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IN narrating the first year's labours in connection with the GLASGOW ORPHAN HOMES FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN, it may not be out of place to state here how I was led to the work. Thirty-five years ago, when a boy about eight years of age, I stood in the High Street of Glasgow, barefooted, bareheaded, cold, and hungry, having tasted no food for a day and a-half, and, as I gazed at each passer by, wondering why they did not help such as I, a thought passed through my mind that I would not do as they, when I would get the means to help others. Years passed on, and there were trials and vicissitudes which only those know whose circumstances have been similar.

At this time I had been at Sunday school, and heard about God, who dwelt above the clouds, and took care of the children. My wonder was that God, who was so good and kind, did not come down and help the widow and the fatherless; and as I sang that old hymn, "There is a happy land, far, far away," I wished that the land was here, and the happiness now. I had dreams and visions of the future which greatly cheered me, many of which have been fulfilled exactly as they were figured to the mind in these early stages of my life. That God spoke by His Spirit to my heart in these early days I have no doubt now, although I did not know His voice then.

I was early sent to work, for my mother being a widow, and other two children to support, it could not be expected that with her needle she could keep us without doing something for ourselves. My boyish days were spent in the company and association of the boys of the district. The shows at the foot of the Salt-market, especially the places where the low drama was exhibited, were a great attraction to us, and to many of my companions proved a snare which led them to ruin. That I was not also led in the same way, I owe it to God's overruling and preserving care.

After coming to the knowledge of the truth, my wonder was that the authorities should allow such exhibitions, where the young congregated, night after night, to hear and see sights on the stage and amongst themselves, which were altogether at variance with moral training. When I came to look on these things in the light of a future life, I had to fight the old habits and besetting sins, and through God's help I became more than

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conqueror through Him who loved me. Children must have amusement and recreation, and it is of the first importance that their enjoyments be sound in their moral tendency; and we rejoice in the efforts of the Foundry Boys' Society and other Institutions to meet their wants in this respect.

When about 17 years of age I commenced house-keeping in a very poor way, and about that time my mother and I were invited by a devoted Christian lady to go to church, and I there for the first time heard the great truth of the Gospel, that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Under the influence of the Spirit and teaching of the Word of God, I was led to accept of Christ as all my salvation.

Having felt the power of the new life, my desire was that my relatives and neighbours might be saved. Up till this time my mother did not know the Lord, and for six years there was constant prayer made, with strong faith that God could and would save her, and, to His glory and my great joy, these prayers were answered in her conversion to God. In her love for the Word of God, and her devoted attachment to His house, there was abundant manifestations that her conversion was real. It is nearly thirteen years since she passed away to join the white-robed throng who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. In my mother's saving change I was greatly strengthened in the faith that God is the hearer and answerer of prayer. Passages of Scripture took special hold of my mind, such as—"According to your faith, be it unto thee;" "As thou hast believed, so be it unto thee;" and that, specially, of Mark v. 19, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee."

As the preaching of the word had been to my own soul of great value, it occurred to my mind that this was the way in which Jesus would have me tell to others what great things He had done for me; but after consultation with a devoted Christian minister, I was led to see that there were other walks in life where Christ could be preached and honoured as well as in that of the ministry. Shortly after I commenced business on my own account, a friend who had assisted me said that I would require to give up certain religious matters in which I had taken an interest, as its duties would need my close attention till I had made a little. My answer was, that if business required me to give up my obligations to Christ, I would relinquish it, and remain as I was—a resolution which I have had no cause to regret since. Is it not a fact that many Christian business men are waiting for a fortune before they do work for Christ; and, if ever they realise their wish, then they find themselves unable to engage in the work? It is just as we honour the Lord with every talent which he entrusts to us, that the peace comes into our soul which the world cannot give nor take away. I may here state my conviction that until each member of

Christ's body realises its individual responsibility to Him, comparatively little spiritual progress will be made, and we long and pray for the time when the solitary places in Christians' hearts will be made glad and blossom as the rose in doing work for Christ. Dr. Guthrie's efforts in his Ragged Schools in Edinburgh greatly cheered me, and I longed for some one to take up such work in Glasgow. I read also at this time of Mr. Müller's Work for Orphans in Bristol, and prayed to God to give me means of my own to open an Orphan Home in Glasgow. This He has not given, but has shown me a more excellent way of accomplishing it, namely, of trusting in Him for the daily supplies which are needful for carrying on such a work. How we were led into it I will relate as briefly as possible.

Like Moses of old, I had a strong desire to go down to my brethren, the children of the streets, and endeavour to lead them from a life of misery and shame to one of usefulness and honour, but, like him also, was prevented for a time, first, by ill health, and second, by the fear of man. I say here, from the fear of man, for while my heart and motives were clear in the sight of God, I feared that man would attribute other motives to me, and there was a sense also of my own unfitness for doing the work, so as to bring honour to Christ. During these years I moved amongst them, observing their ways so as to ascertain what would be best suited to their case, and I often prayed that some one would be raised up fitted for the work, yet the words always came pressing upon me, "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard."

Returning home one night in Nov., 1864, I met a little fellow crying bitterly in Jamaica Street, because of some one who had deprived him of his stock-in-trade. I endeavoured to cheer him, and gave him the help he needed. I went home and wrote a letter, which appeared in the columns of the *Glasgow Herald* on 2nd December, pleading the necessity of organizing the street boys into a Shoeblack Brigade. A very few entertained the proposal, but the majority said it was impossible to succeed, as in Glasgow it was always wet, and people did not need their boots brushed, &c., &c. My reply to such was that the boys were there already and making a living, and all they wanted was organization and controlling. Among the friends who entertained the proposal was Provost Blackie, who gave his official assistance to the carrying out of the scheme, and to him I have ever since felt a warm and sincere attachment for his sympathy with the poor boys of the street. Since the formation of the Shoeblack Society, the boys have been able to pay all the expenses connected with management, &c. We believe Glasgow is the only place in Scotland where the movement has been carried on successfully without aid from without. By the means of the Society many boys have been assisted to a better life, and that more have not been helped we

attribute to the great liberty which the children of the street have to do as they like. I have always urged the necessity of universal organization of street children as the best means of preventing them from falling into crime. Our authorities have the matter under consideration, and I hope something will come out of it which will result in good to the children and to the community.

In working amongst the shoeblack and news boys and girls of the streets, I was led to see that something more was needed to be done so as to help them more effectually, and to bring more of the home and family influence to bear upon their life, and again I longed for the establishment of an Orphan Home in Glasgow. Who was to do it, and how it was to be done at this time, I did not know. Miss Macpherson's efforts in finding homes in Canada for children were brought under my notice, and I wrote to the papers recommending that such a work should be commenced in Glasgow, promising all the help I could for the carrying of it out.

Shortly afterwards Miss Macpherson came to Glasgow, and I was introduced, and had a lengthened conversation with her regarding all that the Lord had done through her and for her, and she urged that I would take up the work in our city, and promised to give all the aid she could. I felt much impressed with my interview with her. My objections to begin the work were that I had enough in hands in the various social and religious matters in which I had taken active part for some years past, besides business requiring my attention, and a large family to provide for, all of which objections were answered by her, "that God would help me;" besides, there were ladies (pointing to Misses White and Bryson, in whose house we were) and other friends who would be willing to give their help. I felt greatly encouraged by the words, "God would help me." I went home and committed the work to Him in prayer, and after three months waiting and considering, I came to the conclusion that if God wished me to enter on this work, I would take it as a sign from Him that if He sent from £1000 to £2000 for the building of a house, for the commencement of the scheme, I would go forward with it.

After committing the subject to God in prayer, I resolved to be guided by the answer He sent, and wrote a letter to the papers pleading the necessity of a Home for Orphan and Destitute Children, which appeared in the *Herald* and *Mail* of 1st September, 1871; and after anxiously waiting for light and guidance from above, I received a letter from a friend in London on the 13th of September, saying that to the extent of £2000 he would be responsible for the building, buying, or renting of a place for the purpose. When I read this letter I was entirely overcome by a sense of God's guidance, feeling assured that He would have me to go forward, notwithstanding my own unfitness for carrying it out.

I was made deeply sensible that the call was His, and that He would help to carry forward a work which was far dearer to Him

than it could ever be to me—to rescue helpless little ones, and to seek to bring them to Him. By this call I rose out of "the fear of man which bringeth a snare," (I repeat again, the fear of man) to the confidence and blessedness of the man who putteth his trust in the Lord. I learned from this answer to prayer, that if He sent this larger sum, He would also send the smaller for the carrying on of the work—a confidence which has been fully realised in all we have needed. "He hath done more than we have been able to ask or think, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

And now we enter upon a description of how the Lord has led us the last twelve months. The getting of a house for a Home was not an easy matter, as some made objection to letting their places for such a purpose. We looked at a workshop at 10 Renfrew Lane, but thought it too small for our object, but were driven back to think of it again and again from the difficulty of getting another, and at last fixed on it. That we were guided in this we believe also; for while the room was small, it was all the easier managed, and gave experience of the work which fitted us better for carrying it on in a larger place. The following extracts from No. 1 of our *Occasional Paper* describe the work at this time:—

The Home was commenced in a large room in Renfrew Lane, intended for a workshop—a kitchen partitioned off, and the bare brick walls brightened with Scripture texts, &c. On the 18th of November, the first boy, jacketless and shoeless, came in. We well remember his suspicious look as he inquired whether any more boys would sleep there that night, for, if not, he would rather go back to the "Brigade." Enticed by the genial warmth of the fire, stripped of his dripping rags, and comfortably clothed, he soon began to feel more at home. But Andrew had no love for solitude, and in a day or two gladly welcomed his first companion, Willie D., a poor orphan boy in a miserable state of rags and vermin. Willie's lodgings had often been on the hard, cold stair, and his features were already acquiring the hard, defiant look of early crime. Looking as he is now, bright and happy, though somewhat hasty still, we can hardly realise that it is the same boy whose fearful outbursts of passion, in those early days of our work, filled us with dismay.

Our third boy was Jimmy G., a little waif in our great city, fatherless and motherless, deserted by uncle and aunt at eight years of age; earning his living by selling matches, standing on his head for a halfpenny, and by other modes still more questionable. We well remember Jim's odd little figure, with his ragged clothes pinned around him, and the trusting smile with which he looked at us, and round on the gas-lit room, with hammocks ranged round the walls. Jim was brought to the Home by the matron of one of the Cooking Depots, the stair of which he had haunted. Indeed, with all his knocking about, the little fellow did not seem to have suffered from want of food.

One day in the beginning of December three boys came in together. One of them James S., had not slept in a bed for months before coming into the Home—lying down at nights near some furnace fires at the Blochairn Iron Works. Poor fellow, he was suffering, when taken in, from a very sore ankle, burned by a piece of hot iron, and we sometimes feared that when healed he would have to be placed at work outside, so violent and ungoverned were his fits of passion. We are very thankful to say there is now a very great improvement in this dear boy, and we have great hopes of his future.

In those early days we were often very much discouraged by our wayward

charge. Poor boys! they were entirely unused to the discipline of obedience, more particularly the obedience of love. Yet it is remarkable that of the whole number only two voluntarily left the shelter of the Home, preferring the wild, uncontrolled life of the streets. One of these poor boys is now in prison for theft, entered, as we fear, on a settled course of crime.

Coming for the first time under the influence of Christian love, many of the poor boys gladly heard the message of the great love of God in sending His Son to die for them, and it is our hope and prayer that the Lord will carry on His work among them, bringing them all to a saving faith in Jesus as their own Saviour. Through the winter the boys greatly enjoyed attending the Sabbath morning services of the Foundry Boys' Religious Society, in the City Hall, and they are now likely to attend meetings of a similar description at Govan. Many of the boys did not even know their letters when they came to the Home, and we feel very grateful to the ladies who have so kindly and regularly come to teach them during the winter, as well as to those who have aided us in sewing the children's clothes.

It was a great pleasure to the boys when the first little girl was brought into the Home, Sarah P., a poor frightened-looking child of six, who, all day long had been shut up in a room alone since her mother's death, three months before. We well remember the poor child standing at the photographer's, large tears rolling down her cheeks; but it is difficult to realise that the bright, merry little lassie she now is can be the same child. As the girls and little children increased in number, we found it needful to remove them to a separate Home, where they are under the kind motherly care of Mrs. Dunn, at present a happy little family.

One of them, Maggie T., was a little "Citizen seller," of ten years of age, shaggy and uncouth, but with a yearning to be loved and cared for that made her beg to be taken in weeks before we could do so. Now she is gradually losing her rough manner. Her eyes fill with tears when spoken to of the love of Jesus, and we are thankful to think she has been rescued from a street life, with all its temptations, whilst her heart is still soft and susceptible. There are two little sisters, Helen and Isabella M., whose story is a very touching one. Their father was killed some two years since when employed building the new College, and, strangely enough, their mother dropped down dead whilst cleaning one of the rooms of the same building a few weeks ago. The passionate grief of Helen (nine years old) when brought in was very sad to see, and she is still suffering in health from what she then passed through, though much comforted now by the presence of the little four years old Bella, and by feeling that she is again in a real home. One day she brought tears to the Matron's eyes by telling how the minister broke to her the news of her mother's death, saying, the Good Shepherd had taken her mother home to Himself; but if she loved Him He would take care of her. "And it has come true," Helen said, for He has brought us here." It is our hope that these two dear little girls may not be separated, but adopted by some kind Christian heart either in this country or Canada.

It is very sweet to be permitted in the name of Jesus to soothe the hearts so early clouded with sorrow. One of our dear boys had for three weeks after his mother's death wandered homeless in the streets, sleeping on stairs, till noticed at a mission meeting by a gentleman, crying with hunger, and kindly brought to the Home. Two others had been "dawsing," i.e., "sleeping out" among the egg boxes at the quay, when they heard of the Home and begged to be taken in. Two brothers and a sister were brought by a Bible-woman from High Street, so attenuated with starvation that we could hardly look at them without tears.

One day we asked a poor boy, who is only now beginning to lose the dreadful look that early want and sin had stamped on his features, why he never ran away from the Home, as he had done from his mother. He said, with an expressive look, "Because this place is guid." The boys and girls all know that their food and clothing are sent them by the Lord in answer to prayer, and that those who labour amongst them love them for Jesus' sake; and many

a simple prayer goes up from themselves to the Throne of Grace, in which their friends are never forgotten.

By the emigration feature of the work we are enabled to place these children in Christian homes in Canada, where they will be kindly cared for and watched over by Miss Macpherson and her helpers. By this means we hope to be enabled yearly to rescue a fresh set of boys and girls, whilst, without this providential outlet, we should be stocked up with the same set of children for four or five years, and unable to rescue more. And to those who object to emigration, as withdrawing labour from this country, we would say, "Come and see the children as we take them in, and you will perceive that not the labour market but the crime market is likely to be affected by our work of rescue." The £10 needful for keep while training, outfit, and passage money, has already been paid for five or six of our boys by kind friends, and we have faith to believe that the Lord will put it into the hearts of others of His people to send what is needed to convey those of our children whose training is sufficiently advanced to the good homes waiting to receive them on the other side of the Atlantic.

We may mention that £10 has been collected spontaneously for this purpose by a working man, and we hear he is beginning to gather enough to send out a little girl.

Meanwhile we are entering on the New Home at Cessnock House, where, away from the bustle and temptations of city life, and with plenty of ground both for work and play, the training of the boys will, we trust, progress much more favourably. But the need is pressing upon us; the work is widening; Bible-women and missionaries come daily pleading that we would take in more outcast children.

During the week which has elapsed since the removal to Cessnock House, seven boys have been received—three sets of brothers and the orphan boy of an Edinburgh coachman. Two of the little boys are Jimmie and Hughie, black-eyed, Gipsy-looking children, from the High Street, who had never heard of a God or a Saviour; and there are Andrew and Tommy S., the twin sons of a Christian widow, dying of cancer, whose one earthly wish is that her boys might be cared for when she is gone.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER.

That God is the answerer of prayer, we have had abundant evidence during the year. No serious illness has overtaken our family; and while at Renfrew Lane there was an awakening amongst the children, when some of them, we trust, were led to the Lord. One day all the clothes were used up, when a little boy came in, and we had no jacket to give him. We felt that we would get what would be suitable that day, and before it was closed two parcels of clothing came in, which were sufficient to meet his case and others who followed. This to some may seem a small matter, but to us it showed that God was guiding in sending us our needs just as we required them.

From the first we were anxious that every child that we were able to train and send to Canada should be provided for. Up till the beginning of June there had been 23 paid for, and at that time we mentioned that we were anxious to send out 35 children, and during the next two weeks there came in means to send five more, leaving still seven to be provided for, and there was just another fortnight to run. £70 was wanted to com-

plete the number we wished to send; but felt assured that God would provide. Special prayer was offered on Monday evening, in which the children joined, that God would send immediate help for this special purpose, and on Wednesday a gentleman called at my place of business, and asked "if I was Mr. Quarrier?" I answered, "Yes." "You take an interest in the Orphan Home for Destitute Children." I answered, "Yes." He said, "There is £50 to help you." When I asked, "Who gives this?" he said, "There are no names, just say that it is from two friends." When I received this I felt the near presence of God to us in our work in answering prayer for special objects; during the day following, there was sent in £10 from another unknown friend, and £5 from another friend, and £5 from another, thus meeting our wants at the time they were needed.

When we removed to Cessnock House I mentioned that we needed £200 for alterations, &c., and during three months there was sent in by a number of friends £100 for that purpose, and the alterations were just about finished, and the tradesmen's accounts to be paid, and I felt anxious about the other £100, which was still needed for this special object, when I received a note from a friend, saying, "Please call at your earliest convenience, as I wish to see you." I called at once, and, on entering his place of business, the first words he asked were, "How do you stand for Cessnock House?" I said that we wanted £100 of the £200 needed for alterations, when he wrote out a cheque for £100 and handed it to me, saying, "That will keep you easy." I looked at the cheque and then at my friend, doubting if it was real. He said, "You may wonder, but I will explain to you that a friend of mine has just died, leaving me a fortune, and this is the first of it, which I desire to give to Christ for the work in your hands." Thus it will be seen that God has answered our prayer in this matter also and by ways of which we knew not. May the recording of these facts lead the children of God to trust Him more unreservedly for particular and special blessings, as it has led us to feel that we are in His hands, and "He doeth what seemeth good to them that fear and trust in Him before the sons of men."

OUR FIRST EMIGRANT BAND.

Our first band of little emigrants sailed for Canada on board the St. David on Tuesday, the 2nd July, under the charge of Rev. E. J. Stobo, who kindly agreed to take my place, and Miss Bryson, who has from the first given herself to the work. There were 35 children from our own Home, 10 from Maryhill, and 19 from Edinburgh. There was a large number of friends to see them off—every one more eager than another to bid them "God speed." The arrangements made by the Messrs. Allan for the comfort of the children were very complete—a compartment being fitted up specially for themselves, and a portion of the deck set apart also.

We had much valuable assistance given us by Mrs. Birt, Miss Macpherson's sister.

The following extracts from No. 2, *Occasional Paper*, describe the work at this time:—

It was very hard to part from the dear boys and girls, towards whom our love has gone out so strongly during the last few months, whose very slippings and stumblings seem to have made them dearer to us; but we were cheered with the hope that the Lord has made some of them his own children, through faith in Jesus; and that He is leading them to Christian homes, where they will be cared for and loved for Jesus' sake.

On Sabbath, 23d of June, the boys and girls attended the meeting of the Foundry Boys in the City Hall. They much enjoyed the attendance of this meeting whilst the Home was in Renfrew Lane, and now the little emigrant band were among the 2000 children gathered there, for the last time. Much interest in them was expressed, and prayer offered on their behalf.

On their last Sabbath in Scotland the boys were present at the Foundry Boys' meeting at Govan, which they have attended since their removal to Cessnock House. By an interesting coincidence, the lesson of the day was the parting of Paul from the disciples of Tyre. (Acts xxi.) Touching allusion was made to the young emigrants amongst them for the last time; and, at the close of the service, the teachers and monitors left their seats and encircled the dear boys, whilst solemn prayer was offered on their behalf, committing them to the care of Israel's Shepherd.

We may mention that the workers of this meeting presented to each of the boys a little book, in token of interest. They had many little presents of a similar sort from various friends,—a reference Bible, a Pilgrim's Progress, a good pocket knife, a purse, &c. At the farewell meeting, held at Cessnock House the day before the children sailed, a good deal of interest and some amusement was caused by turning out on the table the contents of one of the boy's canvas bags. It contained, among other things, one cloth and two linen suits, four shirts, four pairs socks, box of collars, writing portfolio, Band of Hope pledge card, boots, &c. The shirts and stockings were made by ladies, who have all along shown much practical sympathy with the Home, both by sewing at Dorcas meetings, and by work done at home.

We had, during the last few days, many quiet seasons of prayer with the children—times in which we were very sensible that the Lord's Holy Spirit was amongst them, warming their young hearts with the love of Jesus, and, we trust, manifesting Him to some of them as their own loving Saviour. One dear little fellow of eight years, who, last November, was rescued from one of the lowest haunts in Glasgow, offered the simple little prayer, that "Jesus would make him one of His own boys." Next day he told us he dreamed that he saw Jesus, and that He told him to come to His bosom. And we believe our little Jim, though an erring child still, is indeed a lamb of the Saviour's fold.

His last expedition to the city was to present his likeness, paid for with his own saved pence, to the matron of one of the cooking depots, who first brought him to the Home, ragged and barefoot. The good woman did not at first know the nice, tidy little fellow, looking so gratefully up into her face. *There* she said, "Oh, Jimmy, is it you?" and tears of thankful joy filled her eyes.

EXTRACT FROM MR STOBO'S JOURNAL.

Written on Board the "St. David."

It is difficult to prevent things going astray on board ship, and some people allow things strange to them to stick to them, to others' loss and discomfort. To-morrow I mean to get the boys to pack our traps for our journey west. We expect to reach Quebec on Wednesday. We have just had to surrender our passage tickets, and a search has been made for stowaways. If we arrive

on Wednesday we shall have been on our passage exactly 14 days. I have had service to-day on deck, and found, as it has been throughout, that many gathered to join us, esteeming it a blessed privilege. Our dear boys the children of many prayers, have behaved remarkably well, considering the situation and the strong temptation there is on board ship to do out of the way things. Of course boys cannot be made girls, they will be boisterous and romping, and full of fun, and it's no use trying to coop them up in a corner to look apes mumping nuts to kill time. I repeat our boys have done well, and are a credit to the Home, and a great encouragement to persevere in rescuing others from our streets. May God stir up Christian hearts to labour in, and to give for this blessed work, this best of all missions, the saving of the orphan and the destitute. I have found captain, officers, and men most kind and attentive; in fact, they could not have been more so, and no one could desire to sail in a better managed ship than the good St David, under Captain Edward Scott. Long life and blessing to him, the dear man! Our laddies will never forget him, nor shall I forget the oft repeated kindness shown me. The St. Lawrence ahoy! We are now making sight of it—we have got past Bird Island, Byron Island, &c. and striking for Anticosti. God speed the ship. We have made 240 miles. On July 16 we made 245 miles, steaming in view of Gaspé district of Quebec, and at 7 P.M. we made Father Point, and took on board the pilots. I had to preside at the same hour over a grand concert on deck, which passed off well. I was spokesman for the company in addressing a vote of thanks to the captain and officers of the good ship St. David. Our own boys presented a written address in name of our company. I enclose a copy. July 18.—We expect to arrive to-day at noon, and to have steamed since yesterday about 240 miles. Pardon me not writing more at present, I have so many calls, and so much to do in view of landing. Praying that God may bless you and us in our work of mercy, I am, my dear brother, sincerely yours.

Extracts from Mr. Stobo's Journal describing Miss Macpherson's Distributing Homes, and the placing out of some of the children.

KNOWLTON HOME.

Knowlton is in the Province of Quebec, and in that district known by the name of the Eastern Townships. These were settled in 1812 by men from the States, who did not care about turning round on the old country.

They are decidedly British, and very loyal. It is a most delightfully picturesque district of country—the Scotland of Canada—having grand old mountains, sparkling lakes, and dashing, foaming rivers, and there is also the “wee burn” teeming with bonnie trout, which one may fish as he drives along in his buggy. It is a fine grazing country, and most of the farms are stock and dairy ones, the district being famed for its cattle, and for the making of the finest butter and cheese that is to be had in the American markets. Knowlton is situated at the head of a pretty little lake, and at the mouth of a beautiful Highland glen; it is a most lovely spot. It boasts two churches—an Episcopal and a Wesleyan Methodist—a Court-house, saw and grist mill, a temperance hotel, and several good stores. Brome Hall (Home for the distribution of the children over these townships) has a history of great interest. It was once a large thriving public house; now it is a home for the widow and orphan; the bar that used to be thronged by thirsty men is now used as a school-room, and the liquor press is made to contain Bibles and other precious books, and from where once was heard the foul oath, and it may be the low song, there is now heard the voice of a pure language, and the sweet songs of Zion. The sight of so great a change led me, as I looked on the happy, healthy countenances of the dear children gathered round me on God's own day to hear His word and to sing His praise, to wish, “Would that every bar-room were a Bethel, a house of mercy, a refuge for the orphan and the destitute!”

Here, for the time being at least, our children are away from the temptations of the bar-room. The Home in this place is thoroughly Canadian in its origin, maintenance, and superintendence. Miss Barbour takes charge, and is assisted by two earnest, amiable, and motherly Christian ladies doing the work day by day gratuitously and for Jesus' sake; and these three hold a place in the hearts of a great many more, who give them of their prayers and of their means, to carry on their work of feeding and training their young charge.

The Home has all the look of comfort, and the children seem very fond of the dear ladies who take an interest in them. It is the practice here to gather in on the Sabbath the children who are placed out near the Home, to have a common meal, to tell their little story of sorrow or of joy, and to have a Bible lesson, and this good practice fosters the family feeling, and binds the hearts of the children to the Home. The children here have as good homes as can be found anywhere in the Dominion of Canada. It was my happy privilege on my recent visit to meet a few of our children, and to learn from them that they were in really good homes, contented and very thankful to those who sent them over here. One of the boys is with a very decent Scotchman, quite near to the Home, who owns a very large farm, and is very well-to-do, and possessed of some thousands of dollars. This gentleman says that if John behaves he will make a man of him; also that “Bill,” as we used to call him, is a capital worker. This testimony I also had from a fellow-servant of the lad's, quite unsought, and in ignorance of my relation to him. Another of our boys is with an Episcopal clergyman in Bolton Centre, about ten miles distant from Knowlton, and a most lovely and fertile district. “Willie” is with this gentleman as a handy lad, and he hopes to make something of him. Another of the girls is in a situation quite near to the Home, and has a first-rate place. When I saw her, I scarcely knew her to be the same, so much changed was she in the short space of six weeks.

In this district we have twelve of our children—five boys and seven girls—all of them in good homes and doing well, none of them home-sick, all of them pleased with the country.

They speak well of their treatment and of their food, and are quite delighted with the idea of being counted members of the family. In this country the servant sits at the table with the family, and what a table!—say, breakfast.—There, on the nice, neatly-spread white cloth, is laid out a large dish of *mush*, fried bacon, boiled green corn, potatoes, bread, stewed and raw raspberries or cherries, cucumbers, tomatoes, honey, dough nuts, brandy snaps, and I know not what. Such a change for our poor street children! Here the little ones; and there is no mistake about it, have a chance for life; and we may hear the merciful Jesus say, as we look on the homeless, breadless, tattered children of our streets, in the light of the Canadian Christian Homes open for them, “It is not the will of your Father who is in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish.” And what true follower of Jesus Christ would?—when once it is made known that the small sum of from £11 to £12 provides an outfit, passage, and training for one of these little ones—carries him to a land where his street life will be forgotten, and will be never once named to pain him, but the little one valued for what he is, for what is in him, and treated in love for Jesus' sake.

In Scotland you feel these street children to be a growing pest and burden, and know not well how to utilise them for good. Here we need them as helps to clear the wilderness and till our cleared broad acres, and the Lord's dear children are willing to attempt training them to good habits, and anxiously to seek their eternal salvation. Who, in the great city of Glasgow, will go out to the streets to seek a lost little one, bringing him to the Home, saying “There is one I found—there is the money, and you have my prayers?”

BELLEVILLE HOME.

Bellville is beautifully situated on the Bay of Quinte, Lake Ontario, and over against an island called Prince Edward's County, to and from which there

is a steam ferry. Belleville is a prosperous rising town, well laid out. There is around the town a great many handsome villas, owned and occupied by well-to-do people. The Marchmont Home is one of these villas, and was purchased by Canadians after the destruction of the former Marchmont, and given over to Miss Macpherson for the children. It is a handsome plastered house, with good offices, trim grounds, and pleasant surroundings—a truly noble gift to the cause of the “orphan and the destitute.” Very soon after our arrival the children were provided with an excellent breakfast, to which they did ample justice after so much dry fare on the cars. Breakfast over, there was worship, when they were very suitably addressed by Professor Blair on the value of good character, the reward of hard work, and the grand future that was before them in Canada if they only behave. Work hard, and put faith in God. He told them how hard he had to work as a lad, and how he had risen to what he is, and how they might easily do the same. The friends who gathered in to greet us on our arrival were delighted with the singing of the Scotch bairns, and everybody was kind to us. The Professor came up that morning to the Home to see whether he could not get a nice little girl to be a companion to his own, and it was not long he had to wait before being able to drive away in his handsome buggy a “bonny wee Scotch lassie.” The demand for our children far exceeded the supply, and it was quite softening to hear ladies and gentlemen say, as they looked at our children, “Oh, what nice children—how healthy and good-looking! May we not have one, Miss Billborough?” But it could not be: they were bespoke. Miss Billborough, who has charge, is a very amiable Christian lady, who quite understands her work, and does it without fee and for Jesus’ sake. Marchmont, Belleville, is the distributing Home for Central Canada, and to it the settlers for 200 miles on either side—east, west, and north, look for children. I would speak at this point of what I saw afterwards of the country, the people, and the homes of the children around Belleville. I learned from our dear friend, Mr. Thom, that one of our girls had gained a notoriety for her simple faith in Jesus, and her knowledge of the Scriptures, and how that she had silenced a sceptic who was arguing in her master’s against revelation. Our children’s simple faith in God and intimate acquaintance with the Scriptures fits them to be of great use in this big country, where there is so much need of the Gospel of Christ, and we must acknowledge also that it fits them for making a right start in a life of well-doing, and holds out the promise of their coming into positions of worth in the course of a few years. It is to Belleville that we must look for adoptions. Here, two, three, and four year olds are in demand; elsewhere, helps are wanted. I saw some of the adoptions, and truly the sight was worth seeing. Here the little prattlers are sought after by the first families, and, to see them in their new homes, what a change! Why, no one would believe so great a change could take place in so short a time. I wish I could give you some idea of the improved looks, the genteel bearing, and the correct and mannerly talk of these little ones. No one, indeed, unless let into the secret, could know that ever these dear little ones knew anything else than refinement and luxury. Some in the old country may say this is really going too far, and those who are so foolhardy as to take the little waifs to make them their own will have to pay for their whistle, in the shape of deceit, want of gratitude, and unholiness. But to feed and clothe and educate a destitute little one is not a very costly pleasure; there are more costly ones that do not yield the same amount of abiding satisfaction. It is a positive good to one’s self, a gain to society, and a praise and a glory to Christ’s name to save these little ones. And those who undertake the care of the little ones on this side, as a rule, do it for Jesus’ sake, hearing Him say—“Take this child and nurse it for Me, and I will give thee wages.” I drove out from Belleville to see some of the homes of the dear children, and was much pleased with all I saw of the country, the people, and the homes of the children. Ottawa is a good field for our children if you thought fit to have a Home there for distributing them. At any rate, you may learn from my statement that you cannot send too many to this land of plenty. May God provide you with the

means to send out hundreds of your ragged, starving, miserable street children, that here they may find happy Christian homes, and grow up to be true and good. One thousand pounds would enable you to rescue 100 children before spring, and that number off Glasgow streets would make a very marked difference, and be a great Christian gain to all concerned. Go on, Sir, in this good work. There is room here for all you rescue, and with you in Glasgow there will be fond hearts generous enough to respond to your call for help to lift the fallen and bring in the outcast.

GALT HOME.

We made Galt at 8 P.M., and on our way we passed several very pretty thriving towns, among the number Dundas, which reminds one very much of Catrine, Ayrshire. On our arrival we found Mr. Merry waiting to conduct us to Blair Athole. The farm team took up the baggage and our girls, and the boys were made fall into line and marched through the town up to the Home. Our boys and girls were soon provided with a good supper at the farm, after which a good many nice ladies came up to see the bairns and to hear them sing, and after worship it was not long until they were bedded and fast asleep. Blair Athole is a farm of 99 acres, free from stumps, and the soil is a light sandy loam. It has on it a handsome ten-roomed stone house and good frame outhouses, and has been named the “Galt Home and Model Farm,” the design being to give the children some knowledge of domestic and farm work while they wait on a situation, or when they have to come to the Home through their first place not suiting them, or their not proving suitable for their place. On Sabbath morning we went to Knox Church, Rev. Mr. Smith’s. The population is over 4000, and the trade is lumber, flour, and woollen goods. The town is situated on both sides of the Grand River, and I am told that it takes its name from the brother of the Ayrshire novelist, who is said to have had some connection with the town. It is “awfu’ Scotch” in everything. I rested me in Galt till Wednesday, and had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of some very nice Scotch people—among the number a Dr. Kerr, a native of Paisley, who has a very good standing, and owns a very handsome house. He and his excellent lady take a deep interest in the Galt Home. I had the pleasure, between the Saturday and Monday, of seeing a goodly number of the children go off one by one to first-rate homes, some of them far distant from Galt.

From Galt I set out next morning for St. Catherine’s, in charge of six of our children, who were to be placed out at Fonthill, and had to say good-bye to the dear friends, Misses Reavell, Williamson, our own Miss Bryson, and Mr. Merry. Miss Bryson remained at Galt to assist Miss Reavell for a time in her onerous duties. St. Catherine’s is on the line to Suspension Bridge, and not far from the Niagara Falls. I meant to leave the children here, and to go on to the Falls, and then down country to meet and engagement, but was persuaded to push on to Fonthill with the children by dear Mrs. Merry and young Friend Atkins. I greatly enjoyed the nine-mile drive to Fonthill through this sweet, lovely fruit garden of Canada, so crowded with the apple, pear, peach, cherry, plum, and grape, and which grow here so large and luscious. I found Mr. Atkins to be a fine Christian gentleman, and a father to all the children who come from Galt to settle in these parts. After dinner at his house, the parties came in to take away the four boys and two girls I had brought on. On the Sabbath I preached at Fonthill and Welland in behalf of the Home, and created quite an interest, and had several applications for children—among them one from Sheriff Hobson, and also one from Registrar Devarardo while at Welland. I had one from a master miller, who came forward and shook hands, saying, “I am from Glasgow; could I no get a boy frae ye?” I saw all of the six in their homes in this district, and excellent ones they have. When I visited I saw two of the boys in the field, Smith and Hutton; with the latter I took tea. The other two, Grant and Muirhead, I saw pulling cherries, which are very abundant, and to look at Muirhead’s linen suit, you would have thought

him a printfield hand, so stained were his clothes with the fruit. The girls, M'Diarmid and Mitchell, were busy at household duties. All of them were contented and happy, and giving satisfaction. They get from three to four dollars a month and their board, and go to school four months in the year, and get to Sabbath school. The farmers in this district are all well to do, and very hospitable.

I made it a point to see some of our boys up west, and was able to see Macarthur at Appin, who is with a Mr. Ellis, and has a good home, and very happy. I went to Embro, a nice little town on the Thames, and in a fine district, and there saw the brothers Fairless, and little Tommy Euing. I arrived late in the evening, and had some difficulty in finding out the house of the family who have Tommy. I stood in doubt outside the door, but was soon certified that I was right by the sound of the little one's voice within; and what do you think he was saying?—only, "Papa, may I do this? You might allow me to do it." What a change in six weeks! A nice, well-to-do, and pious couple have adopted little Tommy, and he will soon know no other than these as his parents. During the evening, he brought out the album, and showed me his grandmother, grandfather, uncles and aunts, cousins and half-cousins, and his father and mother. I wished to know if he would go back to Glasgow, and he said, with great firmness, "No." During my stay in Canada I travelled up and down, backwards and forwards, all over the country, 3636 miles; and the Government deserve my warmest and best thanks for their great kindness in facilitating my movements, and helping me to discover that we are really doing the best thing for the children in bringing them to this country. Of this I have no doubt, after having seen and learned so much of the country—its capabilities and wants. Miss Macpherson's plan of distributing the children I judged good—viz., a fresh engagement at the close of each year, and a healthful superintendence throughout, leaving the children to look to the Home for their friends, and for comfort and counsel in sorrow and difficulty, also as a place to which they are welcome in sickness. I could not be in these parts and resist Niagara. I was one of a party of sixteen in a twelve-mile drive from Fonthill to see America's greatest sight, and as the company was good, the scenery on the road grand, and the day one of the brightest, you may guess how we did enjoy ourselves. We came on the Falls all of a sudden—the road making a good curve as you near the river. The sight at first was too much for me, and the noise made me quite stupid—the ground shaking under my feet and the spray flying overhead. I could only hold on by the river wall in front of the Museum and gaze in silent wonder at this mighty work of God. The unceasing rush and the tremendous roar of so great a body of water—the American fall having a width of 900 feet, with a drop of 164 feet, and that of the Canadian or Horse-shoe Fall, a width of 1900 feet, and a drop of 158 feet, is apt to recall the Bible story of God opening the windows of Heaven and breaking up the fountains of the deep to sweep away man who had corrupted himself on the earth. In gazing steadily at the Falls you are led to fancy that it is the same water you see going round and round as a large wheel. We ferried across the river, got a ride on a car up the incline on the American side, re-crossed by the Suspension Bridge, visited the fancy marts, the Museum, saw the buffaloes, the Indian squaws, and I know not what, and last of all the Burning Spring, and had a delightful time. Everybody should see the Falls. From Fonthill I went to Toronto to see the Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, treasury department, Ontario, Government House, to whom I had a letter of introduction, and had the happy privilege of finding him in his office. I spent a very pleasant forenoon with him, and had the very great honour of dining with him, the Hon. Peter Gow, and other two of the Government in the luncheon room. The Hon. Peter Gow has one of the home boys in his house at Guelph, and is highly pleased with him. I found all of these gentlemen interested in our work, and none more so than the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, who said the Government of Ontario look on it with very great favour, and were willing to aid Miss Macpherson in every reasonable way, and that he would use his influence to secure certain benefits for the Christian friends who give them

EXTRACTS FROM MISS BRYSON'S JOURNAL OF HER VISITS TO THE CHILDREN.

JIMMY GOW is with an elderly couple whose children have left the parental roof, and he is in a measure taking their place, and is to be brought up to his adopted father's trade of carriage making.

J. M'CALLUM has adopted himself, and talks of his father and mother as if they really were such, and thinks he has as much right to be petted and caressed as their younger daughter. His master is a farmer, as is also the gentleman with whom ANDREW ANDERSON is placed. He also is very happy and is much liked, "an only child."

WM. MUNRO, we found him with a widow and her grown up family on a farm. They liked him so much that they wished to adopt him, though much beyond the age for an ordinary adoption. What a change for him who had known nothing of human love before he entered the Home!

20th. Left Bellville and visited JAMES TURNER, whom I found with an elderly couple on a farm, whose children were all grown up and married. There seemed quite an attachment between James and his mistress, who, though very active, was blind and needing a good many little attentions which he seemed glad to render, calling her "grandmother."

FLORA SMITH, who is with a very nice family as nurse-maid or rather play-mate to a two-year-old baby. She was very happy looking. I went a few miles farther on and visited two of the Maryhill girls; all happy and in very good places.

Sept. 7th. Left Galt for Bellville, and on the 10th Mr. Leslie Thom took me a two days tour with the mission horse and buggy. We visited 16 children and among them 4 of our Scotch children.

ISABELLA MURRAY and JOHN DUNLOP were on one farm with a nice Irish Protestant family. John adopted and Isabella hired, but both equally at home and happy. A grown up son was busily employed in making a cart for John.

WM. YOUNG was with a young couple on a farm having no children of their own, and though he was hired he is treated as a son. He shewed his love for them by hiding himself, fearing we had come to remove him.

JIMMY DOUGLASS we found unexpectedly on a farm we called at, having been sent there a message. After tea, he confidently put his hand in mine and took me to see his master and mistress, whom he called "Donald and Mary," as he said, "because everybody ca's them that, and I dinna ken what else to ca' them." They were a nice young couple with no children, and they seemed quite satisfied with Jimmy, though fearing the responsibility of adopting him.

FRANK MUIRHEAD I found with a very nice couple, the master a Scotchman, and so acting as interpreter between his Canadian wife and Frank. There seemed to be mutual satisfaction on both sides, and they were evidently treating Frank like a son.

JAMES SMITH is also with a very nice family, who seemed not only pleased with but proud of him. He and Frank go to the same Sabbath School, and sometimes spend the remainder of the day at each other's homes. James is very happy, and his master said, "He's a smart boy, and picking up the farm work very quickly."

Leaving Fonthill, I went to visit JOHN WILLIAMSON, jun., he is very much improved in health and happy in appearance. He has very little to do but to attend in the post-office, and has abundance of time for improving himself in education, in which his master helps him.

Arriving at Brantford the same day I took stage for Barford, where I was picked up by the kindness of a gentleman, and taken four miles further to visit JAMES CAMPBELL and JOHN DEREY, who are on the same farm. The gentleman who drove me said, "They are on one of the best farms, and have one of the best masters in all Canada, if they only knew it"—a high recommendation coming from a disinterested person, and it was confirmed on my visit to them. I was very kindly received, and Mr. G. drove me next morning to see SAM BUCHANAN, who is on a farm about a mile off. He also is very comfortably placed, and looked very bright and happy.

DONATIONS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

The donations are entered here, with the initials of the donor, if known, and as they were received and acknowledged in the fortnightly statements in Tuesday's *Herald* and *Mail*. The full name of each donor, if known, is entered in the cash-book.

October:—A. A., Glasgow, £5; J. M., Glasgow, £1; a Friend, Glasgow, 10s; T. J. Glasgow, £10; a Friend, £5; M. B., Garnkirk, £1; B. E., Glasgow, a sincere sympathiser, £10; H. & D., £1; a Friend, £5; G. B., L., in postage stamps, 5s; from Irvine, £1; J. R. M., Glasgow, £5; M. B., Paisley, a suit of boys' clothes and boots, with the kind words, "May God bless and prosper you in your noble work;" from a Friend, Dunoon, £1; a Friend, Helensburgh, 2s 6d; W. G., Glasgow, £1; a Friend, Glasgow, £5; J. D., Glasgow, £1 1s; M. E., Glasgow, £1; from Four Children, in postage stamps, 5s 5d; from J. B. N., a parcel of clothes; from a little Boy's purse, 1s; a Joiner, Greenock, with kind words, £1; E. W., Helensburgh, £5; W. L. B., Glasgow, 10s; R. E., Glasgow, 10s; from a little Boy's bank, who has gone to heaven, 11s 9d; may it help to smooth the way for many a little wandering outcast.

November:—From a Citizen, Glasgow, 5s in postage stamps, with the kind words, "God is faithful, and never disappoints those who put their trust in Him;" W. G., Glasgow, £2; B., Glasgow, four dozen pairs of stockings; E. W., Glasgow, two parcels clothing; from D. G. L., Glasgow, 5s, and one parcel of clothing; A. S., Glasgow, £5; A. M. S., Glasgow, £5; from the Directors of the Foundry Boys' Society, three bedsteads and bedding, with other articles of furniture, with the hope that they may be useful as they have been in the past in helping destitute boys; J. R., Glasgow, £2; a Friend sends £1, as a fifth-part of what had been kindly sent him by the Lord, with the wish that we might "seek the conversion of the children to God," which we hold to be of paramount importance; C. W. W., Glasgow, 2s, with best wishes; D., Helensburgh, a parcel of clothing; Mrs A., Glasgow, £1; J. G., Hampstead, London, 6s, with "God prosper your noble work;" from a Widow, 10s; Mrs D., Glasgow, a parcel of clothing; D. J. R., Glasgow, £2; A. M., Lochwinnoch, £5, with kind wishes; from a little Girl, in stamps, 1s; J. K. M., £2, with encouraging words and promise of help; Y. Z., London, £10; a Friend, Glasgow, in stamps, 2s 6d; a Friend, Glasgow, 5s, with encouraging words; A. W. C., Glasgow, 5s; Mrs L., Bridge of Allan, a parcel of clothing, with kind words, "God will help you in your undertakings;" three Children, Hillhead, 5s; A. A., Glasgow, a parcel of clothing; three little Children, Glasgow, 5s 5d (it was a pleasant sight to see these three little children with their kindly offerings); M. A. T., Glasgow, in stamps, 5s; C. M'Q., Mull, 5s; a Friend, Lochwinnoch, £1; J. F., Glasgow, 10s; Mrs B. Glasgow, large parcel of clothing, boots, and two felt hats; Mrs M., Glasgow, £1; W. B., Paisley, £10; with kind words of encouragement; a parcel of clothing from E. C., Glasgow; from a Lady in Helensburgh, in stamps, 10s; W. T., £5; from a Friend, Glasgow, a parcel of tea, with the kind words, "Go forward, and God will prosper you in your good work;" T. C., Manchester, £10, to take a child to Canada; H. H. C., £1, with encouraging words; H. B., Glasgow, £2; A. H., Cathcart, £1 and parcel of clothes; W. L. C., Glasgow, £1, with kind words, and recommending to interest children in the work; L. H. W., Hillhead, £2; Mrs W., parcel of clothing and five hats; a Friend, Greenock, in stamps, 1s; M. S., Ayr, in stamps, 1s 7d; C. L., Glasgow, £1, with encouraging words; H. B. S., Glasgow, £3; Mrs W. A. R., Shawlands, large parcel of groceries; Mrs J. B., Glasgow, parcel of clothing; M. B., crockery; M. J., parcel of clothing; Mrs L., parcel of cravats; a young Servant Girl, 2s; Mrs L., 5s; a Servant

Girl, for worsted to knit socks, 4s; J. P. Darlington, £5; M. B., Glasgow, £1, with offers of help; A. C., Glasgow, £1; G. P., Glasgow, £1; from Young Friends of the Cause at Calderglen, 12s; J. C. W., bag of meal; E. S., Glasgow, £1 and parcel of clothes; from J. P., Glasgow, two webs of cloth for jackets for girls and boys, three pieces of cotton, buttons, thread, and £5; two Apprentice Lads, Glasgow, 10s; W. C., Glasgow, £1; with kind, encouraging words; a Friend, three bed mats; from T. J., Glasgow, American stove, large tea and coffee infuser, French bedstead, and a large quantity of crockery, with the encouraging words, "You will be sure to get all you need for this work;" from C., the bank money of a dear little Girl who has gone to heaven, 11s 9d, with the wish that it "may help those children who, amongst destitution and neglect, have been left to fight the battle of life;" from Five Children, 5s; from Jessie, Greenock, £1, with the prayer, "that God may bless and prosper you in all you do for these poor destitute children;" from a Widow, in postage stamps, by Artizan, 2s 6d; J. H., £2; S. G., to take a child to Canada, £10; from Friends in Largs, by C. M. A., parcel of clothing, two new felt hats, and 10s, with best wishes; from A., parcel of tea, soap, and worsted; Misses M., Paisley, £2; A. M'K., one pair socks and 2s; Mrs Hodge, £1; W. E., 10s; a Friend, 5s; S., 10s; from Miss A., large parcel of clothing for girls; from T., £1; a Servant Girl, Helensburgh, 2s; M. E., Glasgow, 10s; W. S. C., handkerchiefs and cravats; M. W. L., 10s, with the words, "Your work fills up a long-left gap in Christian work;" Three Children's sweetie money, 6s.

December:—From M. A., Uddingston, £1; money belonging to a little Child now in glory, with the words, "The joy of the Lord be your strength in this most important undertaking;" Mrs J. H., Helensburgh, 65½ yards wincey; Miss C., Glasgow, 10s; a Friend, canvas trousers; J. G., Ludbury, £3, with the words, "May a rich blessing rest on this labour of love;" Mrs D., parcel of clothing; R. B., Glasgow, £1, with good wishes and promises of future help; Mrs H., socks and bonnets; from the Mother of seven sons, Macclesfield, 10s; E. S. C., Kingston-on-Thames, £2, with the words, "I rejoice in this labour of love;" B. R. M., Glasgow, 10s, and parcel of clothes; H. S., Hamilton, £1; J., for six children, Glasgow, £1; Messrs H., £5, with encouraging words; R. H., £1; from two little Boys, R. E. C., and H. B. C., 10s; from Lady in West-end, parcel of clothing and boots; A. C., £1, part of surplus funds of G. and P. M. Soiree; per J. K., £1 10s; Mrs G., Hampstead, £1; Mrs B., Glasgow, 10s; a Working Man, in stamps, 1s; A. H. B., 4s; Mr R., £1; Mrs R., £1; from a Friend, £1, with best wishes and prayers for success; from a Friend, £1; Mrs M., Edinburgh, 10s; per M. S., Glasgow, £1 2s 6d; R. S., Lewes, £2 2s, with the hope it may be a blessing; a Friend, Glasgow, 10s, with an earnest wish that the work may prosper; six Children, 15s (2s 6d each), per R. W.; Miss R., Greenock, 10s; Mrs A., Glasgow, £1; A. H., Bridge-of-Allan, £1; from "Alva," Glasgow, parcel of clothing, with best wishes; Mrs S., £1, and parcel of clothing, with encouraging words; A., in stamps, 2s 6d; H. B. G., £10, to take a child to Canada; F. B., 5s; P. O. O., from Perth, £3; R. E. D., Row, £1; A. L., Glasgow, 5s; H., Edinburgh, 2s 3d; S. F., Perth, 5s; A. C., Perth, £1; A. B., Allanby, £1; Mrs R., Glasgow, £2; Mrs C., £1 1s; C. P., Port-Glasgow, 2s 6d, with best wishes; Mrs L., Glasgow, 2s 6d; Mrs M., Helensburgh, 3s; J. L., Glasgow, 2s 6d; from the banks of four Children, Uddingston, 5s, with the words, "To help the little orphans;" Messrs F., Glasgow, 10s; J. D. B., £2, with best wishes; J. D., Uddingston, £1; A. K. R., Glasgow, 5s; a Wellwisher, 14s; from four Boys and a Girl, 5s; from a Friend, parcel of clothing; H. M. W., £1; Mrs D., 5s; a Friend, 5s; a Friend, Bridge-of-Allan, 5s; J. C., Port-Glasgow, P. O. O., 6s 4d, the contents of collecting box in back shop; C., pictures and magazines; Mrs N., London Road, £1; J. K., £1; K. K., £1; Bible Class, per J. P., £1; A. J. K., Greenock, £1 1s; D. P., carpet balls, &c.; J. R., Newcastle-on-Tyne, £2 10s; Miss S., Carlisle, P. O. O., £1; Dr D., Dowanhill, 10s, with encouragement and promise of more help;

Mrs. C., wincey for shirts; two little Girls, M. and M. C., 2s; a Friend, 1s; S. M. T.'s (Settle, Yorkshire), class of Young Women, 38 pairs of knitted socks and stockings; Mrs M.F., Glasgow, provisions; a nursery gift from seven Children, 2s 6d each, 17s 6d; R. A., Muirkirk, 2s 6d, with the words, "God bless the noble mission;" A. G., Glasgow, seven shirts; Mrs. G., fruit; from a young Man, at business, a goose; Mrs. G., books and fruit; from a young Lady in Ireland, 15s., for worsted for cravats, and toys; Mrs. M., two bedcovers and clothing; poor Woman, Grassmarket, Edinburgh, seven glengaries; A., Glasgow, large parcel of "Band of Hope;" two little Boys, J. and J. K., 3s. 6d.; per Miss M., Edinburgh, £1 6s; H. H., £1; Misses G., Strathaven, £1; D. C., three dozen wood bricks; Mr R., parcel of clothing; underclothing from nurse; J. M., 10s; B. K., 5s; D., magazines, &c.; Mrs S., 5s; F. F., 5s; A. M.K., fowls and fruit.

January:—Z. Y. X., London, 10s; Mrs T., 5s; three little Boys' Glasgow, 1s; two Friends, £1; Mrs M., East Kilbride, 10s; Mrs F., Glasgow, 5s; D. P., crockery and clothes; a Friend, £3; Mrs A., £1; Mrs C., £1 1s and vegetables; W. P., Hawick, £5; J. M., Glasgow, 10s; Mrs G., parcel of clothes and buns; Mrs D., parcel of clothing; Miss L., Helensburgh, four pairs stockings; a Friend, per Mrs L., 5s; a Friend, Pollokshaws, in stamps, 5s, with best wishes; Miss G., Glasgow, clothing; S. C., £5; Mrs C., £1; J. P., in stamps, 6s; P., Helensburgh, £2, Eccl. xi. 6.; A. and C., Glasgow, £1 1s 7d; a little Girl, M. R. B., 5s; a Widow, £1, with best wishes; Mrs S., per Mrs M.F., 5s, from Committee of P.M. Soiree, per J. W., £1; M. M. A., Helensburgh, in postage stamps, 7s; Mrs M.F., six loaves and biscuits; Mrs C., £1; J. G., 5s; Mr F., 5s; Mrs M.D., £5, with encouraging words; a happy little Boy and his Mother, Dunfermline, in stamps, 10s; X. Y. Z., London, in stamps, 10s; H. L., Glasgow, £2, with promises of further help; Mrs G., parcel of clothing; A. A., per Mrs A., £1; A. R., a sincere wellwisher, Paisley, in stamps, 10s; J. C., Glasgow, £1; Mrs O., 10s, with best wishes for success; J. R. W., Dublin, P.O. order, £1; C., Glasgow, boys' clothing; Miss N., worsted; Mrs R., parcel of clothing, &c.; Mrs G., 10s; two Orphan Boys, J. and R. F., £1 2s; J. R. S., parcel of clothing, boots, and toys; seven Motherless Children, in stamps, 7s; a Friend, 1s; Mrs M.C., £1; a Friend, Paisley, 2s 6d; a Friend, parcel of clothing; A. and C., £2, with encouraging words; W. T., £2, with the words, "God speed you in your good work;" Mission School, £1; J. L., Leicester, 5s; Mrs H., Cathcart, £1; C. S., Dundee, 5s; Mrs. T., Hillhead, parcel of knitted stockings; J. R., Glasgow, £10, to take a child to Canada, with encouraging words, and strongly recommending us to call on friends who would cheerfully give; R. and Sons, £1; from a Baker, 10s for the Ragged Home; from a Well-wisher, £1; forty-two parcels of tea bread from Parliamentary Road U.P. Church School Soiree; W. H. Smith, Birmingham, 10s.

February:—R. & E. S., Blackburn, Lancashire, £2 2s, with the words, "May a blessing rest on your endeavours for good;" cravats from two young Women, Glasgow; Children's Church, South Woodside School, (monthly collection), per A. S. B., 6s 3d; W. F., 2s 6d; W. T. R., parcel of clothing, with encouraging words; J. N. R., Lisburn, £1; a Friend, Glasgow, 5s; with the words, "I trust the good Master will prosper the work in your hands and give a rich blessing;" two Friends, £1; from Irvine, £1—this is the second donation from this unknown friend; Captain S., Glasgow, 10s, with the words "God bless the work;" J. S., 5s; Mrs A., Helensburgh, £10, to take a child to Canada, with a promise of the same next year; Mr G., Hampstead, London, £5; a thank offering for mercies received, Miss J. A., Edinburgh, £1; Mrs B., Glasgow, 10s; Mrs C., Beith, £1, to help the good work; a Friend, Glasgow, 1s; J. G. S., lithographic work and stationery; Mr B., groceries; W. G., can of syrup; Mrs L., flannel shirts; R. B., Belfast, £1; D. W., Glasgow, £1; A. L., Kilmarnock, £1; a Friend, 2s; J. S., 10s; T. H., 2s 6d; T. S., 2s 6d; Mrs R. J., clothing and 2s 6d; a Friend of the Cause, Coatbridge, in postage stamps, 5s; from First Fruits,

Glasgow, in postage stamps, 4s; T. G. G., parcel of books and 5s; J. A. Helensburgh, £3; Y. D., Glasgow, £1, to assist in taking a child to Canada; D. J. P., for orphan girls, £2; Miss B., parcel of clothing, &c.; R. T. M., volume of "Children's Treasury" and 2s 6d; Mrs H., eight pairs knitted socks, two bedcovers, and parcel of new clothing; W. B., Paisley, box of pearlina and corn food, from pupils in Ladies' Seminary, gift of books, toys, &c.; a Friend, parcel of clothing; Mrs F., framed picture; Miss C., 1s; P. S., 6s; Mrs B., parcel of clothing; R. H., parcel of clothing; Mrs L., 5s; Mrs J. B., Hillhead, parcel of clothing, boots, &c.; four Children, Glasgow, 4s 6d; H. K. M., wall pictures; a Friend, Penrith, P.O.O., 10s; F. F., Glasgow, 5s; G. S., Ackworth, P.O.O., £1; D. E. F., parcel containing new clothing, socks, &c.; S. P., United States, £1; Mrs. F., per J. R., Glasgow, 5s; from Female Bible Class, per Mr A., 10s 6d; W. B., Paisley, £5 towards the £200 to furnish the new home; J. W., Glasgow, 5s; Mrs. J. M.D., £20—£10 towards the £200 to furnish the new Home, and £10 to take a child to Canada; A. M.C., Helensburgh, piece of wincey; Miss K., Glasgow, 5s; J. W., Kilcraggan, in postage stamps, 2s; a Friend, Kilmarnock, £1; a Friend, 2s 6d; a Friend, England, £1; Mrs L., Glasgow, cravats; a Wellwisher, box of clothes; M.K., fruit; Mrs F., 10s; a few Children, 3s and a parcel of clothing; a Friend, large parcel of pattern pieces; A. M. B., Kilmarnock, 14½ yards summer shirting.

March:—W. E., Glasgow, £3; E. B., Carlisle, £1; A. A. K., Glasgow, per Miss B., 5s; A. G., 10s; Miss L., £1; J. A. B., Paisley, £10, to take a child to Canada; J. C., Kilcraggan, 1s; Mrs M.C., 2s 6d; a Friend, £1; being part of 5 per cent. on a disputed claim now settled; Mrs E., socks, Young Women's Bible Class, socks; Miss A., clothes for girls; J. C. W., bag of meal (this is the second bag of meal from this friend); S. H., plaids; A. M.C., Helensburgh, £1; J. W., Glasgow, 5s; W. C., Paisley, £1; a Friend, Glasgow, in stamps, 10s; from a Friend, £15 10s (the money of three dear children now with Jesus); Mrs G., Largs, £1; E. W. R., 15s (the money of a little one now in heaven); a Friend, Bute, £2; S. M. N. and R., 10s; S. S., Southport, 10s; S. W., Carlisle, £1; Two Little Boys, Glasgow, 6d and parcel of clothing; from a Friend, large door mat; meat twice from Unknown Friend; C., Glasgow, 5s; Mrs B., parcel of clothing; Mrs N., parcel of clothing; from V. & Co., two boxes of felt hats; Mrs G., 5s; H. K., 2s 6d; Mrs B., one dozen linen bolster slips; A. W., 10s; R. H., £1; a Friend, Singapore, £1; a Friend, Glasgow, per Miss A., 5s; a Wellwisher, 5s; a Friend, £5 towards the £200 to furnish Cessnock House; Mrs D., Dover, one dozen shirts and 12 bags; Mrs N., Glasgow, £2 towards the £200 to furnish Cessnock House; J. B., £2 from Irvine £1 (this is the third donation from this unknown friend); J. W., Glasgow, 10s; Mrs and Miss W., Helensburgh, washing machine and mangle; J. W., Kilcraggan, in stamps, 1s; B., Glasgow, in stamps, 2s 6d; Captain L. Ilfracombe, £1; H., Glasgow, 5s; J. W., 5s; P. H., in stamps, 5s; Glasgow Ladies' College, per F. A. W., 7s; M. L., 2s and parcel of rice; Mrs P., Hillhead, parcel of boys' clothing; J. W., Mount Florida, 10s to aid in furnishing Cessnock House; H. S., Carlisle, P.O. order, 10s; Mrs M.A., Barbreck, Lochawe, £1; W., Glasgow, £2; a Friend, Hillhead, £1; a Friend, Douglas, Isle of Man, parcel of new clothing, &c.; Mrs A., Glasgow, parcel of boys' clothing; a Friend, Preston, parcel of boys' new clothing, consisting of 13 jackets, 15 pairs trousers, and 15 vests; W. B., Glasgow, 10s for Cessnock House; Mrs W., book and parcel of clothing—for Cessnock House, £2 (part of insurance money of a beloved son); a thank-offering, 5s; Mrs C., clothing; Mrs H., butcher-meat; Mrs S., £5 to purchase sewing machine.

April:—Miss R., Greenock, parcel of clothing; a friend, Glasgow, 10s; a Friend, parcel of flannel and grey cloth; Mrs C., 5s; Mrs P., 2s; J. W., 5s; J. M. S., £1; D. L., Pollokshaws, large quantity of crockery; G. N. S., Glasgow, £2; Mrs D. F., 5s; F. C., Edinburgh, 2s 6d; from C., Glasgow, 2s 6d; a Friend, £1; Miss H. C., six pairs knitted socks; Mrs C., £1; M.

B., 10s, Q., Ayr (in stamps), 2s 6d; A., Glasgow (in stamps), 5s; Mr W., 5s; Cathcart Street U.P. Sabbath School, 18s 1½d; Miss L., Helensburgh, 10s; J. S., Glasgow, 3s; collected by J. S. to send a boy to Canada, £10, for general purposes, £1 11s; S. K., Birmingham, £5; E. C., Carlisle, £1; Mrs S., Glasgow, parcel of clothing; a Friend, Paisley Road, basket of clothing; Miss J. M. and Miss S., Langham, parcel of knitted socks, petticoats, &c.; Mrs W., 2 nursery fenders and child's crib bed; J. D., in stamps, 10s; R. A. E., 4s; E. S., 5s; Four Little Children, Ibrox, 2s; Mrs F. W. J., Lanark, £5; J. G. S., 2s 6d, and a parcel of clothing, &c.; from Denholm Sabbath School, per A. B., 18s; from a Young Friend—Parcel of girls' clothing; from a Friend, parcel of clothing; from a Little Girl, London, £1; from a Little Boy, London, £1; from a Student of Divinity, London, £1; R. D., M. P. of G., £10; Mrs H., Jedburgh, £1; W. P., Glasgow, 15s; a Friend, Glasgow, £50 towards the £200 to furnish, &c., Cessnock Home; Mrs W., parcel of clothing; Mrs A. C., Rothesay, 10s; Kelvinside Free Church Sabbath School Association, 17s 9d; R. & Son, 10s 6d.

May:—A Joiner, Greenock, P.O. order, 10s; a Friend, Maryhill, £1; H. W., Glasgow, £10—£5 for girls and £5 for boys; Free St. Peter's Sabbath School, per Mr. J., £2 os 6d; Mrs A., £10 to take a child to Canada; Mr B., £1; T. C., Manchester, £10 to take an orphan to Canada (second contribution); R. J., parcel of blankets; Mrs E., washing machine; A. H., Ulverston, 10s; Mr R., Glasgow, 10s; First Fruits, 5s; a Friend, 2s 6d; a new kind of donation by a friend in Kilmarnock, a pig, reared specially for the Home; C., Glasgow, 2s 6d; A. S. P., £1; a Wellwisher, 7s 6d; H. C., 5s; Mr T. Norwich, £1 1s; J. M., Glasgow, 10s; Mrs F., parcel of clothing; Mrs B., parcel of clothing; Mrs A., £5, with best wishes for the boys and girls; Mrs W., £2; A. M. G., Wishaw, 5s in stamps; a Friend, Partick, £1; a Friend, parcel of small books; Sighthill Free Church Sabbath School, £1 2s ½d; Free St. Matthew's Forenoon Meeting, per J. T., £1 15s; Dr. D., Hillhead, 10s; a Friend, Glasgow, 5s; M., Hillhead, £1; M. G., £1; Mrs G. B. Helensburgh, parcel of druggot and cotton, and books; W. M., Stafford, 10s; Little Children, per Miss K., 2s 6d; Mrs S., clothing and boots; Mrs L., shirts and cravats; Mrs B., two parcels of boys' and girls' clothing; Mrs L., 2s 6d; Miss C., 2s; Mrs N. Partick, parcel of clothing; Mrs M., Stirling, 10s; H. C., Carlisle, £2; E. P. N., Edinburgh, £2; R. W., 2s 6d; A. D., quantity of new garden tools for Cessnock House; Y. Z., London, £100 for general purposes; a few Friends of the Cause, Glasgow, 11s 3d; Mrs K., parcel of clothing; a Friend, for Cessnock House, 5s; J. W., Mount Florida, 10s; a Friend, box of books; A. D., £1; J. W., 5s; Mrs M'F., piece of cloth for girls; Mrs G., parcel of clothing; J. T., £5; a Friend, £2; Mr T., £1; R. K., Hamilton, £1; Mrs T., Dunoon, £1 1s; Miss W., Glasgow, 5s 9d; J. D., 3s 6d; Mrs H., three dozen of handkerchiefs for children going to Canada; Mrs L. Parcel of clothes; Mrs J. T. W., parcels of clothing; Mrs B., Stirling, 5s; Mrs S., per Mrs M., 5s; Mrs F., Glasgow, £1; Mrs D., £1; G. S., parcel of vests cloth, &c.; R. L., £1; M. B., £5 to assist in taking a boy to Canada; A. W., £1; Mrs A., six pairs knitted socks; W. M., 10s; W. B., Paisley, £30 to take a boy and two girls to Canada; M. T., 5s; Mrs M., 2s 6d; Nicholson Street R.P. Sabbath School, 5s 7d; Mrs T., trousers; Mrs S., fruit; J. E. B., £2; A. M. W., Carlisle, 10s; C. D., Helensburgh, 15s; Miss J. M. Lanholm, £1.

June:—D. L., 5s; Mrs G., Uddingston, parcel of boys' clothing; Miss B., 10s; Bridgegate forenoon meeting of the young, £1 7s; Mr M'A., Singapore, per Mr H., £2; proceeds of walking sticks sold, Mrs M'D., Glasgow, £25 to take children to Canada; B. E., £10 to take a child to Canada; Mrs S., parcel of light clothing; A. M., Calderglen, £5 to assist in taking a child to Canada; R. P., 5s; H. & E. C., Aberdeen, £10 to take a boy to Canada; a Friend, 10s; Mrs A., two parcels of clothing; R. L., 10s; a Friend, Dunoon, 5s; a Friend, Glasgow, 2s; Old Scotch Independent Church Sabbath School, per W. R., 16s 1d; Mrs C., Perth, £1; E. D., Perth, 10s; P. S., 10s; collected

by E. R., Cockermouth, £5; Mrs A., Glasgow, £1; G. G., 5s; Miss D., Helensburgh, 10s; Glasgow Young Men's Society for Religious Improvement, half-yearly prayer meeting, central rooms collection, per J. B., £2 8s 8d; St. Vincent Street branch, 11s 6d; Mrs M. Stirling, parcel of clothing; Mr D., Glasgow, 10s; a few Friends, per A. D., 10s; a Friend, 2s 6d; Mrs A., per Mrs B., 5s; J. B., Paisley, £10; a Shop Girl, 5s; Miss M., 5s; Irvine, £1; two little Twin Brothers, 5s each; A. H. Cathcart, £1 and a parcel of clothing; a Friend, Regent Park, two bedsteads and grate and fender; two Friends, per Mr B., Govan, £50 to take five children to Canada; J. G. J., Crosshill, £10 to take a child to Canada; Walk Slow, 5s in postage stamps; from Hamilton, £5; Mrs M. F., £5; Friends, Edinburgh, £6 6s to assist in taking a girl to Canada; Glasgow Young Men's Society for Religious Improvement, morning meeting collections, per J. B., George Square branch, 15s 6d; Bankhead branch, 5s; Erskine branch, 7s 6d; Partick Free High Church branch, 6s 2d; Bridgeton branch, 3s; W. A., boys' clothing; a Friend, £2; J. T. Kendall, £5; P. S., Carlisle, £2 collected by a little girl; Northamptonshire, 10s 10d; from Teachers, 7s; J. F., 5s; Mrs A., 30 copies of "Pilgrim's Progress" for emigrant children; H. and H. M. W., Kilmay, £10; W. C., Castleford, boys' clothing; Mrs G., Strathaven, £2; Mrs W., clothes for girls, and Scottish Temperance League "Advisers," &c.; Miss M., Bibles, hymn books, and work-boxes for emigrant children; P. D., Stirling, package of tracts; workers of Foundry Boys' meeting, Govan, books for emigrant boys; Mr M., per Mr H., £2.

July:—Mr K., £1; Falkirk Working Boys' Sabbath Meeting, per W. L., £1 10s; C. A., Glasgow, £1; from F., £1; J. S., Edinburgh, £5 5s to assist in taking a boy to Canada; L. H. W., £10 to take a girl to Canada; G. S., £1; Mrs R. M., £2; Mrs W., parcel of clothes, &c.; Little George's pennies, Dunoon, for the last six weeks, 1s 9d; Mrs M'K., East Kilbride, 7s; two Children, C. A. M. and A. E. M., 3s 6d to help little ones to Canada; a Friend, 10s; C. and L., 5s 9d; H. T., 3s 10d; R. C., book for boy; W. B., Paisley, 20 copies "Pilgrim's Progress" and four Bibles; Glasgow Young Men's Society for Religious Improvement, Religious Institution Rooms branch, per J. B., £1 4s; the Fleming branch, 5s; J. B., Cumberland, £1; J. H., Greenock, 10s; Unknown Friend, in stamps, 5s; a Joiner, Greenock, 5s; J. M. A., Charlbury, Oxon, £1; Mrs C., trousers; Mrs M'L., treat of tea, &c., for children; collected by Miss B., £4 10s to assist in taking a child to Canada, and many small presents to the children before leaving for Canada; Mr H., from Mr R. H., £1; a Friend, parcel of clothes; a Wellwisher, £5; a Friend, 2s; Mrs G., parcel of clothes and 1s; a Friend, 10s; Mrs B., Dunoon, 3s; C. S., Gourrock, £1; W. B., Cirencester, £2; L. F., Newcastle-on-Tyne, 12s; Miss F., 5s; Mrs M'A., Govan, bread; Mrs J., fruit pies for Sabbath dinner; Mr M'N., £5; Mrs C., Irvine, £1; a Friend, per R. H., £1; Mrs L., Bridge of Allan, in stamps, 10s; from a Friend, parcel of clothes, with best wishes; a Friend, Greenock, in stamps, 2s; from a Lady of limited means, 10s.

August:—D. D., £1; Mrs G. G., per Mr T., £5; M. A. N., Helensburgh, parcel of clothes; from Irvine, £1 (this is the fifth donation from this unknown friend); R. & R., £1; J. W., Kilmarnock, £1; Mrs B., 10s; a Wellwisher, 5s; a Friend, 1s 6d; J. L., Bishop-Auckland, £10; H. R., Bristol, £5; A. P., Glasgow, £5—£3 for alterations and £2 for general expenses; a Friend, Dunoon, hats and cravats; a Wellwisher, in stamps, 1s; Two Friends, Stirling, in stamps, 10s; R. & Son, Glasgow, £1 os 6d; Mrs B., Dunoon, six yards cotton cloth; J. B., Glasgow, £5; a Warehouse Girl, 2s 6d; Mr R., 3s; Mrs M'K., East Kilbride, per Miss G., £1; Mrs M'P., parcel of girls' clothing; Mrs C., Bothwell, 10s; Mrs L., Glasgow, 2s; sent to Girls' Home, 93 Kenfield Street, by an Unknown Friend, 1 bag of meal, bag of flour, and bag of barley and peas; from a Friend, £100 for alterations at Cessnock House, being first fruits of a fortune inherited; Mrs B., Aberdeen, £1; J. M., 10s; Mrs H., six pairs knitted stocking, per Miss W.; J. W., 5s; Messrs N. & S., 10s 6d; Y. Z., Cove, a fine milk cow for Cessnock House, A. S., per Miss T., Hillhead, £1; J. T. D., £5; H. M. T. Settle, 10s; Mrs

October:—R. C., 10s and parcel of clothing; Mrs K., nursery wardrobe—this is a good and useful piece of furniture; W. L., Falkirk, £1; T. S., 10s; from a Friend, £10 to take a child to Canada; from Irvine, £1—this is the seventh donation from this unknown friend; from Mrs M., 10s; W. C., Normanton, 10s; H. F., per M. A. L., Yorkshire, £1; three months' pocket money from a few children, Cheshire, to help to keep a little orphan girl, £1 12s 6d; M. G., clothing; E. W., clothing; Glasgow Young Men's Society for Religious Improvement, Cambridge Street Branch, 6s; Naismith Branch, 5s 6d; S. C., preserves; A. Y. Parkhead, 10s 6d; Augustine Free Church Sabbath School, £1 10s; Monitor, parcel of clothing; J. F., large parcel of clothing, hats, &c.; from a Friend, parcel of clothing; R. H., £10 to take a child to Canada; M. M. and J. G., Paisley, per E. S., 8s 6d; A. C., £1; B. E., Glasgow, £10 to take a child to Canada; A. and C., £1 3s; J. W., 5s; Mrs M., £1; received to help to keep two little girls, per P. C., £14 6s 2d; from the children in Brodick Bay, per Mrs T., 5s; Miss M'C., £10 to take a boy to Canada; J. S., Helensburgh, £1; Miss M'K., Braemar, £10 to take a boy to Canada; A. F. F., 5s; with encouraging words; W. C., jun., Paisley, £1; collected from a few friends by A. C., £1 10s 2d; from an unknown friend, per J. W., Glasgow, 147 yards woollen shirting; from J. and W., Northampton, 17 pairs of boots; W. B., Ambleside, £5; E. and S. P., Darlington, £10 to take an orphan girl to Canada; R. D., Carlisle, £1; M. M., Manchester, 10s; a Working Man, 3s; D. R., 10s; Mrs P., Hillhead, parcel of clothing; H. B., Glasgow, £5; from C., 2s 6d; H. M. J., Hamilton, £1; J. W., Edinburgh, £1 for Street Boys' Lodging-house; Mrs P., parcel of clothing; D. M'D., per R. H., £5 towards the £100 for furnishing mission hall for Widows' Sewing Society, Street Boys' Lodging-house, &c.; Miss D., 10s 6d for do.; Mrs C., Bonhill, 1s; Miss M'C., Dollar, large parcel of clothing; P. S., Glasgow, 10s; R. A. B., £5 1s 8d—£3 for widows, and £2 1s 8d for Home; J. D., Hillhead, £1 for Widows' Sewing Society; J. M., 10s; J. M., Barnhill, £1; a thankoffering from W. P., £5; from Trinity Free Church Sabbath Schools, per A. M., £2 1s 11d; Miss A., £1; Mrs A., £1 12s; J. E. H., 10s; A. H., Cathcart, £1, and parcel of clothing, boots, &c.; from a Friend, Uddingston, parcel of clothing; from a Friend, a parcel of clothing and books.

Dr. *ABSTRACT of CASH TRANSACTIONS for the Year ending 31st October, 1872.* Cr.

To Donations received, - - - - -	£1399	15	3
" Sums received for Emigration Expenses of 28 Children from Edinburgh and Maryhill Homes, - - - - -	187	3	0
" Photographs and sundry articles sold, - - - - -	13	10	0½
" Wages earned by Boys, - - - - -	48	10	2½
" Interest from Bank, - - - - -	1	0	0

<i>D I S C H A R G E.</i>			
By General Expenses of the Homes at Renfield Street and Cessnock (Food, Clothing, &c.), - - - - -			
" Salaries, - - - - -	£394	12	0
" Furniture, &c., - - - - -	79	4	3½
" Buildings, Alterations, &c., at the two Homes, - - - - -	245	13	3½
" Emigration Expenses of Boys and Girls sent to Canada with Attendants, - - - - -	336	14	6
" Premium to Boys for work done, - - - - -	397	6	2
" Printing, Stationery, Photographs, Postages, &c., - - - - -	3	17	11½
" Balance of Funds, being sum in Bank at 31st October, 1872, - - - - -	88	1	9½
	104	8	6½

Notes.—This Balance is subject to the Rent due on 1st November, as among the Donations on other side is included £500 received from the Friend who promised £5000 for a Building, when required, and meanwhile allows this £500 as yearly interest to meet the Rent.

GLASGOW, 20th Nov., 1872.—I have audited the Books containing the intramissions of Mr. Quarrier in connection with the Orphan and Destitute Children's Emigration Homes, compared the relative Vouchers, and his various acknowledgments of Donations, &c., and hereby certify that the above is a true abstract thereof, that it is correctly stated and vouched, and closes at 31st October, 1872, with a Balance of One Hundred and Four Pounds Eight Shillings and Sixpence Halfpenny, in the City of Glasgow Bank.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

THE ORPHAN HOME MISSION.

Oct. 31, 1872.—To Sundry Donations received to date,	£	10	10	6
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	£	10	10	6

GLASGOW, 20th Nov., 1872.—I beg to certify that the Balance appearing in Cash Book, at credit of the recently organised Orphan Home Mission amounts, as stated above, to Ten Pounds Ten Shillings and Sixpence, at 31st October, 1872.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

Out of hundreds of letters of encouragement received during the year, the following are a few, which I desire to record as a sample, and to say how much I have been encouraged by these expressions of sympathy.

£10 for the Orphan and Destitute Children's Emigration Home, from a warm sympathiser.

This is the first anonymous donation. Its amount and the manner of its coming greatly encouraged me.

SIR,—Enclosed is my mite, 5s of postage stamps, for behoof of the destitute boys and girls whom you are caring for. I wish you every success in carrying out your laudable object regarding them, and yet it is scarcely necessary to offer you such a wish, for, from the fact of your decision not to call upon people for subscriptions, I think your trust is in the help of Him who is all powerful, and has all men's hearts in His hand; and with undeviating confidence in Him, your success is certain sooner or later.

SIR,—Seeing your letter in the newspapers concerning the Orphan and Destitute Children's Home, I feel it my duty as well as a privilege to do a little to help forward the good cause which you seem to have so much at heart, and which our Father in heaven will approve of. I enclose P.O. order for 20s.

SIR,—Our hearts are with the object, and we trust that you will accept our mite, though small, in God's name. One shilling in stamps.

DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly apply the inclosed £1 to assist in taking a child to Canada. My means are not large, but so far as in my power I shall assist you in your endeavours to rescue the orphans from what appears a hopeless existence. It was very refreshing to me to read your resolution to trust to the spontaneous offerings of Christian friends, and my hope and prayer is that in the future you may have no cause to regret doing so.

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed is order for 6s. 4½d., being contents of a collecting box in hairdresser's back shop. May this great and good work in which you are engaged go on and prosper until the Destitute Children's Home in Glasgow shall vie with those raised by that man who is "strong in faith," George Muller, of Bristol. May thousands of those poor little waifs and strays, on whom pauperism has blown her chilling breath, and to whom crime is beckoning with deadly hands, find a refuge from their woes in its friendly bosom. I would respectfully suggest how much might be done by littles in this great work. Little tin collecting boxes fixed to counters could easily be made earnest solicitors.

MY DEAR SIR,—God speed your large-hearted Christian and philanthropic efforts to raise up the poor and forgotten waifs of our city. These little immortal creatures, thrown, as it were, upon the dunghill, it is a God-like work to pick them up and set them in the way of becoming good citizens, and of filling the chief end of their being. I enclose you a small sum just as a proof of my appreciation of the noble work you so devotedly prosecute, which please accept for the Orphan and Destitute Children. You have my best wishes and prayers for success.

DEAR SIR,—Please accept £2 as a small donation towards furnishing Cessnock House. I would have liked if I could have come and assisted at the Dorcas Society, but I really have not time or indeed strength, for I have not been strong this spring. I trust that God will preserve you in health and strength for this important work in which you are engaged. I know no work more Christ-like than that of snatching these little wandering lambs from ruin, and bringing them to the fold of the Good Shepherd. I am sure you are not forgotten in the prayers of many who cannot actively engage in this good work.

DEAR SIR,—I enclose a cheque for £10 for your emigration fund. Enter it simply as from J. C. J. I fear all efforts to do good to destitute children and children of worthless parents will largely fail while they continue exposed to evil influences, and I cordially wish success to your plan of sending them out to Canada.

DEAR SIR,—I take a lively interest in the ragged and neglected weans you are gathering off the streets, and giving the chance of becoming happy and respectable in the world, and heirs, I trust, of a better. Having very unexpectedly received a benefit from a friend, I cheerfully enclose a £5 note, which I devote to your mission work. Acknowledge this as a thank-offering from W.P.

Will Mr QUARRIER kindly accept 5s as a small contribution to help on the great and good work which he has undertaken. "Go in this thy might, have not I sent thee?"

DEAR SIR,—This is the last week in my financial year, and I have been squaring up my home ledger. I keep therein a charity account in a small way, and the balance thereof, on the debtor side, amounts to £5 1s 8d. I now send you a cheque, to be applied in such proportions as you may think best, for the Boy's Home at Cessnock House and for your new scheme of finding work for poor widows. Allow me again to say that if I can be of any use to you professionally in any of your schemes, I am at your command. Allow me also to say that I wish you every prosperity and blessing in your labours of love.

In addition to these letters of sympathy, I have been much encouraged by the practical help of ladies who have given their time for teaching the children, and dorcas meetings, and other little matters, and also gentlemen for their assistance in medical, architectural, and other ways, by which the Home has been much benefited; and specially, I desire to mention here the valuable help of Miss White and Miss Bryson, who have from the first given themselves to the work. Their self-denying labours have greatly tended to the success of the Homes, and are an example to all ladies who have time at their disposal, and bear evidence to the fact that Christian women can do work for Christ without taking the veil, or the convent vow upon them. I would also mention the services rendered to the Home by Mr. Richard Hunter, who has been from the first of great assistance to me; and I desire to mention the services rendered to the cause of the orphan and the destitute by the Rev. E. J. Stobo, who took my place in charge of our first party of children across the Atlantic. His journal, descriptive of his tour in Canada in connection with the work, appeared in our local papers in four separate articles, and was read with great interest by thousands of the community. I would also acknowledge the valuable service rendered to the Homes by the Editors of the *Herald* and *Mail*, who kindly allowed a part of their columns for my fortnightly letters, acknowledging the donations sent in. Without this means many of the donors would not have known that their donations had reached me.

THE WORK OF THE YEAR.

The work of the year stands thus:—In November, 1871, the Home was opened for the reception of children; since then 93 have been received and accounted for in the following:—Thirty-five sent to Canada, who are now in good and happy homes, and doing well; one little girl has been adopted in this country; two boys have been sent to the Shoeblack Society, as being too old for the Home; two have returned to their friends; and one poor boy, whose mind was weak, was sent to the poorhouse; two boys ran off; one of these has been three times in Duke Street prison since. There are 50 in the Home at present. That we have been able to help so many destitute children we are truly grateful to God, who has put it into the hearts of His people to send of their means for the supply of our wants, in exact proportion as they were needed, day by day. No human planning could have brought about the results which the end of the year reveals. It is ever to be borne in mind the principle on which we commenced the work, which was, that no one would be called on for subscriptions, but that we would trust God to influence the hearts of his stewards to send of their substance for this work, which has been undertaken for love to Christ and the good of the children. It is worthy of notice, also, that every deserving case applying for admission was taken into the Home, and we believe God has sent the number we were able to manage, as well as the means to keep them. The work of the past year, though arduous, has been made comparatively light by the presence and sympathy of the Master, who has borne our burdens and carried our sorrows, and by the many hearts and hands who have given their help to the work. The amount of work which the Lord would have us to do in the coming year we cannot tell, but we are willing to be guided by Him, and to do what He bids us. The Homes at Cessnock and Renfield Street will accommodate about 100 children, but from the number applying for admission at present, we fear our accommodation will be too small before the winter is over. £1300 will be needed for the household expenses, and for the outfit and emigration of from 50 to 70 children, whom we expect to send to Canada in the summer. We have not the least doubt but that the Lord will send the means according as we need. A number of friends object to the emigration part of the work, saying that we need the labour of the children here, and why send them to Canada? This sentiment looks plausible, but in actual practice it utterly fails. It is not the labour market which is affected by the sending of these poor children to Canada, but the crime market and the pauper's roll; but we have no special desire to send children out of the country who could do as well at home, and the following plan for those who can be kept at home, I desire to submit.

COTTAGE HOMES FOR ORPHANS.

My early dreams and life's desire have been partly accomplished in the establishment of the Orphan Homes, but as there are a great many orphan children whom we have not been able to take up, and whom it is desirable to keep at home and train to useful occupations, I would like to see an Orphanage established near Glasgow on the cottage principle, to which children from any part of the country could be sent. By the cottage principle I mean a number of cottages built near each other, say ten, each capable of accommodating 20 to 30 children, with a father and mother at the head of each household; playground and other appliances attached to each cottage, with a schoolhouse in centre; also a central workshop; the father of each family to be able to teach a different trade, such as tailor, shoemaker, joiner, printer, baker, farmer, smith, &c.; the mother to do the cooking for each household, with assistance if needed. Boys from the tailor's household, wishing to learn shoemaking, could be sent to the shoemaker's workshop; or boys from the farmer's household, wishing to learn joiner work, could be sent to the joiner's workshop; and so on, interchanging according to the trade best suited to the boy. The children would meet all together at school and church, and on special occasions in the common playground, but at other times in their own playground. It is desirable to keep up the family and home feeling amongst the children, and we believe this cannot be done in large institutions where hundreds of children are ruled by the stringent uniformity necessary where large numbers are gathered together for years. Boys ready to go to trades in the city would require to be lodged and cared for, and a house for that purpose would be needed, where they could lodge until they were able to maintain themselves. A small farm near Glasgow would do for the purpose of building the cottage homes. The purchase of the land and the buildings necessary would cost from £10,000 to £20,000. If any of the Lord's stewards would give this sum for the purpose contemplated, I am sure that a better investment could not be made. Interest from the Bank of Heaven would come into the soul far more enduring than any earthly gain. For the maintenance of the Homes the Lord would provide as needed.

Work done for Christ suggests the need of doing more. There are one or two projects which have been before my mind for some time—1st, the establishment of a Widows' Help Society, where work would be given to them, such as they might be able for, and remuneration given for the work done, and by this means foster the desire for self help, which should be the motive principle of all true charity. When they would be gathered at their work, religious subjects could be brought before them by the friends, who would meet with them on these occasions, so that when they are working for the bread that perisheth, the bread of life might

be offered to them also ; 2nd, the establishment of a Street Boys' Lodging House or Night Refuge, where for a trifling sum they would be lodged for the night, and have wholesome and moral influence brought to bear on their wild and chequered life ; and 3rd, the establishment of a mission for abandoned women, thieves, and discharged criminals, where the Gospel would be preached to them, and help given where found practicable, according to the means placed at our disposal. For the accomplishment of these objects we have secured premises, the rent of which is provided for. It is a portion of the old church situated at the head of Dove Hill, bordering on Græme Street. It is in the centre of a locality which has much need of light being shed on its moral darkness. £100 will be needed for alterations, furniture, and fittings. A portion of this sum has been already sent in ; and we have no doubt that God will dispose the hearts of His people to send in what is wanting for this, as well as to carry on the mission work, and also for the helping of the orphan and destitute.

HOW WE GET THE CHILDREN.

We have been frequently asked how we get the children. We go out on the streets and invite those who are needy to come to the Home. We are known to most of the street children. Some come asking to get in, and others are brought by Bible women and missionaries. The conditions of admission are, that the children be destitute and healthy, and from 4 to 14 years of age—orphans have the preference. Orphans from any part of the country, recommended by friends, can be taken into the Homes, provided we have room. Children of widows come next, and last the children of dissolute parents who are willing to give them up. What sort of homes had the children before you took them? is another question asked. I reply, the Night Asylum, the Police Office, cold stairs, hay lofts, and barrels and boxes along the harbour. I will give a description of one out of many of the widows' houses which were visited. It is a room, in one of the lowest parts of the city, about 9 feet square, and filthy in the extreme. One shilling, we believe, would be the value of all it contained. In this small space a mother and four children resided; one of them was an imbecile, and distressing to look at. I said to the mother, "it is a wonder you can live in such a place as this." She replied with tears, that "this was na sae bad as when I kent her first, for then she had tae lie under the bed, with her bairns, in a neighbour's house, for fear of the inspector." I asked if she would like her children to pass through the same experience, and she said that she wished many a time that they were dead, and herself hid from the shame and misery which surrounded them.

This picture is no uncommon one, and it is to lessen the suffering of the little ones and to give comfort and help to the widows, that the love of Christ constrains us to labour in this work. Will the necessary funds for the carrying of it on be forthcoming? I

believe they will, but above all temporal things we need the strength and guidance of our Heavenly Father. We have strong sympathy with the poor and the outcast, and especially with the children, who are not to blame for the circumstances which surround them. What God has done for us we believe He is able and willing to do for them ; and hence we labour that "Christ may be formed in their hearts the hope of glory." The amount at the credit of the Home is not large, as will be seen from the balance sheet, but is sufficient for our present wants ; the future we must leave with God, to whom belongs the gold and the silver, and who holds the hearts of all, and can dispose them to act as seemeth to Him good. This work is a testimony to the fact that God rules amongst the children of men. Let no one say they can do nothing. God has given a talent to every one, and He expects every one to do his duty. The service which the Lord is pleased with "is to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free ; and that ye break every yoke. Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thine house ; when thou seest the naked that thou cover him, and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?"

"Brethren, pray for us, that the work of the Lord may prosper in our hands."

To prevent mistakes and delay, all letters relating to the Homes should be addressed to my private house, 15 Dalhousie Street, Glasgow. Cheques and orders to be made payable to WILLIAM QUARRIER. If more convenient, donations can be paid into the City of Glasgow Bank and branches. Clothing, provisions, &c., to be sent to either Boys' Home, Cessnock House, Govan Road, or to Girls' Home, 93 Renfield Street.

Some friends have been kind enough to mention the Homes in their wills, and others may do so. I have been requested to make out a form of bequest, which I respectfully submit :—

FORM OF BEQUEST TO THE ORPHAN HOMES.

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

WILLIAM QUARRIER.

15 DALHOUSIE STREET,
GLASGOW, 1st November, 1872.

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