.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND,
BRIDGE-OF-WEIR, 1st November, 1896.

Reproduced from a painting taken from the Railway side of the Homes, with the City in front. It does not do justice to the beauty of the place, but will give friends some idea of the "Children's City." The Consumptive Home Buildings are seen in the distance.



ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR, RENFREWSHIRE.
There are 52 Buildings connected with the work, which have cost with land about £200,000; more houses will be added as the money is sent.

CLASS OF CHILDREN ADMITTED INTO THE HOMES.

Bridge-of-Weir, Renfrewshire.—Orphan boys and girls deprived of both parents, children of widows, or others with no relative able or willing to keep them, from 1 to 14 years of age, from any part of the country. *Destitution is the title for admission, and there is no subscriber's line or voting paper required.*

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 30 years of age.

Children are admitted at the City Orphan Home, James Morrison Street, off London Street, from 3 to 5 o'Clock P.M. daily (except Saturday).

Mr. Quarrier can be seen at same place and hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; at other times by arrangement.

The superintendent or matron of the City Home will be glad to show friends through the house any day (Sabbath excepted).

The Homes at Bridge-of-Weir are also open for inspection daily (except Sabbath), and visitors to them will be shewn round by our Superintendent, Central Building, at the hours of 11 A.M., 1 and 3 P.M. From one to two hours is required to see the leading parts of interest.

Trains leave St. Enoch Station almost every hour. Conveyances may be had at Bridge-of-Weir Station by sending a post card to Mr. GARNER or Mr. CALDWELL, carriage hirers, who will convey friends to and from the Homes,* waiting an hour there, for 3s. for one or three persons, and 1s. for each additional passenger.

* The Homes are two miles from the Station.

THE ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND

Now comprise the following 52 Buildings:—

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| 1. "CENTRAL BUILDING," with Hall and School, etc. | 23. "Lincoln and Garfield Home." | 38. "James Wilson Home." |
| 2. "Broadfield Home." | 24. "Edinburgh Home." | 39. "Sabbath School Home." |
| 3. "Glasgow Home." | 25. "Oswald Invalid Home" (Bethesda), for Invalid (Incurable) Girls. | 40. "Renfrewshire Home." |
| 4. "Dalry Home." | 26. "Elim," for Invalid (Incurable) Boys. | 41. "Smith Memorial Home." |
| 5. "Dumbartonshire." | 27. "James Arthur," training ship on land. | 42. "Michael Rowan Home." |
| 6. "Ebenezer Home." | 28. "Ferguslie Offices," Laundry, Workshops, etc. | 43. "House for Teachers." |
| 7. "Washington Home." | 29. "Stores," Stable, Coach-house, Greenhouse, etc. | 44. "Springfield Seaside Home," Ardnadam. |
| 8. "Aberdeen Home." | 30. Church and Class Rooms. | 45. "City Orphan Home." |
| 9. "Greenock Home." | 31. "Gatehouse." | 46. "Canadian Distributing Home," Brockville, Ont. |
| 10. "Anderston Home." | 32. "Gardener's House and Poultry Farm." | 47. Farm Buildings. |
| 11. "Paisley Home." | 33. "Homelea." | 48. "Eben. Maclay Home." |
| 12. "Cessnock Home." | 34. New School Buildings. | 49. "Isolation Home." |
| 13. "Mizpah Home." | 35. "Jehovah-Jireh Home." | 50. "Killearn Home" (Building). |
| 14. "Leven Home." | 36. "Sagittarius Home." | 51. "Glenfarg Home" (Building). |
| 15. "Overtoun Home." | 37. "Ayr Home." | 52. "Macfarlane Home." (To Build.) |
| 16. "Montrose Home." | | |
| 17. "Mitchell Home." | | |
| 18. "Allan Dick Home." | | 53. First Consumptive Hospital for Scotland. |
| 19. "Somerville Home." | | 54. Secretary's House. |
| 20. "Ashgrove Home." | | 55. Executive Buildings. |
| 21. "Kintyre Home." | | |
| 22. "Marshall Home." | | |

"The hand of the diligent maketh rich."—Proverbs x. 4.

"What is that in thine hand?"—Exodus iv. 2.