

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

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FOR SEVENTH YEAR, ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1878,
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GIRLS' HOME,
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CANADIAN DISTRIBUTING HOME,
MARCHMONT, BELLEVILLE,
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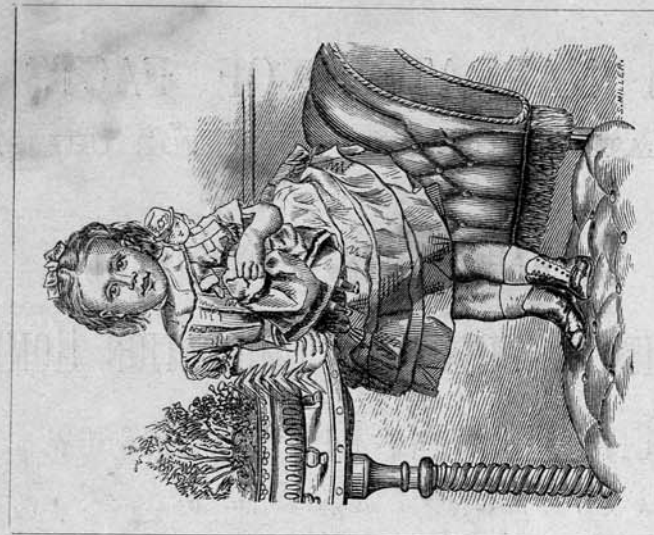
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PRICE THREEPENCE.



Jeanie L., as Received:
Homeless and Destitute.

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



Jeanie L., as sent to Canada.
I saw her this year there in a good home with nice people; so much grown that I hardly knew her at first, and she did not know me.

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CLASS OF CASES ADMITTED INTO THE HOMES.

ORPHAN COTTAGE HOMES.—Orphans destitute and healthy from one to twelve years of age, from any part of the country.

CESSNOCK AND NEWSTEAD EMIGRATION HOMES.—For orphans, children of widows, or others in danger of falling into crime; must be healthy and destitute; age from 4 to 14.

CITY HOME AND REFUGE.—Young women, destitute, from 14 to 25 years of age; and working boys who have no home, from 14 to 18 years.

NIGHT REFUGE.—Children found begging, sleeping out, or destitute taken in at any hour of the day or night from two years upwards.

The City Home, Cessnock and Newstead Homes, Govan Road, may be seen any day (Sabbath excepted).

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

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

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

1. CENTRAL BUILDING, for Schoolroom, Workshops, &c.
2. COTTAGE, named "Broadfield Home."
3. COTTAGE, named "Glasgow Home."
4. COTTAGE, named "Dalry Home."
5. FARM BUILDINGS (available when farmer's lease expires).

NOTE.—As steward we are grateful for all the help accorded in the past by friends throughout the country; but we believe there are thousands who have not yet helped who would be willing to give of their means if they knew the great need for the work as well as the good accomplished by it.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, AND DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S EMIGRATION HOMES. GLASGOW.

NARRATIVE OF FACTS. 1878.

DEAR FELLOW HELPERS,—In beginning at the close of another year to record a few facts regarding the past, I feel deeply impressed with the flight of time. It looks like one month, instead of twelve, since we addressed you in the last Annual Narrative. The words of Psalm cxxxvi. have been much on my heart for the past few days: "O, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever. To him who alone doeth great wonders, for his mercy endureth for ever."

In narrating the seventh year's work of the Homes, and the fourteenth amongst poor children, I realize that it has been an eventful year to ourselves, to Glasgow and the West of Scotland, and we might say to the world at large. We have this year had the great privilege of seeing the Canadian side of the work, and how efficiently it is conducted by Miss Bilbrough and her helpers, and of receiving from the Canadians such a kind reception, that we are desirous of seeing more of the people who are so good to the little ones for whom we are working. The visit has also added much to my own health and strength, as well as that of Mrs. Quarrier, for which we thank our Heavenly Father. We feel that had it not been for the good got by this change (although the work of visiting from place to place was as constant as that here) we could not have undergone the labour we have had since. Our visit has also increased our trust in God, for in our absence He has cared and provided for the work, as much as if we were present. It is a blessed thing, my dear fellow-helpers, to leave, even for a short time, everything with God, and to go out not knowing what shall befall us. It has also been an eventful year in the amount of work the Lord has permitted us to do. The number of children and young people helped has been much larger than in any previous year. Besides, in connection with the mission and evangelistic work, God has conferred blessing on the labours of His servants, which has filled our hearts with thanksgiving to Him. Again, it has been an eventful year in the opening of the Orphan Homes of Scotland, which we had long prayed and worked for. It has been an eventful year also in regard to the daily supplies for our large family. You will remember that at the close of last year the balance sheet showed a very small sum in hand for the keep of our family of about 200, but we are thankful to say that, as each day has come, the Lord has, in answer to prayer, provided for all our

wants. (To strangers who may read this narrative we would say that no one is called on for subscriptions, and no individual has promised to help us if we are straitened; but we simply commit the work to God, and do what He suggests for its furtherance, leaving Him to direct the hearts of His stewards, "to whom he hath entrusted his goods," that they may give as He directs them.)

We can truly say that during all the year we have lacked no good thing; and although we have had trials and difficulties which we cannot enumerate, yet we esteem it the greatest privilege which God could confer to be in any way useful in helping others, and advancing His kingdom upon the earth. We trust that our fellow-helpers who have given of their substance, their prayers, and their time, will realise that it has been a privilege to be instruments in contributing to the results of the year's work just closed. We ask one and all to join with us in thanking the Lord for all "His goodness," and "for His wonderful works to the children of men." It has been an eventful year also in the stagnation of trade and commercial depression, which has been felt throughout the country for some time past, and led us to fear somewhat at the commencement of the year. The most trying event of all has been the failure of the City of Glasgow Bank, by which many of the friends who were wont to contribute to the work, have lost their earthly substance. We sincerely sympathise with them, and pray that the Lord may open up ways to supply their earthly wants, and that He may help them to realise more fully the abiding character of His love, that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever;" nor will He forsake the soul that trusts in Him. The stoppage of the City Bank has put us very much about, as all the money for the building fund, as well as the little amount for general fund has been locked up, and we have had to disappoint many of the tradesmen whose instalments on the work done are due. Still we hope that some way may open by which we shall get the whole of the money (as it is all needed to pay off the accounts), or that the Lord will raise up others to give of their substance to discharge the obligations which we are under at present. Last, though not least, it has been an eventful year in the amount of money sent in, notwithstanding all the drawbacks visible to our mind during the year, teaching us that God is above all these things, and that what seems impossible for us to accomplish He can do.

God has most abundantly answered our prayers during the past year, in the blessing He has conferred on the work as a whole, as well as in the amount of money sent in for all purposes. We have had only three deaths this year in the large family under our care, and when we consider the weakened constitutions of many of the little ones brought to us, the wonder is that we have not had more, but the Lord has been kind in this also. New-Year's Day is always a day of rejoicing with the children, and this year it was no exception. We took breakfast with them in the City Home, and at two o'clock the children from the Govan

Road Homes joined us, when dinner was served to about 200; consisting of roast beef, turkey, potatoes, and plum pudding, to which ample justice was done. At four o'clock all adjourned to a large room up stairs, where two large trees were loaded with all manner of useful and pretty things, and from which each in the house got a prize off, affording to all great amusement. At six, tea and cakes were served in the hall. The young people did the singing and speaking of the evening, and the day was enjoyed by all. The special gifts sent for New-Year's treat were sufficient to meet all extra outlay, for which we thank the dear friends who share the burden of the work.

A treat was also given on February 14th to all the street boys and girls who made their living by selling papers, matches, singing, begging, &c. The invitation card was distributed by us through the streets, when about 500 responded. They were provided with a plentiful supply of tea and bread. Several friends spoke kindly to them. A magic lantern entertainment was given; a service of fruit at the close. The little waifs seemed to enjoy the meeting heartily. We hope to repeat the treat in the coming year, and to take them for a trip to the new Homes in the summer—(£20 will accomplish both). There was a resolution passed at this meeting to get laws enacted for the better supervision of street children, moved and seconded by two of themselves. A deputation of gentlemen waited on the Magistrates on March 4, and several of the street boys with them, when the resolution of the meeting was presented, and the Lord Provost and Magistrates promised to take the matter into consideration. Let us hope that something will come out of it, so that the dangers of street life may be lessened.

This year we resolved to go with the party to Canada. For fourteen years I had never been away for more than a week at a time, and that seldom, and to leave for two or three months a work which I had personally superintended so long was to me no small trial. Besides there were the new buildings to be got ready for opening, and £1,300 needed for completion of the central building. For twelve months we had been praying for this money, and expecting it by every post. Day after day passed and still the answer had not come. The architect suggested that we might stop the operations, but I had a strong impression that the Lord would send the balance of the money needed for the completion of the central building. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." Is it wonderful that we should feel a little depressed in this matter. "God is never behind his time," and in this case we have had ample evidence that He hears and answers prayer. Two days before sailing for Canada, a friend who has taken a great interest in the progress of the work asked me to call on him. I did so, when he said,—“For some time I have had a desire to build one of the cottages, but the Lord has been teaching me that my gift of £1,300 would be as acceptable to Him in the central building as in a separate house.” I said I felt the Lord had guided him. So now again in our extremity God has come to our

help through His servant, filling our mouths with thanksgiving to Him "who hath done all things well." Can you wonder, my dear fellow helpers, that we felt we could "go on our way rejoicing." Again, we needed £400 in a month's time, for emigration of our children to Canada, and we were anxious about this matter, because of the general depression around us, and the seeming difficulties of meeting daily wants up to this time. It is human for our faith to falter, but we are often rebuked, and this time we were shown that He abides "ever faithful, ever true," for all that we needed was sent in before the time of sailing.

In the early part of the year, day after day, the Lord's kindness was shown in the practical sympathy of His children, in the amounts sent, as well as the letters. About the 10th of November, two ladies sent £100, "to be applied as we thought best." On 13th, a Friend sent £50 for rent of Girls' Home, Govan Road; 14th, two Friends, £2; 19th, Mrs. B., £2, and so on. In December there were many gifts sent in, and, on the 24th, an unknown Friend sent a Christmas gift of £100, to be spent as we thought best. The supplies have been so constant that we always feel disappointed if post time passes and nothing comes. Day after day our needs for the keep of our family of 200, besides the other work, were supplied. About the middle of March we began to think about the number of children we should send to Canada, and we found, on looking over our cash book, that there had been 20 children paid for, or about £200 sent in for emigration, leaving 40 of the 60 we intended to send to be provided for, or £400, before the beginning of May. This was a serious matter to our minds this year, but looking back to what the Lord had done in previous years, we were led to trust Him for this time also.

Prayer makes the dark'ning cloud withdraw,
Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw,

and so it has been. During the year we have helped, in Cessnock and Newstead Homes, 151 children. (See some of the histories and foot notes under Canadian Work and City Home; also summary.) March 5th, £10 sent by W. C., to be applied as deemed best, with the words, "The blessing of the Lord which maketh rich be with you." March 7th, from Mrs. A., Dumbarton-shire, £10, for emigration; 8th, Mrs. D., £10; J. B., Paisley, £20; 23rd, C. H. A., Irvine, £10; From an old Lady, £40; M. £25; 27th, J. A. B., Paisley, £10; G. B., Aberdeen, £5; 30th, T. T., £20. April 1st, J. B., Dunoon, £20; 3rd, A. B. K., £10; 7th, J. B., £30; 10th, J. H. D., £5; 12th, J. B., Melrose, £10; Miss C., Isle of Wight, £10; J. B. K., £10; J. R. R., £10; S. T., Renton, £20; S. B., Dalry, £10; M. L., Coatbridge, £2; J. B., £10; W. H., £10; J. and A. B., Greenock, £5, and so on till the day of sailing, May 2nd, when the last two were paid for. Again, in a miraculous way, has the Lord provided for this part of the work, so that, as in the past, each child has been specially paid for, the amounts sent have just been what was needed, showing that the Lord knows our needs, and is able to supply.

DEPARTURE OF OUR SEVENTH BAND OF CHILDREN TO CANADA.

This year has been a special one in regard to the emigration part of our work. First, in the visit to Scotland of Miss Bilbrough, from the Canadian Home, when many friends in Glasgow, Aberdeen, Montrose, and Edinburgh had the pleasure of hearing the account of her eight years' work in placing out the children in homes in Canada; and second, the new relation in which the Canadian Home stands to the Glasgow Home. For eight years Miss Macpherson and Miss Bilbrough, have worked together in connection with the Marchmont Home, Belleville, but this year Miss Bilbrough has been requested to take the responsibility of it, and in the future it will be entirely for Scotch children. This arrangement having been entered into, it was necessary that I should go and see for myself, so as to be able to speak from personal experience to friends who were anxious to know what opinion I, as a business man, held regarding the Canadian side of our work. For seven years I have had a desire to go and see the land of which I have heard so much, but as each year came round the difficulties of going seemed to be greater. The increasing work, and the necessity of consolidating that on hand, was to me a sufficient reason for staying at home, especially as the Lord had raised up such efficient helpers to take my place. This year the difficulties were not any less than in the past, but owing to the change in the arrangement of the Canadian Home, I was led to go. The preparing of a party of children for Canada is a laborious work, and were it not for the superior advantages to the children, we would not undertake it. Our aim is to help them permanently, that they may become helps to others, so there is no labour we will not willingly undertake for the Master's sake.

On Sabbath, 28th April, special prayer was offered at Rev. J. Riddell's Church, Paisley Road (where the girls attended), for the little emigrants; and also at Rev. R. Howie's, Govan (where the boys attended).

The parting meeting on Wednesday, 1st May, was the largest we have ever had. The hall was completely filled, and we felt grateful to God for all the sympathy expressed on that occasion. Lord Provost Collins occupied the chair, and many of our leading ministers and citizens were present. The tea meeting in the evening, with the friends and relatives of the children, was also a large one. The kindness of friends was shown in the good wishes expressed, and in the presents sent for the children. The party of children sent to Canada this year consisted of 46 boys and 16 girls—in all, 62 from our Homes, 14 from Mrs. Blaikie's Home, Edinburgh, 1 from Musselburgh Home, and 2 from Maryhill Home, making a total of 79. Miss Bilbrough, Mrs. Quarrier, our second daughter, and myself, went in charge of the party.

CROSSING THE ATLANTIC AND JOURNEY IN CANADA.

Thursday, 2nd May.—After a short parting meeting at Cessnock, we got on board the s.s. *Phœnician*, at Mavis Bank. This year, as in the past, the Messrs. Allan did all in their power to make us comfortable on the voyage. A great number of people were assembled to bid us good-bye, and as the ship moved off they gave three ringing cheers for the outward bound. A number of friends accompanied us down the river, but they had to leave us at Greenock, as the ship sailed out that night. We had worship at eight o'clock, after which we got the children to bed, but we had some difficulty in getting them to sleep; everything was new, and they had so many questions to ask, such as, When will we see the whales and icebergs? Will it be long before we get to Canada? &c. On going round the berths later in the evening, I was amused to hear the children's remarks. One was saying—"We may dae without other men, but we canna dae without sailors—we could never get to Canada without them." We heard also many expressions of thankfulness for the kindness shown to them, and loving remarks regarding the friends at Cessnock and Newstead, and their comrades left at home. After we had fairly set out, O, how I longed to get home to see how things were getting on, and join, if I could, the ship afterwards! But this was impossible. *Friday, 3rd.*—We rose at 5 a.m.; found the ship off the coast of Ireland. Most of the children were asleep; one or two of them had been sick during the night. The wind kept increasing until it blew a gale, so that before breakfast most of them were more or less sick—ourselves included; there was nothing for it but to give in. The stewards were most attentive and kind to the little ones, thus easing our burden very much. Towards evening a number of the children were able to get up and eat a little. We were not able to have worship on Friday. Saturday I was able for work. Most of the children better, although very stormy weather. When the storm was raging, it was sweet to hear the children singing in their berths, "Only trust Him," "Safe in the arms of Jesus," &c., &c. Their young hearts seemed to realise that the Lord was able to keep them, notwithstanding the storm. Had worship with the children at eight o'clock; got them to bed; wind increasing; asked the captain if he thought we would have a stormy night. "Not much," he said; yet they were making everything fast, indicating there was some fear. *Sabbath Morning, 5th.*—Rose, but could hardly keep on foot with the rolling and tossing of the ship. Breakfast was served to the children under great difficulty; they had to hold on to the tables with the dishes in their hands. It was impossible to have worship, so I recommended the children to go to bed, as they would be more comfortable there, which most of them did. Towards the afternoon the wind got down a little, and enabled us to have dinner with more comfort. Had reading and singing with the children between decks in the afternoon. Such was our first Sabbath on board. *Monday, 6th.*—Was bright and beautiful—a steady breeze filling the sails; ship going much quicker; all the children on deck, where we had worship. The captain had swings fitted up, and other amusements set agoing for the children. *Tuesday, 7th.*—Weather good, but dull. Towards the afternoon the wind increased, indicating a coming storm. *Wednesday, 8th.*—Last night was the most stormy of all. Everything that was loose got pitched about. It was with great difficulty we could keep in our berths during the night. The sea was running very high, and breaking on the decks frequently. The little harmonium, which had been forgotten to be tied, was thrown to the other side by a sea that broke over the ship, and made her shake from

stem to stern. The water came through one of the hatchways, and men had to turn out to get it dried up, and everything made tight. Some of them remarked that the harmonium was done for, but it still squeaks. The mainboom broke in two by the violence of the storm. On going to the children in the morning, they said they never had got such tossing. It was very amusing to hear their various comments on the storm. Some of them were a little sick again. Rain came on, and all were kept between decks during the day. Thursday was a clear and beautiful day, and all seemed to have forgotten the storms of the past in the enjoyments of the present. We had this evening all sorts of games, to the delight of crew and passengers, as well as the children. We enjoyed the sports as much as any. Friday and Saturday were spent in much the same way. *Sabbath, 12th.*—Had service between decks at 10.30 a.m. for children; most of the passengers, and several of the crew attended. A collection was made at the close for the National Lifeboat Institution. An evangelistic service was held in the evening, at which the passengers and crew were again present. A collection was made for Sailors' Orphan Children's Home at Liverpool. Monday we were on deck most of the day. *Tuesday, 14th.*—In the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The scenery on the St. Lawrence reminds us of the Firth of Clyde along the Ayrshire coast—Cumbrae, Arran, &c.—although the hills are not quite so high. The children were much delighted to-day by seeing several whales sporting about. The crew are making everything on board ship look nice for landing. We feel we must not be behind, so have set to getting the boots brushed, scarfs washed, &c. It was quite a sight to see all our colours flying; it reminded us of washing-day on board a man-of-war ship. Pilot came on board at Father Point at half past seven. As this was the first fresh face we had seen since we had left our own shore, all were delighted to welcome him with three cheers, and the children sang "Hold the Fort." *Wednesday Morning, 15th.*—All is bustle and stir preparing for landing. The scenery from Father Point to Quebec is very fine, and in the bright sunshine of the beautiful morning it really looks enchanting. The clear atmosphere seems to give pointedness to every object around. We arrived at Quebec about one o'clock. Mr. Roberts (formerly superintendent at Cessnock), but who now takes charge of visiting the children for Miss Bilbrough at the Belleville Home) was waiting for us on the landing. A number of the boys who knew him called out, "There's Mr. Roberts," and cheered to welcome him. Got all safely landed, drew up in front of the ship, sang a parting hymn, and gave three hearty cheers for Captain Scott, officers, and crew of the good ship *Phœnician*. Mr. Ralston (chief steward) and his assistants were most attentive to the children, and we feel much indebted to them for their kindness. Captain Scott and officers could not have done more for us, and the arrangements made by the Messrs. Allan for our comfort on board ship were everything that could be desired. There was no train for Belleville till half-past nine p.m., so our children had several hours to play and look about. A plentiful tea was provided by the Government officials, which the children enjoyed heartily. We got on board the train about 9 p.m. Through the kindness of Mr. Rae, we had two first-class cars set apart for our party. We reached Montreal about half-past 6 a.m. on Thursday, and were met by one of the Government officials, and provided at one of the hotels with a hearty breakfast of tea, bread and butter, Irish stew, &c. The train left Montreal at half-past 9 a.m. Travelling through a very picturesque country, we reached Belleville about half-past 6 p.m., having travelled the journey of about 450 miles very pleasantly. Miss Anna Bilbrough,

with other friends, met us at the station and gave us a hearty welcome. Conveyances were provided to take our younger children to "Marchmont," which is about a mile and a-half from the station. The older boys and girls walked. The children got washed, had a good tea, after which they went to bed and slept soundly. During the journey from Quebec to Belleville we had many inquiries made regarding the children, where they came from, and where they were going—the open cars allowing passengers to travel backwards and forwards, of which full advantage was taken. The Canadians seemed to be delighted with the appearance of our children, and their singing pleased very much. We were met at Kingston by Mr. and Mrs. Macpherson, who gave each child a bag with buns, fruit, and sweets; also, by Mr. Robinson, M.P., for the city, who selected a little girl to adopt as his own. The Government officials were very attentive in giving all the assistance they could on our journey, and we feel thankful to them for all they have done for our comfort.

We remained at Belleville for ten days, during which we made several journeys into the surrounding districts to visit the children, and a number of them called at the Home to see us. When I saw them looking so happy and comfortable, and remembered what they had been rescued from, I felt that we had great reason to praise God for His goodness in the past, and to trust Him for the future. At 6 a.m. on the morning of Monday, 27th May, we left Belleville, with 14 children, for Owen Sound, 200 miles distant. We arrived there about 11 p.m., and were met by the Messrs. Ross, who take the oversight of the work in the district. There are about 75 children round about here, and during our stay we had the privilege of visiting about 50 of them. The Homes of the children need to be seen to give one a right idea of their comfort. During our stay at Owen Sound I addressed several meetings, in the Presbyterian churches, and in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms.

From Owen Sound we went to Toronto, where we stayed with friends who have adopted a little Edinburgh girl, and she is as much thought of as their own child could be.

We next went to Guelph, and from there to Galt. At both places we visited children, and found them doing well. At Harrisburg we saw one of our boys, who used to lead the stone fights in the Havannah. He is now in a comfortable home on a farm, earning seventy dollars a year, besides board and lodging, and is doing well. We saw many others in equally good houses. In the district round Galt we visited a number of children, and then went on to Stratford, and from there to Embro, where I had the privilege of addressing several meetings. We were very kindly entertained there by friends of the work. Our next journey was to Niagara Falls, where we spent two days, and stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Childs, whose house is always open to "entertain strangers." No words of ours can describe our feelings on beholding the great sight. The impression left will be likely to last as long as life. From Niagara we went on to a conference being held at Clifton Springs, in New York State. We spent three days there, and then crossed Lake Ontario, and got back to Belleville, after an absence of three weeks. We found that a large number of the children we brought out this year had been placed out by Miss Anna Bilbrough. Driving out from Belleville we visited a number of children, among them one of our elder girls, who is married, and settled comfortably. We next went to Prince Edward County, and saw a number of children. We dined at a house where one of our girls is, and she took her place at the head of the table in the absence of her adopted mother. We also saw a little boy, who was very low down when rescued, but he is now in a comfor-

table home, and is so thoroughly Canadian that one would think he had been twelve years out rather than twelve months. Our next visit was to the Picton district, where a large number of our children are settled. The scenery there is the finest I have seen in Canada. We found the children in excellent homes, and some of this year's children were quite at home even then. On our return from Picton we went to Prescott, where we spent two days. Amongst others we saw two of our girls—sisters. One of them keeps the store for her adopted father; the other is at school, and her mother says she is head of the school in all her classes. From Prescott we went on to West Winchester, where we saw about fifteen children, all in good homes. We stayed two nights with Mr. Foxe, who has a boy, and who takes a great interest in our other children in that neighbourhood. One of the boys there wished to change his place, so we removed him, although his master was very unwilling to part with him. We stayed another night with Mr. McDonald, who has adopted two of our boys. He drove us out fifteen miles to the railway station, where we got a train for Ottawa. In Ottawa we stayed with Mr. Johnson, a member of the local government, and a friend of the work, and were kindly entertained by him. We next sailed down the river Ottawa, to Thurso and Clarence. We saw several of our children there, and were well pleased with their homes. We received a telegram from Belleville, saying that Joseph Stewart, Hubball's Falls, was dangerously ill. We remembered that he was one of this year's boys, and it was no slight anxiety to us till we could see him. Although we had to alter our arrangements, we thought it best to go and see him. We arrived at the house the following afternoon, and found Joseph very low. As we entered the room a smile came over his face, but there was no other sign of recognition. The doctor, who was present at the time, had hopes of him, although to us he seemed dying. We thought it best to stay over night, and had tea with the farmer. After tea, when in prayer, a change came over Joseph. His hands and feet grew cold, and we did all we could to warm them, but it was of no avail—the messenger of death had come. Mr. Riddle, Joseph's master, sobbed like a child—he was so much affected by the death. They were very kind to the poor boy, and did all they could for him. We made arrangements to have the funeral in a way creditable to the work. It was attended by a number of the neighbours, who came in their buggies, and followed the hearse 11 miles to the grave. They all seemed to be much impressed by the death. Joseph was one of the most grateful of the boys sent out this year, and although his death (from sunstroke) was sudden, we were not without hope. This is the first from that cause amongst all the children placed out by Miss Bilbrough. In the same locality we saw two of our elder boys. One, J. G., who used to stand on his nose in Jamaica Street, for a halfpenny. Another, J. M'C., whose mother left him with us ten years ago and has never asked after him since. Both of these are now young men, in good homes, and doing well. We returned to Belleville in time to spend Dominion Day—1st July—there, but we had to leave that night by the midnight train for Montreal, on our way to Knowlton. We visited the Knowlton Home, and were kindly entertained by Mrs. Birt and Judge Foster and his wife. On the 6th July we sailed from Quebec in s.s. Moravian, for Liverpool, where we arrived after a very pleasant voyage, on the 15th. We felt thankful to God for what we had seen, and resolved, the Lord helping us, to do more for the children in the time to come. During our stay in Canada we travelled about 2,000 miles visiting the Homes of the children, independent of the journey across the Atlantic.

My impressions regarding Canada, as a home for poor children, have been deepened by my sojourn there. I had heard much about its advantages, but like all Scotchmen I was slow to believe all that had been said. Now, having seen and heard for myself, I have come to this conclusion: that we can do nothing here for the class of children we help that will at all compare with what can be done in Canada. Since my return home I have had greater reason than ever to thank God for His goodness in opening so many *hearts and homes* to receive His destitute little ones, as well as for the sympathy and kindness shown to us during our sojourn in Canada. The sympathy of our friends at home was also more fully realised in the practical interest shown in many ways to the work in my absence. We have resolved, the Lord helping us, to send a larger number to Canada this year. This means more money, or about £1,000 for this special work, and from the destitution around us we believe money could not be better spent. By referring to the foot-notes of the Canadian reports friends will see at a glance what their money and prayers accomplish.

All parties applying for children at the Belleville Home must make their application in writing or otherwise, with certificates of character, &c., before a child is entrusted to them. The following is a sample from many hundreds of letters sent to Miss Bilbrough:

KINGSTON, May 17th, 1878.

MISS BILBROUGH, DEAR MADAM,—I beg to make application for the young girl, M. W., that I met with you at the Kingston Depot. We are willing to enter into any arrangement you or the Manager of the Home may wish. We will be as good to her, if she comes to us, as if she were our own child; in fact, wish to bring her up as such. We are Presbyterians ourselves, but if it is the request of the authorities that she should go to any other Church, we would have no objection to it, if her parents belong to any Protestant Church; but we think she would be better going with ourselves. In case you should conclude to let her come to us, let us know as soon as possible.—We remain, yours very respectfully,

WILLIAM & MARGARET ROBINSON.

Please address, WM. ROBINSON, M.P.P., Baggot Street, Kingston, Ont.

ST. JOHN'S MANSE,
PITTSBURGH, ONT., May 20th, 1878.

MISS BILBROUGH, DEAR MADAM,—Permit me, formally, to renew my application for the little girl—E. M.—selected by me on the car on last Thursday. She will, I trust, find a happy home with us; and I need hardly assure you that the training in matters both religious and secular shall be attended to. Ballantyne's Station, on the G.T.R., is within a mile and a half of the manse, and I can meet her there or at Kingston, at whatever time you may appoint.

Two of my people—Mrs. Ballantyne and Mrs. C. Hay—are also desirous of securing two good little girls of about the same age as Ellen. I can certify as to their ability and willingness to make them happy. I believe nothing that would tend to their welfare would be neglected. They might come at the same time that you send Ellen, if you decide on entrusting them to the care of these friends.

Let me hear from you as soon as possible.—Sincerely yours,

JOHN GALLAHER.

MISS BILBROUGH'S DISTRIBUTING HOME, CANADA.



Marchmont Home, Belleville, Ontario, Oct., 1878.

In taking up my pen to send you another account of the Lord's dealings with us and the little ones during the past year, I do so with special feelings of gratitude to God for His continued goodness and blessing manifested in many different ways. I feel also as if I knew our Scotch friends better, and we could more fully sympathise and pray over each other's work on either side of the great Atlantic—I remembering you in prayer, that the right cases may be rescued, and wisdom given to train and teach them aright—while you plead that Christian homes may be opened here, and the seed sown in Scotland take root and bear fruit in Canada to our Saviour's glory.

My visit to Glasgow has been a pleasant time to look back upon, full of kindly interest and sympathy, and happy should I be to return some of the kindness to the friends if they could only accompany our party of children next year to Canada, and take a bird's-eye view of this large and increasing Dominion.

It much enhanced the pleasure of our summer's work to have Mr. and Mrs. Quarrier with us. They have now had a look into the different phases of the work after leaving the Clyde, the voyage, the disembarking at Quebec, the subsequent journey by cars, the arrival at the long looked-for Marchmont—then seeing the children called for, looked at, chosen, and taken off with their large red box of clothes by their new friends to their new home, or driving round for a day in the buggy visiting a number of children in the immediate vicinity—or again wakening early, getting children and baggage ready for a journey, starting with them by 6 A.M. train, reaching our destination by 11.30 P.M. to find Christian friends waiting, and homes ready for the little ones.

How glad some of the children were to welcome their old friend Mr. Quarrier, proud to let him see what good use they had made of his kindness in lending them a helping hand when so much needed—and the disappointment among others has been just as great, that Mr. Quarrier was not able to go and see them.

Every picture has its neutral tints which serve to throw out the brighter parts, and our work is not without them. No one who has had the care and management of a number of children can reasonably expect all to do well, and oftentimes we have been disappointed in those from whom we hoped better things; sometimes we see boys becoming self-willed, taking their own way, leaving homes in which we had placed them, and finding others for themselves—and yet, some boys learn best by sad experience, and after years of hard training, find out who are their best friends, and return again to be advised and influenced. Last month I had a pleasant expedition to Adamstown, a township on the banks of the Ottawa, taking with me Stanton, Hood, Neilly, and Cochran—the latter winning golden opinions by his smartness and “cute answers.”

On leaving the two little fellows at their home next morning, Neilly began to cry, while Cochran rallied him, saying, “Don’t cry, be a man; see, I don’t cry; we will soon see Miss Bilbrough again.” But when his turn came for the good-bye, the boasted firmness was all gone, and he was only a child after all!

Returning, I came through the pleasant Scotch town of Perth, where our friends Misses Geldard and Mudie were working for the Master, and receiving tokens of blessing from Him. They are at present staying with me in the Home—Miss Geldard pleased to renew acquaintance—ship made seven years ago, with our grown-up boys and girls.

One boy, rescued by my sister seven years ago, from Middle Row, Croydon, writes, after three years’ silence:—“Now I have settled down, and I have one hundred and seventy-five dollars in the bank, and own two horses and sixteen head of cattle—am living in Colorado, but my cows are in Montana—am doing well, and expect to be married in a fortnight. I hope soon to have a home for my parents.”

While another—little H. H.—a hearth-stone seller, whose original photograph, with ragged coat and uncut hair lies before me, writes yesterday:—“I am well, I live with my sister, who is married to William John, son to Mr. and Mrs. John, to whom she came to live more than six years ago. He is the young man who fetched her from the Home. They are living on their own farm; she has got a baby boy, nearly a year old. . . . In a little while William will take up a lot of land for me, so that I shall have something to begin with. He says I can chop well, and I do anything about the farm. I attend Sunday school as regular as I can. I live two miles from Lane’s Church, as they call it. The pastor comes every other Sabbath, and Mr. Lane, who is deacon, holds service the intermediate Sabbath. I was five years with Mrs. Lane; I call in to see her every Sabbath. I hope you won’t forget to send me your photograph. When I am old enough to travel, and have money, I shall go to see you. I read some of the Bible every day, and pray God to keep me from every evil. I close by praying God to bless you in all your labours of love to the friendless little ones.—I am, one of your very grateful little ones,

H. H.”

Those who have lost children will sympathise with this young mother in giving back her little one to the Giver. Brought out from England, married and in a comfortable home, still sorrow finds an entrance. “I

told you in my letter how low poor wee Nelly was—she is sinking rapidly, she is a year old to-day. I took her over the river to Port-Huron, to see a doctor there; he said she might last until the leaves fell. I wish you could see her. Scarcely any one sees her, but what they remark how beautiful the baby is! such large dark eyes. It seems sometimes I can’t make up my mind to let her go; and then I think she is not mine, but only lent to me; and surely He, to whom she belongs, has a right to take her whenever He sees fit. May He give us submission to bow to His holy will.”

The following gives an account of a summer’s out, by a friend, who having adopted one little fellow, R. L., called for another for an acquaintance; she chose D. Y., but got too much attached to part with him; so both boys live together.

“T. and the little boys have been away to the mountains for over two months. We had a nice time gathering berries, and climbing the mountains. The boys are just delighted to live there, though it was in a little log cabin, surrounded and sheltered by tall maple trees. I give the boys lessons at home. David is in fractions. I spent a pleasant time in the wilderness, for there I found little duties that I could do for my Saviour, children who were wishing for a Sabbath school, and old people to whom I could read God’s word.”

Our kind and efficient helpers, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are kept busy each in their own department of service—Mrs. R. taking charge of the return cases, and giving daily instruction; while Mr. Roberts travels hundreds of miles, driving to visit the children in their different homes, sees that promised arrangements are carried out, and making any necessary changes. Some reports of each of the seven years’ children will be interesting:—

J. G. came to Canada, 1872. James is still in his first house. Mr. Quarrier drove out to see him, and he came next day to Joseph Stewart’s funeral. Not much grown.

[This orphan boy was rescued from an improper house in Bridgegate.]

J. D. came to Canada, 1872. In a good house with nice people who are very much interested in him. He has grown a good deal, and was looking very healthy and happy. Was dressed very nicely, and has improved much since I saw him last.

[This boy, when rescued, lived in a wretched hovel in Clyde Street, and was being taught to steal by an elder brother.]

J. C. came to Canada, 1873. James is a very free lad, and he is very fond of the people he lives with. Is growing fast. Was at school last winter, and made very fair progress in his lessons. He gets 30 dollars for the year. The people think the world of him, and are very kind to him—just like one of themselves.

[This orphan boy was rescued from a drunken grandmother in Edinburgh.]

A. S. came to Canada, 1873. Called and saw what a nice house Andrew has. Found him in the field with his master helping to clear up land. He works well, and is very saving. So pleased to see Mr. Quarrier and hear about his brother. Is earning six dollars a month.

[This boy was an orphan. His mother, a Christian woman, died of cancer.]

A. C. came to Canada, 1873. A. has grown a fine tall girl, and a very good one too. Mrs. R. is very fond of her, and she likes the people she is with. Been going to school all the time till this summer, and is a good scholar. She corresponds constantly with her brother, and is going to Guelph in two weeks to see Peter.

[This girl’s father is dead, and her mother is an abandoned woman.]

J. M’K. came to Canada, 1874. In his first home and doing well. Seems a bright, intelligent boy, and is very useful about the house.

[This boy’s mother is dead. When rescued, his father was in prison for improper conduct.]

C. M'I. came to Canada, 1874. Went to see Charles. He was down in the field working, so we had a good tea while they sent for him. He has grown, and is a very good boy to work. They like him very much. Has been to school from Christmas to May. Fine house and nice people. He was very pleased to see us.

[This boy's father was dead, and his mother married to a drunken man, who thrashed her and the boy.]

J. D. came to Canada, 1874. Is in an excellent Christian home and under good training. Found her exceedingly busy with her household duties, and of great service to her "ma." Is very regular in her attendance at church and school. Have very good hopes of her having accepted Christ as her Saviour.

[This orphan girl was living with an old woman who was unable to take care of her.]

J. B. came to Canada, 1875. Is still with his first friends and doing well. The only fault is that he does not get on with his studies. Is well in health, but sometimes affected with one of his legs which was injured in Glasgow.

[This boy's mother, who carried coals, was killed in Partick. The father was a drunkard, and a brother, wishing to save the boy from his father's example, brought him to the Home.]

W. T. came to Canada, 1875. Willie is a very bright, intelligent, little fellow; is very useful on the farm, fetches up the cows, and milks three night and morning. Has exceeded his master's expectations. Very good home; no other children; and the people think a good deal of, and are very kind to, him.

[This boy's mother was entirely destitute, and had another child to keep.]

M. C. came to Canada, 1875. Still in first home. Has grown very much and greatly improved. A very bright girl, and useful in the house. Her brother and sister are near her.

[An orphan. Would not be restrained, and had fallen into bad habits.]

A. R. came to Canada, 1876. Found Andrew busy in the field drawing in the grain. Is very well liked by all in his home, and is doing well. Seems very bright and happy. Hears from his sisters in Scotland, but not as often as he would like.

[An orphan boy; used to sleep out at night; went with steamers in summer, and begged his way.]

A. S. came to Canada, 1876. Agnes looks bright, and bears a good character for working well in the house. Does not care to go to school, and is learning at home. Her mistress sent a present of eggs, butter, pork, &c., to give the children in the Home a good dinner.

[An orphan girl. Was getting into loose habits.]

W. A. came to Canada, 1877. Willie's master doesn't think there's a better boy between his home and Belleville. Is doing well at school, and is very trusty and truthful. Hears from his brother. With a good master, who trains him well.

[Fatherless. Mother was in Poorhouse Hospital.]

J. W. came to Canada, 1877. Has earned a good name the little while he has been in his home, and is happy and contented. Is well-dressed, and seems well cared for.

[Mother was a field worker and homeless.]

S. M'Q. came to Canada, 1877. Has an excellent home. Her father said he would rather part with his farm than with her. Is very happy. Has grown a good deal. She has taken her father's name.

[Mother deserted by her husband and destitute.]

J. S. came to Canada, 1878. Has a very good character. Is treated as one of the family. Fond of farming, and thought nothing so nice as hay-making that he had ever done before. Will be under excellent Christian training. Sees his brother at church and Sunday-school. Is very contented and happy.

[This boy, along with two brothers, was brought to us by the Maryhill Police. Mother dead; father a drunkard.]

J. M'L. came to Canada in 1878, and his home is away back in rather a rough part of the country, and not near any bad influences. Is with very kind people, and believe he will do well.

[Father dead, mother a drunkard, in prison for shebeening.]

G. M. came to Canada in 1878. Gracie is continuing to do well. Mr. and Mrs. W. are greatly pleased with her. Saw Annie Menzies on a visit to Grace. She looks very bright and happy. Neither of them would like to go back to Glasgow.

[This girl's parents died of consumption, and she and a brother and sister were left destitute.]

Our hearts have been specially cheered this week by hearing of the Lord's answer to prayer, in sending £2000 for the buildings needed at Nittingshill, and also for the £300 for Invalid Home. What a Christ-like work it is! caring for the suffering, as well as the needy. Surely the Lord has wonderfully commanded His blessing to rest upon us, and strengthened the weak faith of His dependent children. We shall be glad to receive double the number of children next year, having many homes still empty, especially needing girls for adoption.

A minister called last week pleading for a little girl of five or six for a parishioner—an only girl had been taken, and the house left so desolate, they felt they must have another; but our Home was empty—and we promised to do our best to keep them one next spring.

Yesterday another friend called with a note from him, "Could we not give him one this fall, they thought of giving up housekeeping if they could not get another little one to live and take the place of their own. In the meantime, a little bright Edinburgh child had been returned, and although partly destined for another home, we felt this bereaved one had the first claim, and we are now expecting these friends to come and claim her.

While writing this, a lady and her friend called—they wanted a little girl, but we had not one. The boys were summoned, and Jimsie Kyle's bright eyes attracted attention—"only six, rather small; but I have none of my own, and he would be company for me. I wonder if my husband would like him?" So after thinking aloud for a while, the lady resolved to take him. Jimsie's face was washed, and he, dressed in a velveteen suit, and gilt buttons, that once had had a different owner, collar and tie, and Scotch cap, he looked a bonnie little man, and steps out to make another trial of what this wide world is like. May our Father bless the lad, and yet make him a blessing to others, and a jewel in His crown through all eternity.

It is a great comfort to us that we have a common mercy-seat, where daily petitions can be presented and answered; and the needs of this vast work brought continually before Him, whose hand is not shortened that it cannot save, neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear.

May He grant us all to live and work so as to receive Mary's commendation, "She hath done what she could."—Yours in blessed service for Him,
ELLEN AGNES BILBROUGH.

Miss Geldard, who has, along with Miss Mudie, been labouring in Evangelistic work in Canada, writes the following, which will interest friends:—

October, 1878.

Those who only know, or think they know, Canada from what they see in the immediate neighbourhood of the Grand Trunk Railway, would have occasion to change many of their conclusions, if they left the highways and got into the byways of this great Dominion. If they are Scotchmen they would be surprised in one direction to find themselves in a country they would have difficulty in distinguishing from the country they have left. For miles everything is Scotch, language, religion, habits of the

people, names—all are Scotch. If you pass along "the Scotch line," of course you expect nothing else; and "the Highland line" tells you the same story. Does it not sound like old Scotland to pass an evening with Frasers, or M'Intyres, or M'Tavishes, where the girls are Jeans, or Marys, or Isabels,—where the Catechism is a recognised authority, well known to each member of the family,—and when the father takes the big bible, and chooses the psalm or paraphrase, and all, young and old, join in "grave sweet melody," and then reading and prayer follow, you could fancy that you had by some magic been carried back to the Cottar's Saturday Night; only with peace and abundance, and comfort around, and bright hopes of future prosperity, unknown to those whom the poet has thus described. Among houses like these, it is a great joy to show the photographs of the rescued Scotch orphans or destitute children, to tell the healthy children who have never known what hunger is, of the poor hungry needy ones in Glasgow. The father or mother often joins in with remarks like this:—"Ah, they can't understand, my mother used to tell—but no one needs to be hungry here, thank God!"

Our summer has been passed in this Scotch district, and in one pleasant large farm, with fields as smooth and well fenced, and fertile as any one need wish to see, we found one of Mr. Quarrier's Glasgow boys, treated of course as one of the family; he had been three years with them, the young people earnest consistent Christians, belonging to the Presbyterian Church near. John is beginning to be very useful. "I don't know," said one of the daughters, "what we should do without him." I don't think John thought of what use he might be beyond his house, but one day an old widow owning a farm near, noticed the boy, and drew him into talk. He told of his old circumstances, of the kindness that rescued him, and the old Scotchwoman's heart glowed with interest for the rescuers. Then she drew from him the history of the careful religious training, the scripture teaching, and the hymns, and she was more interested still. But what struck her most, was the continued care over the children when placed out—the visiting them in their houses, and the keeping up the Central Home, to which they could return in case of need—that she thought it genuine Christian work. She drew her own conclusions, and formed a resolution—she had no relatives, her little farm was her own, and she resolved that at her death her little property should be left for the benefit of the Marchmont Home. The intention may never be carried into effect, but I mention this that the rescued children may see the good a child may do by speaking well of those who have cared for him.

Not far from this house was another farm, equally well cultivated, with an exceedingly pretty and tasteful house, standing by the creek side, the verandah gay with flowers, a large pink oleander conspicuous among them. It was a quiet house, for there were no children there; and the wife's heart was longing for a little girl to love her. Just at this time little Barbara was brought back to the Marchmont Home, the health of the lady who had taken her had failed entirely, and she found herself unequal to the care of such a stirring child, so the house by the creek was open for her at once, and Miss Bilbrough brought her over, through Perth. The taking a little one to a new home is often very interesting work; this time it was most amusing. Mrs. C. had not expected the little one so soon, owing to a delayed letter, but the tender kiss for "my little girl" spoke a depth of welcome. Little Barbara was at home at once—rolling her ball, catching the cat, mewing after her when she ran away, claiming "Ma's" help to break an unmanageable piece of maple sugar, frisking and chattering as fearlessly as one of the squirrels on the fence; the pretty house would never be a quiet house again, it seemed likely, unless the wee lassie was asleep. There was a cry at parting with Miss B., of course, but Mrs. C.'s promise to catch the cat directly, and to let her feed the calves next spring, soon dried the tears, and next morning, the minister's wife driving past was attracted by the sight of the little girl racing in and out among the flowers, as joyful as if there were no partings, and no sorrow in the world. We have heard of her since, frequently, as tenderly cherished, and getting what children

do not always get, even in Canada, wise training, as well as abundant love.

In the same district we found the house that has taken in John. We heard of him recently with the farmer who has taken him, visiting an adjoining town, the boy asking, "Are not we going 'home' soon?" and the farmer saying, "There never was such a boy for home, as John is!"

Within a short distance of this house, another Scotch orphan has now a home, and a quarter of a mile further, another little girl is wanted, while a sister of Mr. O.'s wants one too.

The article in the "Witness," and picture of Scotch boys in printing-office, have introduced Mr. Quarrier's work to many to whom it was previously unknown.

I write this from Marchmont; it is a privilege to have a week or two in the Home. Seven years ago, when the work was young, and experience yet to be earned, I was some months in the first home, and now, I think I may say, every reasonable hope has been fulfilled and abundantly exceeded. Not every hope for every individual child, of course, but for the work itself. Daily during the past week I have been hearing of the boys of seven years ago. One over whose wild tricks, I was laughing yesterday, called at the Home this morning, a fine steady intelligent young farmer. It was difficult to recognise in him the boy for whose future I had so little hope then. Until "seven times," some of the boys have been borne with, forgiven, and helped, and now the reaping time has come. The text in Proverbs will have, has already, its fulfilment. Children are rising up to call those blessed who have rescued and watched over them.

LETTERS FROM CHILDREN IN CANADA.

MINESING, February 2, 1878.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I am well, and hope this will find you the same. I thank you for the *Christian Press* and the *Almanac*. Getting to like this country better. I go to church and school every Sunday. I always see sister there. I thank you for taking my brother and sister and me into the Home when my parents were called away. I am ashamed for not writing sooner to you: Jeanie and I send our love to Mrs. Quarrier and all the rest. Please give my love to Mrs. Dick, and to mother, and all the friends.—Yours sincerely,

M—G—P—.

DOUGLAS, April 18, 1878.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I am so glad that I can write to you now. I was so glad that you are well. I am at the school every day, and at Sunday school, and I got a prize. I go to Band of Hope. I have kind parents. My mamma is a dressmaker, and she says she will learn me the trade when I am able. We have good times in Douglas. My mamma says that I am a very good girl. I have given my heart to Jesus. I am so glad I know that Jesus loves me. L—C—.

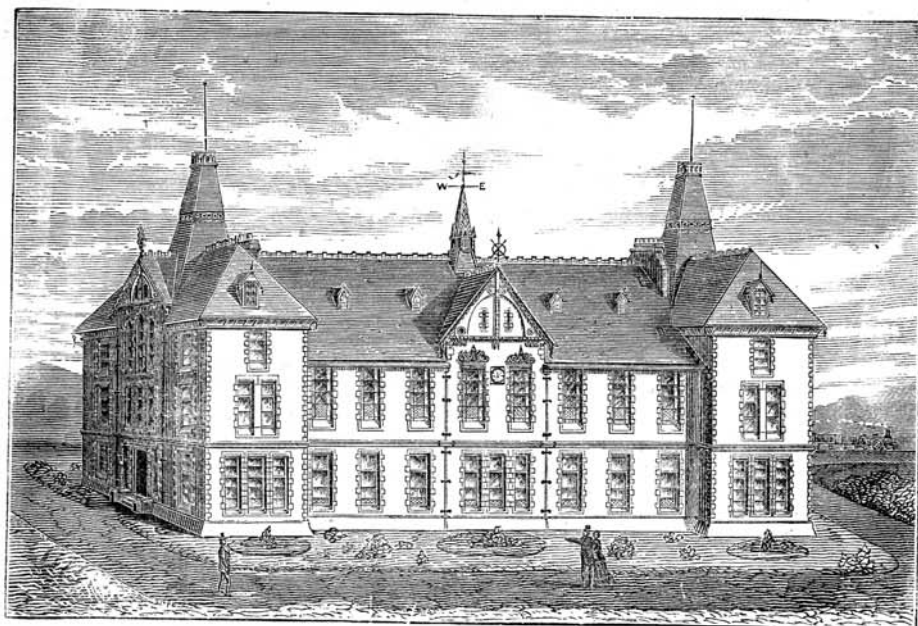
PICTON, ONTARIO, August, 1878.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I write you these few lines to let you know that I am well, hoping to find you enjoying the same precious blessing. I like my home at well as ever, and John likes his too. He thinks nobody has got one like it, and his papa and mamma thinks so much of him. Dear Sir, I will never forget your kindness to me in getting us such good homes. I hope the Lord will reward you for it. Dear Sir, I have been out visiting G—M—, and she likes her home, and sends her kind love to all. I send my kind love to Mrs. Quarrier and to Miss J. E. Quarrier, and to Miss Agnes Quarrier, and to all the friends. No more at present, but remains your loving and affectionate friend,

A—M—.

30th May.

MY DEAR MRS. QUARRIER,—I take great pleasure in writing to you to let you know that I am in good health, and hoping that you are in the same. I like my home very much. I have a little brother and sister. I read my Bible every morning and night. I hope all the children are well; may they all be trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ. Give my kind love to Miss Agnes, and all the others. "They that seek me early shall find me." "Thou God seest me." E. C.



CENTRAL BUILDING.

OPENING OF ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND.

In this department of the work the Lord has given abundant manifestations that He "hears prayers," and in His own time answers. In addition to many smaller sums sent in, we received, on April 17th, from a father and mother in Ayrshire, £1,300 to build a cottage in memory of a loved son, and two days before sailing for Canada the promise of £1,300 for completion of estimated cost of Central Building, and on September 20th we again received from a friend in Dumbarton £1,300 to build another cottage. We have also received £410 for Invalid and Cripple Children's Homes. These and many other gifts have filled our hearts with thanksgiving to God, and to the dear friends, rich and poor, who have been raised up to help us in carrying on this part of the Lord's work. The total amount received during the year has been £5148. The Lord's goodness in the past has led us to trust that the future will be more abundant.

The opening day, long prayed for, has at last come. A day not to be forgotten while memory holds its seat. We feel sure that all who have given their means and prayers for the helping of the work will join with us in thanksgiving to God for this event. Any one who has had a cherished object before the mind for years, and gets that carried out, will have some idea of our feelings on the opening of the Cottage Homes. For the first

time in the history of our country it has got Homes of a national character, where orphan and destitute children, from 1 to 13 years of age, may be sent from any part of the country. No voting paper or money qualification is needed. Parties who apply have simply to certify that the child is destitute, healthy, and a proper case for our Homes, and to the utmost of our accommodation will we joyfully receive it in the name of Jesus. In the beginning of the year we expected that the Homes would be opened early in May, but when that day came we found our hope had to be deferred. When we left for Canada it was expected they would be ready by the middle of July, but we found on our return on July 15th, although Mr. Hunter had done all he could in our absence to push forward the work, that it would be the end of August or beginning of Sept. before they would be ready. All who have had to do with buildings to any extent will know the difficulty in getting work finished to time. The three cottages and central building form a handsome group, and when the fourth cottage, which has been paid for, and when washing-house, laundry, and engine-house, &c., which have been promised, have been added, they will be more imposing still; and when the other six cottages, to complete the intended group of ten, have been paid for, they will form a group worthy of the land which gave birth to the Covenanters, and is stigmatized as the land of Bibles and Sabbath-keeping, albeit it is just through the Bible and its teachings that anything great has been accomplished by her children. That God has chosen the least of His children to do this work we are truly sensible, and to Him is all the glory due. As well might the instrument used by the mechanic glory in the work done as that we should glory in what the Lord has permitted us to do. "God forbid that we should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The morning of September 17th—the day of opening—was one of the stormiest of the season, so stormy that a good deal of damage was done to the roof of central building. Unbelief was busy; but what was our surprise when the special train arrived about one o'clock bringing with it hundreds to bid us God speed, and when the dedication meeting assembled at two o'clock every part of the hall was filled, and numbers could not get in. We were entirely overcome by a sense of God's goodness in the practical sympathy expressed by so many friends coming at so much inconvenience to themselves. There were many letters of apology, amongst which were Dr. Cameron, senior M.P. for Glasgow; Mr. Whitelaw, M.P. for Glasgow; Mr. Wm. Holms, M.P., Paisley; Mr. Stewart, M.P., Greenock; Mr. Ramsay, M.P., Falkirk Burghs; Mr. George Martin, Auchendennan; Mr. James White, Overtown; Mr. J. C. Burns; Mr. J. A. Campbell, LL.D.; Dr. Joseph Brown; Dr. A. Wallace, and many others. The congratulations of friends present were great, and we all felt that "God had done great things for us," and gave thanks to Him for them. The following extracts from newspapers give a better

account than I could, and will be read with interest by friends who had not the pleasure of being with us on that day.

The Orphan Cottage Homes of Scotland, situated about two miles beyond the Bridge-of-Weir, were formally opened yesterday, the proceedings first taking the form of a dedication meeting in the central hall of the main building. There was a very large attendance of ladies and gentlemen who had come from Glasgow, Greenock, Port-Glasgow, and other towns. Sir Peter Coats presided, and on the platform were—Hon. Arthur Kinnaird, Rev. Drs. Marshall Lang, A. A. Bonar, Hutton (Paisley), Logan Aikman, Black, and Culross; Rev. Messrs. Blair and Torrance; Fife and Murray, Kilmalcolm; Dr. Barnardo, London; Messrs. Quarrier, Alex. Allan, A. F. Stoddart, Port-Glasgow; Alex. Thomson, Glasgow; Rose, Edinburgh; Councillors Dickson and Colquhoun, Glasgow; R. H. Hunter, Glasgow; Messrs. Barker and Brown, Aberdeen; James Tod, Dalkeith; John Robertson, T. Train, R. A. Bryden, Stewart, Provost Murray, Paisley, and several of the Magistrates; Provost Lyle, Greenock, &c.

Mr. R. H. HUNTER intimated that we had received about fifty letters of apology.

Lord Polwarth telegraphed—"Be so good as to ask some one to preside. Will write."

Rev. Dr. MARSHALL LANG offered the dedication prayer, and thanksgiving for the Homes.

Sir PETER COATS said—I regret exceedingly that owing to the unavoidable absence of Lord Polwarth and the Lord Provost of Glasgow I have been asked to take the chair. There can be but one opinion of the work to be carried on in these Homes, and we cannot but form a high estimate of the character of my worthy friend Mr. Quarrier for the admirable conception, as well as for the great ability with which he has carried it out. We have many institutions of all descriptions in our country. We admire and delight to have them; but I do not think we could have any charitable institution more to be desired than that for the benefit of children without father and without mother, and therefore left entirely dependent upon charitable individuals to take up their case. (Applause.)

The Rev. Dr. CULROSS led in prayer that the children brought under the care of the Homes might be led to Jesus, and the children sung a hymn; the Rev. Dr. LOGAN AIKMAN prayed for present workers and those to be chosen; and Rev. R. BLAIR led in prayer for Canadian Homes and workers.

Mr. QUARRIER said—I shall speak of the past, present, and the future. With regard to the first, how did the idea of these Homes originate? When I was a starving little boy God put it into my heart that if ever I got money from my business I should devote it to children. God seemed to have hedged up my way in money-making, but He has opened it in doing good. It is seven years on the 1st September when I resolved to be guided by the way in which God should answer my prayers for £2000. If He wanted me to do more work than I was doing I was prepared to do it. After waiting thirteen days there came a letter from a friend in London, who said he was willing to build a house. From that day I have had no doubt that God wanted me to do more work, and I have endeavoured to do it. I cannot tell how matters will happen to-morrow, but I do the work which God puts to my hand to-day, and leave the rest to Him. I have been asked how I shall get men and women to fill the office of fathers and mothers in these cottages. But I said to myself it is as easy for God to send them as it is to send the money. Up till a fortnight ago I did not know where I was to get two fathers and mothers to preside over the children in two of the cottages; but they came here to-day well recommended for their Christian piety and zeal to do good work amongst the children. (Applause.) Just before going to Canada I wanted £1300; otherwise I would have needed to stop building here. Well, a friend came forward and said he was willing to pay the balance for this central house, because the Lord had taught him that his gift would be as acceptable in

helping to construct the large building as in completing a cottage. I am here to testify that God has not failed me at any time. Now, with regard to the present, I expect these Homes, with the ground, to be opened free of debt. (Applause.) The ground cost £3,500, and each cottage cost £1300. The first cottage was built by a lady and gentleman in Port-Glasgow, in memory of a loved son gone home. The second was built by a lady in Glasgow in memory of a beloved mother, and the third, which is about finished, is built by a father and mother in Dalry in memory of a loved son. In the central building is a tablet explaining how it has been raised. "This house is given in answer to prayer by the generous gifts of friends throughout the country, from the widow's mite to the merchant prince's thousand." The building is in fact gifted by many friends throughout the country. The three cottages will each hold 30 children, and the central house two families of 30 children each. In other words, 150 children will be lodged in these buildings. In the City Home we have accommodation for 150 children, and in Cessnock and Newstead, Govan Road, we take in 100—in all 400 children. I had resolved to give up the Homes in Govan Road, but after my recent journey to Canada and a consultation with friends here and in London, I have found that to abandon the Homes in Govan Road would be mixing up the work, and I have therefore resolved to continue them entirely for emigration children. In this way we shall have a branch for children who emigrate, and another for those whom we take care of at home. Within these few days I have had a number of applications from different parts of the country. I was delighted to receive them, because I have continually kept before the public that these Homes are not for Glasgow only, and I am glad that the rest of the country shares in the work of faith, love, and honour to God. My aim is to have ten cottages in all; but I am hopeful that either during my life or after I am gone, there will be three or four times ten. The forty acres will hold many. My earnest desire is to deprive the poorhouse of as many children as possible. (Applause.) As to the future, we have under our care about 180 children and young people. For ten months I never had more than a week's provision on hand; but as the day has come, so has the provision. All our assistance is due to the love which God puts into the hearts of his people, and I believe it will be the same to the end—"the Lord will provide." During the last seven years we have rescued 700 children, of whom 400 are in Canada. On the 13th of this month I received from a friend in London—a native of Paisley—a letter saying that to the extent of two thousand pounds he was ready to build a wash-house, engine, laundry, &c. Thus Paisley will be represented in the work as well as the towns I have mentioned. You are all connected with various churches, and you sometimes meet with children made orphans. The question arises—What is to be done with these children? Now, so long as I have a bed in these homes, I am ready to receive any destitute child from one year old to fourteen. No money qualification, or recommendation from your minister or any influential party is required. All that you need to do is to show me that the child is destitute, and I am prepared to receive it, to treat it as one of my own, and try to bring it up in the fear and nurture of the Lord. (Applause.) I told you that even years ago I got £2000. Since that time £34,000 has been sent in. Of all the money entrusted to my hands only 5 per cent. has been spent in helpers and servants. That is a fact which I commend to the consideration of business men. Whether I have to increase my expenditure I don't know; but depend upon it it will not be increased in the way of official payments. (Applause.)

The Hon. A. KINNAIRD, in a few words, alluded to their personal responsibility in connection with such a work, and pointed out that it was the duty of persons possessed of means to give funds to those who were prepared to devote time and labour to such Christian objects.

A luncheon was afterwards served—Provost LYLE of Greenock presided. Brief addresses were delivered by the Chairman, Dr. Barnardo, Provost Murray of Paisley, Mr. H. Rose, and other friends.

A soiree took place at six o'clock, at which there was a large attendance. After tea,

The LORD PROVOST of Glasgow, who presided, expressed the pleasure he felt at being present on so interesting an occasion, and regretted that he had not been able to attend the proceedings throughout the day, having been prevented from having that pleasure in consequence of an important meeting in Glasgow. He was sure they would all join with him in congratulating Mr. Quarrier on the pleasure he must feel at seeing the work which he had long looked for and prayed for so far advanced. (Applause.) He had previously occasion to express his sense of the value of the services which that gentleman had rendered to the city of Glasgow by his labours in looking after the young whom no other person cared for. His motto was that prevention was better than punishment, and many of those who were left orphans in Glasgow would, but for his fatherly care, have found their way to our jails and penitentiaries. His Lordship then said he had gone over the building and examined the arrangements of the Institution, and everything seemed to be well adapted for the purpose for which it was intended. He hoped that, through the liberality of the Christian public of the West of Scotland, Mr. Quarrier would, with joy and rejoicing, be able to attain his aim before many years. (Applause.)

Mr. ALEXANDER ALLAN said—The observation has often been made that it is wonderful how much good one man can do when anointed with the love of a divine, sin-atoning Saviour. One is very forcibly struck with its correctness in reading the details of many of the charitable and philanthropic institutions throughout Europe. Not less striking is the remarkable success which has attended the efforts made nearer home by our friend Mr. Quarrier, in rescuing poor children from the depths of degradation, and preparing them for leading useful and virtuous lives. It has, I know, been the desire of his heart from early youth that God would make him instrumental in rescuing the perishing, destitute children who are to be found in such numbers in the streets of Glasgow. That his prayers have been answered and his efforts have had a blessing from on high, is, I think, clearly seen in the steady progress that has been made and the great good accomplished by the establishment of the City Orphan Homes in Glasgow. (Applause.) Well may Mr. Quarrier, in view of the opening of the Homes here to-day, raise his stone of Ebenezer and say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped me." The opening of the Orphan Cottage Homes of Scotland will, I have no doubt, be regarded as an eventful period in the history of this locality. A fresh object of interest will henceforth present itself to the inhabitants of the neighbouring villages of Bridge-of-Weir and Kilmacdoon. I trust that many of those residing in these places will take frequent opportunities of visiting the children and showing an interest in them. A double advantage will thus be secured. It will do good to the visitors as well as the visited. I have no doubt they will, in their experience, realise the preciousness of the promises given in God's Word to all engaged in work for Christ, "As your day is, so shall your strength be. Cast your burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee." (Applause.)

Mr. J. CAMPBELL WHITE was glad to add his testimony to that of those present, and of many others who would have liked to have been present on such an interesting occasion. Mr. Allan had spoken of the responsibility and anxiety which Mr. Quarrier would feel, but as he looked at the wall opposite he saw that beautiful promise—"My God shall supply all you need, according to his riches in glory, by Christ Jesus." If Mr. Quarrier in his weakness leant on God's strength, he need have little anxiety, and if God supplied his need according to His riches that would be great supply. (Applause.) He trusted that many bright jewels would go from these Homes to the bright home above; but he trusted that Mr. Quarrier and his able helpers would be long spared to continue the good work which had to-day been so auspiciously inaugurated; and he hoped that many would come and see the Home, and so have their hearts and heads moved to help in the good work. (Applause.)

Addresses were also delivered by Mr. Brown, Aberdeen; Mr. Maitland,

Glasgow; Rev. Dr. Hutton, Paisley, and Mr. R. Hunter. During the course of the evening several hymns were sung by the children; and the proceedings closed with a doxology.

The Homes are situated on the estate of Nittingshill, near Bridge-of-Weir, on the Greenock Line of the Glasgow and South-Western Railway. The situation is one of the loveliest in the West of Scotland, and from a sanitary point of view all that could be desired. Placed in a pleasant rural district, the children will have all the advantages which removal from the haunts of vice and misery confer, and live, and breathe, and grow up in an atmosphere free alike from moral and material contamination. Through the kindness of friends, Mr. Quarrier was enabled to purchase the property, consisting of forty acres, at a cost of £3,560. The estate and the buildings to be erected thereon are vested in name of the following trustees:—Messrs. Alexander Allan, Thomas Corbett, Thomas Coats, J. H. N. Graham, R. H. Hunter, J. H. Watt, J. C. White, and William Quarrier, whose names are a sufficient guarantee that the money entrusted for the buildings will be judiciously applied.

The portion of the land of Nittingshill specially laid off for the building purposes of the Homes forms an elevated plateau, bounded on the one side by a burn, which runs through the property, and on others by sloping banks running down to the lower and meadow lands of the estate. On the front part of this plateau, and immediately facing the River Gryffe, has been erected the central or executive edifice of the Homes. This building measures 114 feet long, and about 40 feet in average breadth, consisting of a centre part and two end wings. The architecture is plain, as best becomes the Institution, the purposes of which the building is to serve; but while plain, it is effective. The style is Gothic of the simplest type, with bold, pointed gables, fitted with ornamental barge-board and projected eaves, carried on brackets springing from a coobol course below. The gable windows are enriched with arched tops, and those in the centre of the main part of the building have carved coronets on top, with a dial face for a clock between them. The roofs are high pitched, and those of the two end wings are crowned with square turrets, surmounted by an ornamental iron railing and flagstaff.

While no useless expenditure has been allowed for embellishing the building, every effort has been used to make it thoroughly substantial. Heating and ventilation have both had attention, and the thorough drainage of the site has been a matter of special care. There are two entrances to the building, facing east and west. The accommodation provided for on the ground floor is—1. A large schoolroom, with side-room for writing, and galleries for the younger scholars, capable of seating 200 children, arranged in classes; 2. Cloak-room in connection with same; 3. Two large store-rooms for the supply of the Homes, three large and airy work-rooms, in which will be taught tailoring, shoemaking, &c.; 4. A commodious reception-room for visitors, with retiring-room attached; and, 5. Boiler-room for heating, &c. Entrance porches, &c., connected with the rooms above enumerated.

Going up one stair to the first floor of the building, the space is occupied chiefly by a large hall, holding 360, to be used for Sunday and week-day religious services, and other purposes connected with the institution. This hall is fifty-one feet six inches long, by thirty-two feet wide. The ceiling has an average height of twenty-three feet. It is fitted with a platform at the west end, and seated with forms. Attached to it are a retiring-room in connection with the platform, and a service-room at the opposite end. On this floor there are also provided two dwellings for the use of the superintendent and school-master of the Institution, as may afterwards be arranged. The upper floors of the end wings and the high roofs of the same have been utilized as dwellings, which may be used and afford accommodation equal to two additional Homes. Here are also placed, high up in the roof, water-tanks, from which all the Homes will eventually be supplied by gravitation.

The following leading article appeared in the *North British Daily Mail*, 18th September, 1878 :—

It must have been with the liveliest satisfaction that Mr. Quarrier opened his Orphan Cottage Homes at Nittingshill, near Bridge-of-Weir, yesterday. These Homes, costing £13,000, are the substantial outcome of many years of steady plodding, and they place the unmistakable mark of success upon the work in which he has been engaged. When Mr. Quarrier first began to devote himself to the rescuing of the gutter children by the establishment of a shoe black brigade some fourteen years ago, there was no special reason why he, of all men in Glasgow, should undertake the work. There are many men with greater leisure and with ampler means to whose hand such a work might seem to lie more kindly than to a young tradesman in a modest way of business, who having only got the ball of trade-success fairly at his foot, might have been excused for concentrating all his energies upon his own advancement during at any rate the best years of his life. But though there was without doubt plenty of means in the city, and though most people would have found little difficulty in pointing to half-a-dozen likely men for taking the initiative in the matter, nobody stirred, and the work remained undone. In these circumstances, though with many doubts as to his fitness for the undertaking, Mr. Quarrier resolved to set a "stout heart to a stey brae," and do what he could. And what has been done since then by the agencies thus quietly set on foot? During the first seven years many hundreds of poor boys were helped to permanent situations who would otherwise have been destitute or who would have lapsed into crime; and during the last seven years seven hundred young people have been rescued from the gutters, and fairly started upon honest and useful lives. Properties have been purchased in the city and near Govan, and converted into training schools for the young Arabs of both sexes, and a number of the youngsters have had a complete outfit supplied to them and their passage paid to the colonies, where they are now well off and happy. But all this has not been accomplished without money as well as work, and Mr. Quarrier had no means of his own to expend. Still the funds have never been lacking. Like all enthusiasts (for Mr. Quarrier is an enthusiast) he has had his detractors; but the general public soon became satisfied that his was good work, honestly done, and they have kept him in funds. During the last seven years the handsome sum of £34,000 has been placed at his disposal for carrying out his charitable purposes, and this without a single call having been made upon any one for a subscription. The work is carried on upon thorough business principles, each department having to stand upon its own legs; for instance, subscriptions given to the building fund are never devoted to maintenance. And while the requisite funds have always been forthcoming, there never has been any superfluity. We doubt if there are many men who would undertake Mr.

Quarrier's present responsibilities upon the same footing. For a long time past he has had on an average a family of 200 helpless young people looking to him for daily bread, and during the last eight months he has never had above a week's supply of provisions in his store. The management of an undertaking of this description has, of course, necessitated the employment of paid help. But that this has never done more than keep pace with the bare requirements of the various institutions, and that the utmost economy has been observed in the spending of the subscriptions, is evident from the fact that the charge for management, including matrons' and helpers' wages, only amounts to about five per cent. of the money sent in. We know of no charitable fund which gives subscribers a better guarantee that their money will be spent for the purpose for which it is given, and not wasted on highly paid officials. It is impossible that we can do justice to the work which has been done unless we bear in mind the character of the children who have been rescued. In every case they were boys and girls utterly unaccustomed to restraint; lawless children, not so acutely alive to the misery of their position as to the sweets of the freedom it conferred upon them. Many of them had no parents; but others were in a worse plight through having a living parent who made gain by their children's wretchedness; while some were under the charge of guardians whose main care was to destroy every chance of the children ever becoming respectable. They had baffled the skill and the authority of the police first and latterly of the School Board officer, and no legal machinery had been able to get hold of them. That over a thousand of such children should have been successfully laid hold of by one who was invested with no legal authority, but could only use persuasion, is matter of much astonishment, and gives Mr. Quarrier a strong claim upon the confidence of the public. No doubt, besides being dependent upon the gifts of the charitable for the means of carrying on his work, he owes much to the disinterested co-operation of many enthusiastic underworkers, who have at heart, equally with himself, the best interests of our young city waifs. He himself would be the first to acknowledge that without the aid of these latter his labours would have been shorn of much of their success. But after every one else has got his due, the fact remains that to Mr. Quarrier belongs the credit of having, to all intents and purposes, made the only practical attempt to grapple with and successfully solve the great social problem of what to do with our gutter children. It is no disparagement to Mr. Quarrier to point out that there are hundreds of needful children still upon our streets whom he has not as yet been able to provide for. But the way in which the subscriptions have kept pace with the development of his scheme proves that the public fully recognise the need for such work, and would not object to be taxed for it should the State step in and undertake all that remains to be done; for the subscriptions have come from no class in special, but have been sent in by rich and poor alike. It is

pleasant to find that the cause of "the children" finds a warm response in the heart of the community. Amid much to cause misgiving, it is a wholesome, healthy sign. But until the State undertakes this, its proper work, Mr. Quarrier's should be thankfully accepted as an admirable substitute, which is deserving of every support. When the inmates of the Homes opened yesterday are added to the children previously under his charge, he will have four hundred mouths to fill daily—no mean responsibility for any man. We have no doubt the public will prove by their hearty support that he has not been rash in undertaking this additional burden. The cause is one which requires no pleading; it only requires to be brought under notice to command the appropriate response.

For the amount of work done during the past year my heart is filled with gratitude to God and to our fellow-helpers, who have enabled us by their means to carry out the above; still there is much to be done. There are six cottages yet to be paid for to make the group of ten complete, to accommodate 300 children. Besides there are outhouses needed, and trees, and shrubbery, and flowers to be planted, to make the Homes more complete and worthy the title they bear—National Homes for Scotland. All this requires money, and it has only been "the few" who have had the privilege of contributing, but we expect that in the coming year we will have an increase of money sent in. There are at present in the New Homes 37 children—20 girls and 17 boys. We expect to accommodate 150 with the present buildings, which will be filled up as applications are made. The keep of this large number of children will require additional donations, and in these trying times it is difficult to see where the money is to come from, still our God is able to "make the wilderness a pool, and the desert springs of water." Shall we be disappointed? We believe not. In addition to these we would like to have two homes erected for

INVALID AND CRIPPLE CHILDREN, TO COST £1300 EACH.

During our fourteen years' work among poor children we have often felt the want of some place where we could separate the diseased little ones from the healthy, and by proper appliances endeavour to renew health and strength. We have several consumptive little ones, and also a few with sores, at present, and I feel anxious to have those separated from the others, as well as the ability to help a greater number, for we have had to refuse many deserving cases, whom, if we had had the hospital, we could have helped. Since we spoke recently about this matter there had been sent in towards it £410; and if any of the Lord's stewards have this laid on their hearts, and have the means to do it, they could not do better than help it to completion. We shall wait, and work, and hope, and pray, till the Lord sees fit to grant our desire.

DONATIONS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

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

November 10.—From Greyfriars U.P. Church Religious Purposes Society, per P. L., £2; W. C., Paisley, £2; "Three wee boys' pence in Crosshill for other wee boys who have no mother," 2s 1½d; Park surplus voluntary rate, Pollokshields, 5s 4d; W. B., 5s; Two Friends of the Cause, £1; Mrs C. Coleraine, 15 pairs stockings; Mrs T., Eday, Orkney, £1; Mrs J., Skelmorlie, £1; J. C. J., £10. The following donations have been sent in for the City Home Refuge and Mission:—Mrs C., Kilcreggan, £1; from a Christian Friend, Ceres, 10s; W. H., £5; A. G., £1; Mrs L., Bridge of Allan, 10s; Miss H., 5s; J. H. S., 1s; from one who desires to leave the world better than he found it, £10.

November 24.—A Friend, as a thankoffering, £2; Misses S., Bellahouston, £50; Mrs L., do., parcel of clothing; Mrs A., for rent of Girls' Home, £50; a Friend, Lanark, in stamps, 2s 6d; J. M'L., per J. M'C., 5s; St. Luke's Parish Church Sabbath School, per J. M'C., £1 5s 1d; Miss M., per do., £1; Miss C. E. M., £1; two Friends, £1; A. M., £2; Mrs F., Duntocher, parcel of clothing; from E. & J., Rothesay, parcel of clothing and 9 pairs stockings; P. R., £5; from Shawlands Church, S.S., per N. B., 16s 4½d; Mrs B., £2; a Servant Girl, per Mr J., 10s; Mrs C., 5s; Miss G., £1; collected by Miss L., Gourrock, 5s; "Help," 10s 6d; W. C., per Mrs G., Largs, 5s; Mrs C. K., Ayr, £5; Mrs M'C., £1; Mrs C., Bothwell, £2; J. D., jun., £1; Missionary Box in Sailors' Boarding House, 11s; J. B., Selkirk, per J. H., 5s; Mrs K., parcel of clothing; Mr T., quantity of apples; two Old Friends, Leith, parcel of clothing. The following donations have been sent in for the City Home Refuge and mission work:—Misses S., Bellahouston, £50; J. W., 10s; Mrs M., per J. S., £1; R. F. Anstruther, 7s 9d; a Friend, Tighnabruach, 15s; Mrs L., per Mrs D., £3; W. L., 10s; Mrs S., Uddingston, £1; surplus from soiree, per J. M'E., £1; Miss W., £1; Miss M., £1; Miss C., 5s; G. M.F., £2 2s; H. L., £10; R. S., £10; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 12s 6d; Mr R., quantity of tea-bread; from Friends, per Mrs L., lot of boys' caps; Mrs M.F., £5; Mr F., £1; E. J., £3; W. G. & Son, £10; A. A., Langside, £1; a Friend, six chemises; Mrs R., twelve pairs stockings and parcel of clothing; Mrs N., jacket and two hats; Eglinton Street U.P. Church Young Women's Bible Class, 7s 6d; a Friend, 5s; a Friend, 2s; Mrs N., £20; a Friend, £10; from Grove Street Mill Girls' Religious Society, per F. G. S., £2, to help the keep of a little girl; Rothesay Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, per A. H., £1 15s 6d; D. H. £1; R. D., Ayr, £2. The following donations have been sent in for the Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—Mr. L. D., per Mr M'C., £1; from A., Cambuslang, £1.

December 8.—R. W. H., £1 1s; J. H. M., London, 10s; J. T., Hogganfield, 10s; Mrs A., 12 chemises; St. Andrew's Free Church Sabbath School, Kirkintilloch, per W. C., 17s 3d; W. T., 10s; Miss A. G., Strathaven, £1; G. K., Aberdeen, 5s; Miss E., Largs, £2; M. J., Aberdeen, per J. C., £1; a Widow's mite on her 82nd birth-day, 5s; from Crossford Free Church Sabbath School, per A. O., 16s; A. P., £1; Employees of Clyde Paper Co., per J. B. M., £3 3s; R. & Son, 19s; Mrs M'L., parcel of clothing; a Friend, Skipton post-mark, 5s in stamps; Mrs C., Helensburgh, £1; "from a Happy Home," £1; collected by T. W., Bridge of Weir, per R. B., £5; E. M., Ayr, one pair knitted stockings; Mrs T. C. and Friend, Largs, £1; Mr B., do., £1; Mr P., do., 10s; a Friend, do., 5s; Mrs P. M., do., 12s (the above sums from Largs were collected by Miss E.); Mrs S., £1; Mrs R., parcel of clothing; from Dobbie's Loan Mission, S.S., per W. H., jun., £1; from Wigtown, £1; from Holburn Bible Class, Y. M. C. A., Aberdeen, per G. B., 15s; M. A. T., Jedburgh, in stamps, 5s; Miss M. M. F.,

Rothsay, £1; Misses W., £1; Sabbath Morning Meeting, New Mission Hall, Partick, per A. S. L., £1 4s 2d; Mrs S., Bridge of Allan, 10s; "a Friend grateful to God for many mercies," Helensburgh, 10s; Mrs A. J., Largs, £1; Mrs C., Largs, £1; Mrs K., Largs, 10s; Mrs A., Largs, £1; Mrs M'L., Largs, 5s; Misses W., Largs, 5s; Mrs D. P., Largs, 10s; Major E., Largs, 10s. The above sums from Largs were collected by Miss E. Mrs S., Dunoon, 20 pairs knitted stockings; Nemo, Dunoon, 10s in stamps; A. D., to take a child to Canada, £10; Mrs W., Bellahouston, parcel of clothing; Misses H., per Mrs W., Glenluce, 10s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission work:—R. W. H., £1 1s; A. C., Grangemouth, 3s 6d; R. M., £5; Miss H., Stirling, £1; T. B., Dalry, £10; H. K. W., £3; Messrs Allan 2 casks corned beef; Mrs B., parcel of clothing; Mrs G., Wishaw, quantity of hats, &c.; J. Y., London, £10; found in collecting boxes, £3 19s 9d; Eglinton Street Sabbath Morning Bible Class, per J. W. W., £1 1s; Mrs L., Strathaven, £1; Mr R., quantity of sandwiches; F. R., "for the Bairs," £1; Mrs W. M'L., Montreal, £1; R. K., Hamilton, £3; Mr P., Blantyre, per H. M'L., 3s in stamps; a Friend, £4; from a Friend, Dnndee, £1; a Friend, £5; Miss C., Largs, per Mrs G., £1; Free and U.P. Elders' Mission Sabbath Morning Class, High Street, per J. P., £3 3s; J. S., Helensburgh, £1; from Friends, Carlisle, per D. M., £5; J. P., Crossford, 11s; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 15s. The following sums have been sent in for the Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—Mrs L., Helensburgh, per W. M. F., 10s; Miss E. G. K., Ayr, £5; University Mission, per J. H., 8s 6d; T. M'A., £1; a Friend, Cambuslang, 10s; a Friend, Crosshill, 5s; Miss E. Hillhead, £10; W. B. C., £2 2s., being sum recovered from North British Railway Company for miscarriage of family in summer.

December 22.—Collected by Mrs S., Aberdeen, £5; Mrs T., a thankoffering, £1; from Wilson Hall Children's Church, Paisley, £1; Mrs T., Inellan, for New Year's dinner, £5; from I. and E. Crosshill, 2s; R. C., quantity of fancy articles for Christmas tree; Miss C., Ryde, Isle of Wight, £5; R. B., Dennistoun, £1; Mrs M., Crosshill, per Mrs N., £1; G. B., Aberdeen, first part of a girl's outfit to Canada, £5; Fragments from a Missionary Box, Houston, 5s; Mrs G., per J. H. N. G., £1; Mrs R., £20; a Friend, a waggon of coals; from B. S. S., per D. M'L., £2; Mrs G., Largs, 24 flannel slips; Mrs M., parcel of clothing; Miss A. W., Brechin, in stamps, 5s; from Crissy, 5s; Mrs M., per T. M.P., £1; from A. M., Partick, 10s; Miss H., parcel of clothing; Mrs A., Irvine, £1; Mr F., per Mrs P., 10s; Mrs P., 5s; Mrs J., Cambuslang, 5s; a Friend, Kirn, 10s; an Invalid, £1; A. G., Kirriemuir, in stamps, 2s 6d; Mrs R. H., apples and buns, &c.; Mrs J. H., large parcel of clothing; Mrs H., parcel of clothing; D. M.G.'s Female Bible Class, £1; Miss F., £2; Children's Missionary Box, per H. M. J., Langbank, 12s 6d. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—M. G., 10s; East Campbell Street U.P. Church Bible Class, per J. W., £1; "Je Lis," £2; a Friend, per Miss M'L., £1; one dozen pairs stockings knitted by an old lady, Partick; Mr R., quantity of fancy bread; from two little girls and boys, per a Friend, £2; a Friend, parcel of clothing; T. W. L., Crossford, £2; T. W. L., do., for unfortunates, £1; Mrs R. C., Alloa, £1; M. C., Lesmahagow, £2; Mrs T., parcel of clothing; Miss A. M.P., for Bibles, £1; Miss P., per do., 5s; a Friend, parcel of clothing, W. M., for bread and butter, 10s; J. J. K., £1; a Friend, £1; M. W., £3; from Rutherglen U.P. Church S. S., per Mr A., £1; Mrs K., parcel of clothing; Miss T., parcel of clothing; Mrs P., parcel of clothing; M. S. R., £2; C. M., £5; J. P., Tillicoultry, £5; Miss M., £1; Mrs H., per Miss M., 2s 6d; Mrs B., Pollokshields, £20; Mrs A., Cambuslang, Christmas tree and toys. The following sums have been sent in for the Cottage Homes Building Fund:—M. G., 10s; A. J. R., 10s; W. A., £1; Whiteinch U.P. S.S. per W. M., 9s 4d; Miss H., Edinburgh, being proceeds of drawing-room bazaar, £7 1s; Camphill U.P. Bible Class, per R. D. S., £4 6s; a Servant, 10s.

January 5.—Mrs W., Bathgate, £1; J. F., 5s; Mrs W., £1; J. J., Paisley, 1 cwt. corn flour, and 2 boxes oat cakes; from a Friend, 54 small currant loaves; a Friend, oranges, nuts, raisins, &c., for Christmas; Mrs. T., £1; "Christmas Gift to be spent on the work as thought best, £100" (we have divided this unknown friend's generous gift as follows:—To this fund, £25, to City Home, £25, and to Cottage Homes Building Fund £50; Miss F., Kirkmichael, Maybole, large parcel of new clothing; Park Grove S. S., per Mrs B., £1; Mrs K., oranges, raisins, apples, &c.; Mrs M., £3; from Gorbals Parish Church Young Men's Class, 10s; Mrs R., Hillhead, £1; Miss S., 10s; "The Widow's Mite," £1 1s. Mrs W. Dollar, 9s 10d; A Young Friend, 5s; J. B., jun., 3s 4d; J. D. B., £5; a Friend, per Mrs S., £1; Miss M., Hillhead, £2; J. M'K., £1; R. B., Aberystwith, Wales, 10s; J. J., Edinburgh, £2; W. L., £2; Capt. S., £5; A. and C.,

£2; D. M., £1; from Y.M.C.A., Auchinleck, per R. M'T., £1; from U.P. S.S. Missionary Boxes, Kirn, per A. M., £1 2s 6d; Two Little Girls, Kilhilt, per Miss M., £1; Mrs D., 125 yards cloth for dresses, per Miss M.; a Journeyman Joiner, Greenock, 5s.; a Friend, parcel of books; Mrs U., 5s; T. M., £1; a Friend, Ayrshire, £15; C. D., Fife, £2 10s; M. C. W. Belfast, and Friend, £1; Mrs C. K., Ayr, £5; G. T., £5; E. U. Church Sabbath School, per F. L., £1; Miss A. M'G., Largs, 10s; Mrs D. J., do., 5s; Mrs S., do., 10s; Miss K., do., 2s 6d; Mrs M., do., 5s; Mrs J. C., do., £1 3s; Mrs C., do., 2s 6d; Mrs C., do., 2s 6d; Mrs S., do., 2s 6d; Mrs S., do., 2s 6d; Mrs B., do., £1; Misses P., do., 2s 6d; Mrs M., do., 2s; Mrs S., do., 2s; Mrs M., do., 2s 6d; Mrs M., do., 2s; Mr A. Y., do., 5s. (The above sums from Largs were collected by Miss E.) Mrs C. A., Edinburgh, per C. A., £1; a Friend, Noon Meeting, 2s; Mrs T., a Thankoffering, £1; Mrs D., a ham. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission work, J. G., Helensburgh, £1; R. A. B., for New Year's treat, £2; J. R., for New Year's treat, £1; Mrs D., India, per J. W., £1; Mrs M. for treat, £1; Mrs M., £1; W. M., for Ragged Children's Soiree, 10s; M. I., do., 10s; Mr M., 1 ham; "Christmas Gift," £25; Mrs T. for treat, £1; W. P. for treat, £1 5s; a "Christmas Gift" from W. C.'s children, £1 5s; from "Seestu," Paisley, parcel of clothing; M. M'G. & Co., 10s; T. B., Dalry, for New Year's treat, £5; from "Rita," large quantity of magazines, &c.; a "Widow's Mite," 1s; M. C., Dunblane, 5s; from John Street U.P. Church Juvenile Missionary Society, per W. J. L., £1; Mrs R., parcel of clothing; Mrs M., parcel of clothing; from Airdrie, two pairs knitted socks; Mrs M'L., per Mrs R., 5s; from Duke Street U.P. Church Bible Class, £2 2s; Mr T., per Mrs L., for tree, 2s 6d; Mrs I., for do., 2s; Miss M., for do., 2s; Mrs I., bag of sweets; J. B., jun., 3s 4d; Mrs J., Edinburgh, lot of dolls, &c., for tree, and parcel of clothing; R. C., £1; J. D. B., £5; J. Y., £1; Mrs R., 12 pairs stockings and a cake; T. T., for New Year's treats, £3; J. L. & Co., a ham; Mr W.'s Bible Class, East Campbell Street, 10s; a Friend, Sandbank, parcel of clothing; Miss A., 3s 6d; from E.'s "bairns," 17s 1d; from E., £2; from a few little boys in Irvine Baptist Church S.S., per J. W., 8s 6d, and 10 knitted scarfs for tree; J. M., £5; from South Mission School, Kirriemuir, per J. M'N., 7s 3d; from Crown Terrace Baptist Church S.S., Aberdeen, per A. G., £2 8s; Mrs C., 5s; Miss M., Largs, 3s; a Friend, oranges; Mr D., £1; Mrs T., 6 ties and 5s; R. R. W. R., 10s; Morning Missionary Service, Norfolk Hall, per J. M'F., £1 14s; found in boxes City Home in Dec., £1 4d; a Friend, Ayrshire, for Mission Work, £10. The following sums have been sent in for Orphan Cottage Home Building Fund:—From Queen's Park U.P. Church, £5; London Road U.P. Church Sabbath School, per G. S., £2 5s; "Christmas Gift," £50; W. P., £1; Four Bairs, Pollokshields, 10s; Little Nellie's first New-Year offering, 5s; J. B., jun., 3s 4d; from Camphill U.P. Church, per W. P., £7 15s; West Parish S.S., Rutherglen, per A. B., £1; J. B., £5; a mite for the Cottage Homes, in stamps, 9s; W. B. C., £10 10s; Miss M. C. R.'s counter box, Helensburgh, per R. B., £1; from Society Row S.S., in connection with St. Vincent Street U. P. Church, £2 10s; Mrs M., 3s.

January 19.—From A. R., "Sympathiser," Paisley, 5s; from Children, Uddingston, 2s; I. D., Aberdeen, 4s; Children of Ibrox U.P. Church, per A. H., 5s; T. F. R., Paisley, 5s; from "Wigtown," £1; a Young Helper, 5s; Mrs M'N., 2s; Mrs R., £1; St. George's Road Mothers' Meeting Mission Box, 11s 7½d; from a Friend, 6s; M. K., 3s 9d; J. M., per J. R. M., £5; R. M., 5s; Mrs G., four pairs stockings; Mrs N., parcel of clothing from Infant Sabbath Class, Greenlaw, near Dunse, per Miss S., 6s; a Friend, two pairs knitted stockings; Mrs F., £1; Miss F., Newcastle-on-Tyne, £1; Mrs S., £1; from Cathcart Road U.P. Church Sabbath School, per R. C., £1 15s; Mrs R., 5s; Miss M., Ceres, Fife, 10s 6d; J. T., to take a boy to Canada, £10; Mrs T., £3; "Wee Alick," £1; Mrs R. H. and a Few Friends, £11; from "Rita," parcel of magazines; Mrs A. A., £1; Miss A., 10s; Miss M., £1; Mrs C., Cambuslang, 10s; R. C., jun., 5s; "a Thank-offering from one who desires to praise God for the blessings of the past year," 8s; Mrs R. B., Wishaw, a truck of best coal; A. A. R., Edinburgh, per C. A., £2; Mrs A. A., Edinburgh, per C. A., 5s; collected by F. & M. D., Moffat, £1 17s 6d; Mrs J. S., Kilbarchan, 18 pairs stockings; Mrs H., parcel of clothing; Miss B., for emigration, £1; Mrs S., Helensburgh, for emigration, 10s; Mrs L., 5s; Miss V., Largs, 5s; Mrs M'G., Largs, 2s 6d; Mrs H. K., Largs, £2; Mrs W., Largs, 3s; Misses C., Largs, 2s 6d; Miss P., Largs, 4s; Mr C., Largs, 2s; Mr A., Largs, 2s 6d—(the above sums from Largs were collected by Miss E.); E. A. B., Lewisham, 10s; Mrs C., Port-Glasgow, £1, being 1d off each shilling earned in three months; "An old and poor Servant of the Lord," per Mrs C., 2s 6d; Miss MacL., Gourcock, £1; from Glen Village, S.S., per Mr M., 6s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—A minister's

widow, £2; from G., Helensburgh, 5s; from Q. P., £4; R. B., one dozen books; overplus bread from soiree in Cowcaddens, per D. F.; a Friend, Dowanhill, parcel of clothing; J. C., per Mrs G., Auchencairn, £1; Miss A. M'L., per Mrs G., 6s; Mrs F., £1 and large cake of shortbread from young people; Captain W., £1; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 14s; Mr M.F., three dozen loaves and a quantity of buns; R. L., Aberdeen, 7s 6d; J. and A. M., Wishaw, £1; "a Friend," parcel of cravats and £1; J. G. P., Hamilton, £5; Mrs D. B., Falkirk, per J. G. P., 10s; part proceeds of Christmas tree, per Miss L., £5; Mrs R. H. and a few friends, £11; Mrs R., Greenock, £2; prayer meetings, Kilcreggan, £1, and small parcel of hosiery, M. S., 10s; part proceeds of admission to Royal Polytechnic during holidays, per J. A., £10; Mrs H., parcel of tea; a Thank-offering, £1; C. M'K., £1; Mrs B., with best wishes, £1; Mrs A., Cumbuslang, parcel of clothing; Helensburgh Congregational Church, S.S., New-Year offering, per G. M., £2 11s 2d; Mr P., parcel of clothing; Mrs B., Crosshill, parcel of clothing; A. M., 10s; Mrs C., boys' belts; a Friend, per Mrs L., four dozen boys' night shirts; Mrs C., 2s 6d; Mrs W., 3s; Mrs H., parcel of clothing; a Friend, parcel of clothing and remnants; Mrs R., Greenock, parcel of scarfs, handkerchiefs, books, &c.; J. G., £1; a Widow's Mite, 2s 6d; a Friend at Noon Meeting, 2s; contribution from Princes Street U.P. S.S., Kilmarnock, per J. D., £2. The following sums have been sent in for Orphan Cottage Homes' Building Fund:—From West Barns S.S., near Dunbar, per R. R., £1; from S.S. Children, Sharp's Lane, Anderston, 5s 3d; from a Friend, per Mrs R. H., £5; Pollokshields Free Church S.S., per W. S., 5s 1d; from Helensburgh, £1; from Free College Church Mission Children's Church, per A. S. B., 8s; from Port-Glasgow Working Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, per H. N., £1 13s 2d; Mrs S., Helensburgh, 10s; from Children of Hangingshaw Sabbath Forenoon Meeting, per P. T. H., 9s 1d; from Dunburn Mission Sabbath School, Aberdeen, per T. O., 12s 9d.

February 2.—Miss C., Rispaan, per Miss M., 10s; a Friend, in stamps, 1s; W. L., £1 1s; collected by Miss N. M., Greenock, per R. B., £3 1s; three little boys, 15s; T. J., one load oatmeal; Anderston U.P. Church S.S., per J. F. jun., £3 11s 8d; from Woodend S.S., Armadale, Bathgate, per J. S., 9s 6d; F. H. M., Servia, to take five children to Canada, £50; B. C. A., Partick, £5; Miss W., Dennistown, 10s and parcel of clothing; Mr N., Paisley, 10s; Mrs G. W. O., Bombay, per Miss J. H., £5; Miss L., per Miss B., 10s; Miss B., a jacket; a Friend, parcel of clothing, serge, &c., and box of sweets; collected by M. F., Rothesay, £1 9s 6d; from the Master's Treasury, Grangemouth, £2; Mrs I., 10s; U.P. Church Sunday School, Kilmacolm, per J. H., £1; Sympathiser, Largs, 4s; Mrs F., do., 5s; J. Y. S., do., 10s 6d; Mrs M'M., do., 5s; Mrs W., do., 3s; Miss K., do., 2s; Mrs C., do., 2s; J. R., do., 2s 6d; Mrs T. D., do., 2s 6d; A. J., do., 2s 6d; Mrs I., do., 2s 6d; Misses B., do., 4s; J. K. B., do., 10s; Mr L., do., 5s. The above sums from Largs were collected by Miss E. Mrs A., Portobello, £1. From Picadilly Street Mission S.S., in connection with Wellington Street U.P. Church, per C. F. Y., 15s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Mr K., £5; A. M., £5; Mrs G., Helensburgh, per J. R., £1; J. D., Portobello, 5s; T. J., one load of oatmeal; Misses B., Montrose, £1; a Friend, or "Bought Back," £1; W. L., £10 10s; a Friend, 4lbs of tea; Mrs A., £50; Miss L., Hillhead, parcel of clothing; Mrs S., 2s 6d; C. D. D., Crosshill, 2s 6d; A. G., 10s. Found in boxes in City Home in January, £2 3s 6d; S. A. K., cravat and chemises. The following sums have been sent in for Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—A Friend, in stamps, 1s; from Cranstonhill Forenoon Meeting, per A. B., £2 2s; Miss R., Bristol, £10.

February 18.—From Hutchesontown U.P. Church hall class, per A. R., £1 10s 8d; from "Wigtown," £1; collected by Misses E. and C. W., Bannockburn, £1 5s; Miss P., £5; from Whiteinch Sabbath School, per G. W. C., £4; Mr B., Canada, per Miss C., for emigration, £1 1s; Sabbath School, Cardown, per A. B., 5s; A. J. K., for emigration, £5; Miss B., Aberdeen, £2; Mrs B., do., £1; Miss P., do., £1; a Boy, do., 1s; Mrs F., do., 2s 6d; Miss R., do., 2s 6d; Mr M'K., do., 5s; Mrs S., do., 9s. The above sums from Aberdeen were collected by Mrs S. for emigration. From Friends in Edinburgh, per J. P., £10, to take a boy to Canada; W. M. M., Alva, £1; a Friend, £1; from Friends, per J. S., for emigration, £1; a Friend, per S. M., 5s; from Friends, per G. W., to take a boy to Canada:—£10; J. D., Portobello, 5s; Mrs M'K.'s, Bible-Class, West Calder, 2s; Catholic Apostolic Church, per M. W., £3; F. L., Jersey, £3; a Friend, per Miss W., parcel of stockings and winey; from C. M., 7s 6d; Mrs S., Largs, £1; H. P., do., 5s; Miss B., do., 6s; Miss O., do., 2s; Miss R., do., 2s; Mrs W., do., 5s. The above sums from Largs were collected by Miss E. Misses L., Edinburgh,

10s; from a Friend, Paisley, parcel of clothing. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—From Young Women's Christian Association, Dunlop, per J. H. W., 10s; part of a New-Year offering, 3s; R. L., £5; "a Friend, C." £2; Mrs C. K., Ayre, £5; E. M., Singapore, £5; J. K. jun., £2; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 18s 6d; J. Y.'s Bank, 10s; Mrs W., Helensburgh, £1; Miss M., £1; A. H., Hamilton, 4 pairs stockings; E. L. M., Airdrie, a free will offering, £1; J. G. & Co., £10; J. C., Annan, 10s; R. B., £1; a Friend, with Psalm xxxvii. 5th, 7s; T. J., £1 6s 8d worth of fourpenny tickets for food. The following donations have been received for Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—From a Widow, "a thankoffering for blessings received," £1; from Queen's Park Established Church S.S., month's collection, per J. M'G., £1 15s; from Queen's Park Established Church Mission S.S., per R. N., £4 6s; from St. George's in the Fields Sabbath Schools, per T. J. H., £5; from U.P. S.S., Partick, per J. H., £2.

March 2.—From Dundonald F. Church, S.S., per J. B., £1 1s; from Mrs T. and other ladies, sewing meeting, Paisley, large parcel of clothing, consisting of 54 articles; Mrs M., 10s; from Portland Road S.S., Kilmarnock, per J. M'Q., £2; from U.P. Church S.S., Largs, per T. C., £1 11s 9d; Miss P., per Mr F., 10s; from George Street U.P. Church S.S., Aberdeen, per A. S., £1; A. S., Aberdeen, 10s; W. C. M., £1; Mrs K., parcel of clothing; Mrs M., Largs, per Miss E., £5; Miss V., per do., 10s; R. S., per do., 2s 6d; M. P., Greenock, two pair stockings, &c., and 2s 6d; from Thread Street U.P. Church S.S., Paisley, per D. W. P., for emigration, £6 13s 4d; A. W. Dennistown, £10, to take a child to Canada; from Bishop Street School, in connection with St. Vincent Street U.P. Church, per J. B. L., £2; from Lansdowne Juvenile Missionary Society, per T. H. B. B., £5; from Mr F. P.'s Bible Class, Alloa, contributed by teachers and scholars, £2 8s 9d; R. H. M., England, £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Mrs J. M., Strathaven, £5; R. C., parcel of magazines; J. H., £2; from St. James' S.S. Society, per S. S., £2; Mr S., £5; R. R., Hamilton, £2; Mrs D., 10s; Dr H., Bridge of Allan, for street children's treat, £1; Mrs C., South-side, parcel of clothing and 4s; A Friend, in stamps, 6d; A Friend, £20; from F. Brothers, quantity of bread; M. S., 10s; Mrs M'L., parcel of clothing; found in boxes during Feb., £1 9s 11d; A. F. P., Alloa, £5. The following donations have been sent in for Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—Elderslie Sabbath School, £2; R. R., Hamilton, £2; Bible Class, Bridge of Weir, per Rev T. C., £1 13s; A. F. P., Alloa, £5.

March 16.—A Friend, per Mrs M., Portobello, 5s; Mrs M., do., £1; Mrs E., Newcastle, £1; Mr C., £1; M. A. H., 10s; from Friends, Buenos Ayres, £1 2s 6d; M. A. H., Crieff, 17s; from Friends, Croydon, for emigration, per Miss B., £7; from St. Enoch's Free Church S.S., £1 1s; Mrs A., Dumbartonshire, per W. C. M., to take a child to Canada, £10; Mrs S., Greenock, parcel of clothing; Mrs D., to take a child to Canada, £10; a Friend, Pollokshields, £1; from Ferniegair S.S., per Mr F., £1 10s; Mrs R., East Kilbride, £2; Mrs A., for Home at Belleville, £50; from Young Women's Bible Class, Free St. George's, conducted by J. R., £1; Mrs T., 12 pairs stockings; J. B., Paisley, to take two children to Canada, £20; Hutchesontown U.P. Church S.S., £1 1s 2d; M. S., £1; G. S., £30, for Home at Belleville and general work; collected in School, 1 Claremont Terrace, for support of a little girl, per Miss N., £10. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Mrs G., Pollokshields, £1; W. C., £10; Mrs M., 10s; Mr F., £1; a Friend, per C. S., Dundee, 5s; R. M., Campbeltown, in stamps, 1s 10d; Master A. H., Airdrie, 5s; "Give and it shall be given unto you," £1 1s; W. B., 5s; Dalmarnock Established Church S.S., per J. F., £1; Rev. J. K., per Mrs G., Largs, 10s; Mrs G., do., £2; Miss L., Helensburgh, 12 pairs stockings; from Free Tron Literary Society Soiree, per R. M., quantity of tea bread; Miss N. M., per Miss C., 2s 6d; G. S., £20; Mrs T., smoked ham and 10s. The following sums have been sent in for Cottage Homes Building Fund:—A Friend, for a stone, £5; W. L. B., £5; Miss C., £1.

March 30.—From "Wigtown," £1; Mrs C., Renfrew, £1; Mrs B., Edinburgh, for emigration, £1; Miss S., Stirling, parcel of clothing; Mrs T., parcel of clothing; M. T., 4 chemises; C. H. A., Irvine, for emigration, £10; Mrs A., 33 winey shirts; Mr M.'s Singing Class, Paisley Road F.C., 8s; M. H., 5s; M. W., £2, to make it easier for Mr. Quarrier to get away to Canada; M., for emigration, £25; J. G., London, £3; D. P. Alloa, £10; J. A. B., Paisley, to send a child to Canada, £10; J. C., per Mrs G., Auchencairn, £2 15s; Miss B., Dunoon, 30 shirts; Mrs B., do., six shirts; a Friend, a pair of stockings; G. B., Aberdeen,

£5, being second half of a lassie to Canada; G. B., do., £5, to make it easier for Mr Quarrier to get away to Canada; a Friend, Paisley Road, parcel of clothing; Mrs K., parcel of clothing; Mrs B., Aberdeen, £1; A. R. G., Aberdeen, £1; a Friend, Aberdeen, 5s; a Friend, do., 3s; a Friend, do., 10s; from Friends, Croydon, per Miss B., for emigration, £5; Mrs M., Hillhead, parcel of clothing and 10s; from Congregational S. S. Free Middle Church, Paisley, per W. M'A., 12s; J. B. A., to take four children to Canada, £40; J. M., with best wishes, 5s; a member of Free St. Mary's, Govan, 10s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—M. & J. C., £1; W. L., Falkirk, £1; R. M., Campbelton, 1s; J. P. T., Eday, Orkney, £1; Falkirk Working Boys' Society, 9s; a Christian Friend, Ceres, 10s; a Christian servant, do., 2s 6d; Miss M., £1; M. L., parcel of clothing; A. S., £2 2s; W. L., Portobello, £1; M., £25; D. P., Alloa, £10; J. A. B., Paisley, £10; R. N. C., books; G. S., Coatbridge, £5; Mrs M., boots, &c.; Mrs D. B. Falkirk, per Mr P., £1; W. M., for bread and butter, 10s; Miss A., Edinburgh, £1; J. C., £1; Mrs L., 10s; W. S.F., £1; for orphan and destitute children, £1. The following donations have been sent in towards the building fund of Orphan Cottage Homes:—W. B. & Co., 2s 6d; Gatherings of a Little One "gone home," per J. M'D., 16s 11d; J. M'G., Greenock, £2; J. A. B., Paisley, £30.

April 13.—From Mission Box of Free Church Sabbath School, Largs, per J. M'Q., £2 3s; T. T., to take two children to Canada, £20; J. G., £4; J. B., Irvine, £3 for emigration; Bath Street U.P. Church Sabbath School, per G. B., 10s; J. W. B., Dunoon, to take two children to Canada, £20; J. D., Portobello, 2s 6d; A. B. K., to take a child to Canada, £10; J. R. W., Bellingham, 4 boys' suits; Mrs H., parcel of knitted semmets, and £1 1s; Mrs H., parcel of clothing and £1; from friends, Cumberland, 2 shirts and 24 pairs knitted socks, per Miss W.; Miss W., £1; R. L., Whithorn, 10s; J. C., do., 10s; Mrs D., do., 7s 6d; Mrs L., do., 4s; Mrs C., do., 2s 6d; Mrs D., do., 2s 6d; Miss A. B., do., 2s 6d; a Friend, do., 1s. The above sums from Whithorn were collected by Mrs H.; Mrs M'L., per J. S., 2s; J. R., £30, to take three children to Canada, Mrs T., meat; from an Old Lady, Mrs C., 16 pairs stockings and socks; from Three Friends, per Mrs R., £1 15s; from Wigtown, £1; Thank-offering from Class of Little Girls, East U.P. Church, S.S., Partick, 2s 5d; from an Aged Sufferer, Southport, £1; from Fishermen, Southport, per S.S., 5s; J. H. D., for emigration, £5; J. H. D., for to make it easier for Mr. Quarrier to get to Canada, £5; from a Friend, 5s; J. B., Melrose, £10, to take a boy to Canada; Miss C., Isle of Wight, £10, to take a boy to Canada. The following donations have been sent for City Home Refuge and Mission:—J. P., Halifax, £2; T. T., £5; Mrs R., 5s; J. K., £2; Mr M'F., three dozen loaves; A. P., £1; D. & P., parcel of clothing; J. R., Paisley, £1; Mrs M., Wooller, £5; A Christian Friend, Cupar-Fife, 10s, with the words, "God shall supply all your needs;" a Friend, Leeds, 5s; a Friend, do., 5s; J. R. Holytown, £1; Miss E., Hillhead, £5; Mrs M., Invergarry, £1; Two Friends, £1; J. R., £20; from a Friend, £2; Workers of M'C. & Co., £2 2s; T. F., Newmains, parcel of clothing; Mrs C., parcel of clothing; Mrs M., Eaglesham, parcel of clothing; Sabbath School Soldiers' Home, Maryhill, per Miss T., 5s 6d; Mr L., chest of tea; Mrs J. C., Busby, £2; Coatbridge Working Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, per H. R., £1 4s 6d; Mrs G., "for poor children and widows," a dress and £1; R. H., Kirkcaldy, £3; H.P., £1; J.D., Portobello, 2s 6d. The following sums have been sent in for the building fund of Orphan Cottage Homes:—Mrs T. W. B., £1; from Miss M. C. Russell's counter box, Helensburgh, per R. B., £1; one-third part of missionary box, Sabbath School, Lomnay, Aberdeenshire, 4s 5d; A. M'K., 10s; Mount Florida U.P. Church Sabbath School, per J. H. W., £1; St Stephen's Sabbath School Missionary Society, per Mr L., £2 2s; from M'Leod parish church Sabbath School, two quarter's collections, per J. R., £6 2s 8d; Clyde Street (Port-Dundas) Sabbath School, per D. G. B., 17s 6d.

April 27.—Mrs K., parcel of clothing; a Friend at Noon Meeting, 2s; two Friends, Uddingston, per J. R. J., 10s; W. S., £1; J. B. K., per J. R., to take a child to Canada, £10; J. R. R. R., to take a boy to Canada, £10; from a Friend, C., £1; R. S., 2s 6d in stamps; S. T. Renton, £20, to take two children to Canada; T. B., Dalry, £10, to take a boy to Canada; M. L., Cambridge, in memory of a little one gone home, for emigration, £2; Mrs A., 13 night-gowns, 25 chemises, 25 shirts, 17 dresses; J. B., Ibrox, to take a child to Canada, £10; D. R., £2; Mrs A., 33 shirts; J. F., Leeds, £1 10s; W. H., to take a boy to Canada, £10; from an Old Woman, 5s; Mrs A., Whithorn, per Mrs H., 3s; a Friend, do., per Mrs H., 1s; U.P. Church S.S., Kirn, per J. L., 6s; an Invalid, 10s; J. & A. B.,

Greenock, for emigration, £5; M. S., 5s; J. M'K., Paisley, for emigration, £1; Mrs A., 9 print dresses and 12 night-gowns; a Friend, 12 pairs stockings; Mrs A., 15 print dresses; H. B., 6 shirts; A. G., Kirriemuir, 5s; a Friend, per do., 1s; Miss C., Brighton, for a boy's passage to Canada, £10. The following donations have been sent for City Home Refuge and Mission:—J. H., Innellan, parcel of clothing; J. A., £5; W. F., £1 10s; J. W., £1; S. T., Renton, £10; Mrs J., Shandon, £1; Grove Street Mill Girls' Religious Society, per F. G. S., £2, towards keep of a girl; U.P. Church Christian Work Society, Strathaven, per Miss M. S., 13s; Miss C., Campbeltown, 10s; Mrs C., parcel of clothing; Mrs L., parcel of clothing; Mr R., parcel of clothing; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 19s 7d; Miss M., £1; A. C., Dunblane, £1; Bluevale Established Church School collection, £4 7s 11s; Wellpark Institute Forenoon Meeting and Sabbath Evening School, per Mr M'K., £1 3s 10½d; Mrs S., 3s; Mr and Mrs S., £3; from C. H., Uddingston, 10s; Mrs G., parcel of books. The following sums have been sent in for Building Fund of Orphan Cottage Homes:—Calderhead S.S., Shotts, per J. P., 15s; Children at forenoon meeting, Partick, per A. L., £1 4s 8d; Mrs J., Helensburgh, £5; Hangingshaw S. School, per A. P. B., £2 4s 1d; a Father and Mother, Ayrshire, to build a cottage in memory of a loved son, £1300; St. David's Parish S. School, £1; Kirn U.P. S. School, per A. M., 11s 3d; A. P. R., Roseneath, £1; a Thankoffering, with the words, "May the Lord multiply it a thousandfold," £1.

May 11th.—Crieff Working Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, 13s; J. E., to take three girls to Canada, £30; G. B., Aberdeen, to take a lassie to Canada, £10; Miss S., per G. B., Aberdeen, £1; Mr. B., per do., 5s; Pollokshaws Sabbath School, 10s; Mrs and Miss M'K., East Kilbride, for emigration, £5; Mrs M'K., 3 pairs stockings; "Amicus," box containing 2 cambric handkerchiefs, 2 pair gloves, and 2 scarfs to be sold; Dr M., per J. R., for emigration, £10; Mrs M., £2; Mrs A., 29 dresses, 24 night-dresses, and 12 petticoats; H. C., Aberdeen, 5s; Miss M., do., 4s; M. D., do., 2s 6d; Mr C.'s Sunday School, do., 10s; Miss B., do., £1; Mrs M., do., £1; G. B., do., £1; Miss M'D., do., £2; Mrs S., do., £1; A. C. B., do., £2 18s 6d (the above sums from Aberdeen were collected by Mrs S. to take a child to Canada; Miss M'D., Aberdeen, 21 shirts; Mrs C., 1 pair socks; a Friend, 8 pairs stockings; Mrs R., 12 shirts, &c.; J. C., for the boys going to Canada, 5s; "Practical," £1; Miss T., per Mrs A., 6s; Friends, Croydon, per B. P. B., for two boys to Canada, £22; a Mother, with kind wishes, £1; Mrs C., Port-Glasgow, being 1d. off every 1s earned in three months, £1; a Few Friends, Largs, per Miss M., 15s; Mrs T., £1; a Friend, to take a child to Canada, £10; Mrs M'D., £15; Mr S., Port-Glasgow, for emigration, £5; Mr M., £5; "Kinnie," £3; Mr L., £5; Mrs G., Wishaw, £1; a Widow, 1s; a Friend, 5s; a Friend, 5s; Miss K., £2; J. C., per Mrs S. G., Auchencairn, £1; J. M'C., with best wishes, £1; children attending afternoon service for the young in connection with Ibrox Church, per A. H., £1 12s; found by a little boy, 6d, for the orphans; Mrs M. and Friends, Wooller, box of clothing; "Hope," per Mrs K., Paisley, 1s; a Few Friends, per Mrs M'F., 3 dozen scarfs for children going to Canada; Mrs M., Wooller, £10, to take a boy to Canada; Mrs T., quantity of meat; Mrs M., Bellahouston, parcel of clothing and books; parcel of clothing from Thistle Street, Aberdeen, for children going to Canada. The following donations have been sent for City Home Refuge, and Mission:—Mrs G., 5s; found in City Home boxes in March, £1 16s 2½d; do. in April, 4s 5d; D. M. S., parcel of clothing; R. T., Paisley, £1; Mrs M'F., £5; G. S., Whitburn, £5; Collected by J. D., Portobello, 18s; Mrs M'N., Hillhead, £1; Captain W., for boys' treat to Dunoon, £1 10s; Mrs M'F., quantity of fancy bread; Mrs M., £1; P. M. W., £5; Mrs B., £10; Mrs M'D., £10; a Friend, Cambuslang, 10s; a Friend, £1; M. B., Tunbridge Wells, 4s 2d; a Lady at City Home, £1; M. A. H., Rochdale, 10s; J. B., Irvine, with good wishes, £1; D. B. J., £1, Mrs G., Pollokshields, three iron bedsteads, two straw mattresses, and 1 fender; Mr B., parcel of clothing; R. B., 2 parcels sweets and parcels books; Mr W., parcel clothing; a Friend, do.; W. M., for the scheme which is most in need, £1; Mrs K., Paisley, £1; R. F., Anstruther, 10s; Mrs G., Wishaw, parcel of clothing; a Friend, parcel of clothing; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 17s; Innellan Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, per T. D., 12s. The following sums have been sent in for the building fund of Orphan Cottage Homes:—Mrs M'F., £5; a Friend, for central building, £100; a Friend who intended to build a cottage, but now thinks it best to pay balance of central building to ease Mr Quarrier's mind in going to Canada (the balance to be sent when needed), £600; collected by the Renwick Free Church, South Side, per D. D., £1 16s 0½d.

May 25.—From Wigtown, £1; Trinity Free Church Sabbath School April Collection, per Mr K., £2 18s 9d; Miss M'K., £1; Mrs D., 10s; Mrs L., for work done, 5s; R. L., Aberdeen, 5s; Three Friends, A.B.C., £2; Mr A., at Railway Station, £1 1s; Mrs F., Partick, 4s; Mrs L., Campbeltown, 10s; Mrs C. O. G., Campbeltown, 5s; Mrs J. R., do., 5s; Mrs M'K., do., 5s; Miss M'K., do., 5s; Mrs G., do., 5s; Mrs M'F., do., 5s; Mrs C. M'F., do., 10s; Mrs M., do., 10s; Mrs R. C., do., 5s; Miss H., Dalintober, £1; Mrs M'N., do., 5s; Mrs D. C., do., 5s; Mrs D. C., do., 5s; Miss M'E., Campbeltown, 5s; Mr W. H., jun., Lochend, 2s 6d; Miss H., Campbeltown, 4s; Mrs M'D., do., 2s; Mr B., do., £1; Mrs W., do., 2s; Mrs B., do., 5s; Mrs S. G., do., 10s; Mrs G., do., 5s; Mrs H. Dalintober, 5s; Mrs P. M'K., Campbeltown, 7s 6d; Miss B., do., 10s; Mrs M'F., do., 2s; Mrs R., do., 5s; Miss G., do., 2s 6d; J. G., Esq., do., £1; Mrs M'F., do., 5s; a Friend, do., 2s; Mrs M'K., Duvaar, £1; L. M'L., Esq., Campbeltown, 4s. These sums from Campbeltown and neighbourhood were collected by Miss M'F. The following donations have been sent in for City Home, Refuge, and Mission:—Milton Parish Church Sabbath School per A. D., 13s 5½d; Grove Street Sabbath School, in connection with Elgin Place Church, £1; Mrs C. K., Ayre, £5; A. J. K., £5; Mrs L.'s collecting box, Bridge of Allan, 9s 4d; Mrs L., do., 10s; Miss H. H., do., per Mrs L., 5s; G. B., Aberdeen, £10; Mrs M., parcel of clothing; Mrs. C., Bothwell, £3; a Friend, Tighnabruach, 5s; S. H., £1; St. Vincent E. Church Senior Bible Class, £1; a Friend, £2; from Uddingston, parcel of *Graphics*; winter's work of a small weekly party of humble working women, Kirkmaiden, per Mrs O., 52 dresses, 16 white flannel petticoats, 10 druggot do., 8 skirts, 4 jackets, 2 knitted shirts, 2 pinafores, 5 aprons, 1 scarf, 16 pairs stockings, 25 shirts, 23 chemises. From the Belmont Crescent sewing party—24 druggot petticoats, 25 flannel petticoats, 24 chemises, 12 pinafores, 3 knitted petticoats. The following sums have been sent in for the building fund of the Orphan Cottage Homes:—Free St. James Church Sabbath School and Bible Class, per Mr W., £2 3s 10d, "to be applied to whichever scheme is thought best," £13 13s 2d.

June 8.—From the missionary-box of pupils at 34 Wesbourne Gardens, 5s; A. T., Eskbank, 10s; Mrs S. Melrose, £1; Gorbals Parish Church Sabbath School Association, per B. B., £2; a Friend at noon meeting, per J. R. J., 10s; Mrs C., 2s 6d; H. S. G., Helensburgh, £3; Scotch Independent Church Sabbath School, £1 0s 2d; legacy left by a former member of the Grove Street Mill Girls' Religious Society, per F. G. S., 10s; Mrs T., Eskbank, £5; Mrs C., 5s; J. B., £1; from Sunday School, 41 Brown Street, per G. G., £1 10s; bank money of four boys, £2 5s 5½d. The following donations have been sent in for City Home, Refuge, and Mission:—W. T., £2; M. T., per W. T., £1; J. A., per W. T., 10s; R. W., per W. T., 5s; Mrs R., parcel of clothing and one dozen stockings; Glasgow Musical Festival Executive Committee, part proceeds of last season's choral and orchestral concerts, per H. J., £10; M. W. L., Irvine, per W. G. & J. W. L., £1; Mrs. T., Jedburgh, 17s; from a little Motherless Girl, per do., 3s; Mr C., Crosshill, parcel of clothing; Mrs C., Dumfries, portmanteau and quantity of clothing; found in boxes at City Home during May, £2 9s 9½d; J. B., quantity of clothing and £1. W. M., for bread and butter, 10s; Mrs G., Dalkeith, parcel of clothing; Mrs S. Gourrock, for poor widow, 10s; Mechanics' Hall Sabbath School, Calton, £2; Mrs J. R., Lenzie, £10; A. J. K., £5; T. M'L., parcel of clothing. The following sum has been sent in for the Building Fund of the Orphan Cottage Homes:—M. S., Kilm, £5.

June 22.—R. B., Paisley, for emigration, £1; Miss B., Largs, per Miss E., 4s; Mrs A. J., per do., £1; Dr. C., per do., 2s 6d; Mrs R., per do., 4s; A. W., Uddingston, per C. A., 2s 6d; J. T., in stamps, with the words "it is only a shilling, but perhaps it may be like the widow's mite, and it is all I can afford," 1s; Miss M'L., £1; Miss H., Pitlochry, 10s; Miss C. M. A. S., per Miss H., 10s; from a Friend, in stamps, Lanark post-mark, 2s 6d; "As the Lord has prospered the sale of work the last three months"—(Gen. xxviii. 22)—6s; Victoria Free Church Sabbath School, per G. A. D., £1 8s; Mrs D., Ibrox, parcel of clothing; Miss M'K., £1; a Friend, Portobello, 1s; a Friend, do., 1s; a Friend, do., 1s; a Friend, do., 1s; P. A. Y., do., 1s; J. S., do., 2s 6d; G. T. J., do., 1s; J. D., do., 1s 6d—these sums from Portobello were collected by J. D.; Paisley Road Free Church Sabbath School, per J. S., £1 6s 9d; Mrs T., Kilmearn, per Mrs B., for poor sick children, 5s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home, Refuge, and Mission:—From A. L. O. G., £4; R. P., £10; Mr M'F., 12 quarter loaves of bread; Capt. J. S. H., £12; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 19s; Dr W. B. H. Matlock, £1 1s; Mrs H., Partick, £1; Mr M'F., 24 quarter loaves of bread; Mr W. F., £1; St James Street U.P. Church Sabbath School, Paisley, per

Mr H., £6; Mrs S., 3 parcels of clothing; T. B. & Co., London, 1 box tea, 12 tins preserved tongues, 9 tins corn'd beef, and 12 boxes chocolate; Dr M., Cambuslang, parcel of new clothing; a Widow, E. M. M., Cardross, £1; St Columba Free Church Sabbath School Bible Class, per R. M'K., 18s 2½d; Miss M'P., 5s; Mrs B., Pollokshields, 13 shirts; Stonelaw Sabbath School, Rutherglen, per W. S., £2. The following sums have been sent in for the building fund of the Orphan Cottage Homes:—"A friend in Aberdeen," £3; R. A. B., to buy a waggonette to convey friends visiting the Orphan Homes to and from the station, £20; from Miss M. C. R.'s counter box, Helensburgh, per R. B., £1; Miss G., Kilmearn, per R. B., 5s; G. J., Edinburgh, £1; Free St. Mary's Sabbath Forenoon Meeting, Govan, per M. H., 14s 3d.

July 6.—Mrs and Miss W., St. Bees, per C. A., 5s; a Spinster's Thankoffering, per Rev. J. S., 10s; Mr R. Hamilton, £5; Mrs T., £1; from a Class of Poor Boys in Irvine Baptist Church Sabbath School, per J. W., 5s; "Dido," Isle of Wight, per Mr J. W., 2s; Netted Tray Cover, worked by an old lady over eighty years of age, per Miss K., to be sold for the good of the work; Miss K., Crochet Shawl and Scarf for sale; W. & W. E., £10; Mission School Bible Class, Kirkintilloch, per Miss D., 6s 6d; Collection at Prayer Meeting, Old Meldrum, per Rev. D. K. A., £1; W. G. & Son, £5; A. C., Grangemouth, 6s; S. C., Sheffield, £5; Mrs A., Partick, parcel of clothing; J. M. & M. M., per Miss C., £2. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Mrs A., £50; R. C. parcel of magazines; G. M., 2 dozen loaves; C. A., (commission on insurance), 18s 9d; Mrs S., £50; Mrs R. W. H., £2; Mrs. F., Duntocher, parcel of clothing; G. M., 2 dozen and 4 large, and 4 small loaves; J. A., 41 quarters bread; Mr M'F., 41 quarters bread; W. B., in stamps, 2s. The following sums have been sent in for the building fund of the Orphan Cottage Homes:—Mrs R. M., per Miss M'K., to buy harness for the use of the Home, £7; from the Bible Scholars Missionary Boxes, Free Church, Dallas, Forres, per Mrs D., 5s; from the two friends who previously gave £1300 to build the first Cottage, and who now give this sum to square the building accounts, which have exceeded original estimates, £18 3s 2d. These friends have also agreed to furnish the whole of this cottage at a cost of about £200 in all; Kelvinside Free Church Sabbath School Mission, Partick, per Mr M., £1 7s 2d.

July 20.—J. B., jun., 10s; Sighthill Free Church Sabbath School, per J. B. jun., £1 15s 6d; Free St Mary's Church Sabbath School, Govan, £2 4s 4d; Aucheneck Young Men's Christian Association, per R. M'L., 18s; Mission School Bible Class, Kirkintilloch, per Miss D., 1s; Collection by Boys and Girls at the Sabbath Morning Meetings, Helensburgh, per J. U., £3 16s 6d; Bridgegate Free Church Sabbath School, £1 6s; F. P., 10s; collected by Miss M., for Girls' Canadian Outfits, £3 14s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Mrs W., Partick, per Rev. Dr Bonar, £1; "In Memoriam of a little girl who was taken home 19th July, 1876," £2 10s; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 15s; Miss H., Stirling, £2; Mr D., Kirkintilloch, a sewing machine; Mr M'F., 35 quarter loaves; C. M'K., 3 dozen loaves; R. M'D., £2 2s. The following donations have been sent in for the Building Fund of Orphan Cottage Homes:—Visitor at Nittingshill, 5s 6d; Fee for being a Jurymen, G. T., £2; "Left by a wee boy now in heaven," £1 14s; Mrs R. M., £100; J. B., jun., 10s; Mrs G., Largs, parcel of wool bed-covers.

August 3.—Mrs M., at noon meeting, £1; Miss H., 5s; H. R., Edinburgh, £10; A. R., £10; J. L., Toronto, £4; A. M., Picton, Canada, 10s; collected by friends in Croydon, per Miss B., for emigration, £9; M. W., as a thankoffering for Mr Quarrier's return from Canada, £3; from Greyfriars U.P. Church Religious Purposes Society, per P. L., £2; from Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, Kilmarnock, per G. B., £3 16s 6½d; Mrs H., Fairlie, 5s; Mrs M'L., do., 5s; Mrs F., do., 5s; Mr C., Largs, 1s 6d; a Friend, do., 2s; Mrs S., do., 2s; Mrs B., do., 1s. The above sums from Fairlie and Largs were collected by Miss E. A Working Man, 1s; a Friend, a jacket; Cardonald Sabbath School, per J. F., £1 5s; Mrs F., Lenzie, £1; Mrs C., Port-Glasgow, £1, being one penny off every shilling earned in three months; "Nemo," 10s. The following donations have been sent in for the City Home Refuge and Mission:—A. C., collecting card, 15s; Mr F., 4½ dozen loaves; Mr M'A., 2 dozen loaves; Mrs S., 10s; from Antigua Place Sabbath School, per A. M., £2 6s; Mrs C. K., Ayre, £5; John Street Baptist Church Sabbath Schools, per G. M., £1 17s 6d; found in boxes in City Home, in July, 7s 11d; Working Boys' and Girls' Sabbath Morning Meeting, Gourrock, 15s;

T. B., Ayrshire, £5; Mrs R., per Miss M., parcel of school books. The following sums have been sent in for Orphan Cottage Home Building Fund:—F. M., Fifeshire, £3; Miss N., Gourrock, 10s in stamps; "Nemo," 10s.

August 17.—Mrs T., 12 pairs stockings; Rev. J. L.'s Bible Class, Broughty Ferry, £1; C. R., £10; from Wigtown, £1; from Trinity Free Church Forenoon Meeting, per R. M.H., 17s 6d; Mrs S. Aberdeen, £10; Miss B., do., per Mrs S., £5; J. D., per Mrs S., £1; Mrs J. M., per Mr C., £1; M. S., do., per Mrs S., 5s; Rev. J. L., Canada, £1; from children, per Miss W., dolls, &c.; J. P., Tillicoultry, £10; J. W., Strathaven, £2; from L. M. and B. K. T., parcel of clothing and 6s; A Friend, in stamps, 1s; Q., Dumbartonshire, £100. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—I. D., Aberdeen, 4s; Miss M., £2; J. C., per Mrs G., Auchencairn, £1; a Friend, 2s; a Friend, 10s; Two Children, J. K. and J. S. K., Greenock, £1; Miss J., per A. J. K., do., £1; C. H. A., Irvine, £10; Mrs R., Shawlands, £10; J. H., parcel of groceries, with best wishes; A. E. C., parcel of clothing; Mrs C., blanket and 5s; a Friend, 1s; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 17s 2d; T. L. L., Polmont, £5; St. James's Street Bible Class, Paisley, £1. The following donations have been sent in for Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—A Friend (H.), first contribution for an Aberdeen Home, £50; J. R., 1s; Miss E., £1; a Friend, Helensburgh, £1.

August 31.—"A Christian Brother," per Miss C. R., Cupar-Fife, 5s; Miss E., 12 bags for combs and brushes, and £3; Queen Anne Street Church Mission, S.S., Dunfermline, per R. M., £2; J. H., £1; Baptist Church, S.S., Cupar-Fife, per Miss C. R., 10s; a Friend per Miss A. M., Ceres, Fife, 5s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—J. M., per D. M., £2; Mr M.K., 5s; Mr E., £1; Mrs K., Paisley, £2; W. J. S., £2; Mrs B., Bothwell, £1; and four dozen comb and brush bags; Mr M.F., 7 quarter loaves; Miss H., Edinburgh, £5; from one who desires to leave the world better than he found it, £10; a Friend, Stirling, box of clothing. The following donations have been sent in for Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—J. A. C., £5; D. M., Paisley, £1; from the Friend who intended to build a Cottage but decided to pay balance of Central Building, second instalment, £400; R. B. M.C., towards Cripple and Invalid Children's Homes, £1 1s; A. J. K., for Invalid and Cripple Children's Homes, £100; J. W., £100; M. A. B., for Invalid and Cripple Children's Homes, £1; for the Cripple Children with the best wishes of an old woman, £1.

September 14.—W. J. S., £1; Miss M., Hillhead, per J. S., £3; Mrs C., Partick, 5s; Mrs S. Hamilton, 5s; from Queen's Park U.P. Church Sabbath School, £6 7s 1d; Mrs M., parcel of clothing; Mrs J., Skelmorlie, £1; G. R., Aberdeen, "for half a lassie to Canada," £5; from Baptist Church Sabbath School, Anstruther, per P. T., £1; Miss M., £1; from Wigtown, £1; D. M.A., £1; Eglington Street U.P. Church Sabbath School, per A. G., £1 10s 2d; a Friend, C., £2; Mrs K., 15 comb and brush bags; from a Friend of the Orphans, 14 pairs knitted stockings; a Friend, Bridge-of-Weir, £1; M. and B. B., 10s; M. and J. C., £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and mission work:—A Poor Woman, 6d; S. G. S., London, £5; T. T., £20; Mr M.F., 21 quarters bread; a Friend, 4 pairs stockings; a Friend, parcel of flannels; W. M., for bread and butter, 10s; a Friend, Hamilton, 4 pairs stockings; Mrs K., parcel of clothing; J. M., jun., £4. The following donations have been sent in for Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—L. H. W., for the Cripple and Invalid Children's Homes, £5; Miss G., Edinburgh, £1; W. C., £50; A Sympathiser, Millport, £10; M. V., Dollar, a love gift for the Invalid Children's Homes, 5s 9d; Miss M. C. Russell's counter box, Helensburgh, per R. B., £1; R. L., £25; from employees of St. James Street, Kinning Park, Co-operative Baking Society, per D. S., £1 15s; A. W., for Invalid Children's Home (or Hospital), £300; R. C., a clock for outside central buildings; A. G., Paisley, 14 garden vases; J. C. W., £25.

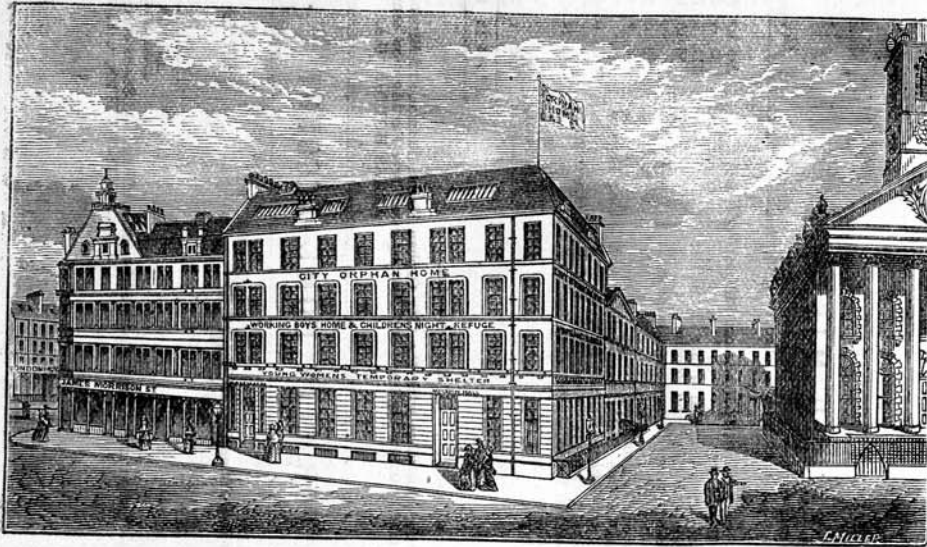
September 31.—Mrs M.F., Portobello, £1; W. L., £1; Miss R., Greenock, £1; a Friend, per Mrs D., 10s; Miss P. G., Grantown, 5s; from J. A. for daily bread, £1; D. M.G., per A. A., £1; Miss M., £1; from Wigtown, £1; from Whiteinch Free Church Sabbath School, per G. C., £1 2s; R. T., 5s; a Scotch Widow, 2s; a Friend in Whiteinch, £1; a Friend on Train, 5s; Capt. L., £1; G. L., 3 bags oatmeal, 1 of barley, and 2 barrels of flour (a seasonable gift); R. B., Gourrock, for Bridge of Weir Orphan Homes, £10. The following have been received for expenses of opening day of Orphan Homes:—Mr N., £1; R. A. B., £2; Found in Boxes, £40 1s 3d; L. P., St. Boswell's, £10; M. A. T., £10; M. W., £5; S. T. Renton,

£2; Mrs G., Largs, parcel of bedcovers and towels; a Friend, Downhill, parcel of clothing; Found in Boxes at Orphan Homes, Bridge of Weir, £1 7s 2½d. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—A. P., £2; A. M.K., £1; H. L., £25; G. M., quantity of bread; Miss M., Lochgilphead, parcel of school books; a Friend, a rocking horse; "Give and it shall be given unto you," £1 4s; a Working Man, £20; Alloa Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, per J. D., 14s; Miss H., 10s; Bank money of a little boy taken home, per Mrs D., £1 1s 7½d. The following donations have been sent in for Orphan Cottage Homes of Scotland Building Fund:—In memory of little Willie's birthday, now gone home, £1; from L., with request for prayer, £5; A. S., Barrhead, 10s; B. P. B., Croydon, £5; J. W., £5; H. R., Edinburgh, £25; W. M.A., £20; a Friend, Crieff, £5; W. J. M., 10s; F. M. R., £1; Miss L., £1; a Friend, Dumbartonshire, to build another Home, £1300; Miss M., £200 to furnish the Glasgow Home, &c.; A. H., Bridge of Allan, quantity of books.

October 12.—Mrs C. K., Ayr, £5; H. J., Irvine, £5; J. P. T., Eday, Orkney, £2; Mrs T., 10s; J. C. R., Croydon, £5; Children attending Victoria Hall Sabbath School, Wishaw, per Mrs W., £1; "Rita," parcel of toys, &c.; a Friend, for bread for the children, £10; Mr H. 5s; A. W., £50; T. T., £10. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—J. D., Portobello, 2s 6d; R. L., £1; a poor preacher's mite, 10s; from Children attending Hangingshaw Sabbath Forenoon Service, per P. T. H., 11s 5d; A. P., 12lbs tea; Miss S., Downhill, £1; Mr A., 44 pies; found in boxes at City Home Aug. and Sept., £7 3s 9d; collections on the four Sabbaths in Sept. at City Hall services, £23 2s 2½d; Mrs R., parcel of clothing and jar jam; Miss C., parcel of remnants; Mr M.F., 11 quarters bread; a Friend, parcel of raisins and books; from C., 3s; Mrs M., Ayr, parcel of clothing; J. M., jun., £4; Mrs S., Gourrock, £1; Mrs T., per do., £1 10s; Mrs W., per do., 10s; Mrs M., per do., 10s; Mrs C., per do., 5s; Miss M., per do., 2s 6d; Miss P., per do., 5s; Mr F., £1; J. M.B., parcel of clothing; from Paisley Road F. Church, per Mr M., £12; commission on insurance, per C. A., 3s 9d; J. C., per Mrs G., Auchencairn, £1; Mr M.K., 10s; A. W., £50; Mrs B., Dalkeith, £3. The following donations have been sent in for Orphan Cottage Homes:—E. M.L., for Invalid Children's Home, £1; Miss E. K., Ayr, £1; from "Wigtown," £1; Miss L., quantity of books; a servant's mantelpiece box, 16s.

Oct. 26.—Miss M., £1; collection at quarterly general meeting of Christian Association, Govan, per R. B., 10s; a friend from do., 1s; from two little boys in the country, per J. H., £1; a Friend, 9 comb and brush bags, and 5s; R. M., £5; Mrs R., 5s; from A. D., per J. C., £1; J. M., for Newstead Home, £2; Mrs S., Comrie, £6 realised from sale of articles made in spare time; an Anonymous Friend, to be used as required, £10; Miss O., Windsor, for emigration, £2; D. M.A., £1; J. S., Birmingham, £1; Mrs M., two dozen comb and brush bags; an Old Lady, per do., 7 pairs stockings; Mrs S., Alloa, a bag of potatoes, &c.; Mr K., 3 tons of coal for Cessnock; Miss H., £5; Miss S., two pairs stockings; a Friend, per Mrs T., 5s; W. R., parcel of books and £1; A. & C., £2; R. L., Aberdeen, 5s; from Springbank U.P. Church S.S., per J. U., £2 8s; R. & Son, £2 4s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Free High Church S.S., Partick, per G. S., £1 13s 6d; from a Friend, "to be used as Mr. Quarrier sees best for the work of which he is the steward," £1; from North Hanover Street Congregational Church, S.S., per A. M.P., £3 7s 2d; Mrs and Miss A., Edinburgh, £4; A. P., £1; W. R. M. Stratford, Canada, 2 kits butter; W. B., £101 13s 6d (this unknown friend's gift is most seasonable); "Give and it shall be given unto you," 16s; Greenhead U.P. Church S.S., per J. C. jun., £1 4s 3d; W. J., Eaglesham, bag of vegetables; G. B., Aberdeen, 34 yards wincey; Mrs. T., Cumbernauld, 10s; Mrs M., "for Young Women's Shelter," £2. The following donations have been sent in for Orphan Cottage Homes:—A. M., box of joiner's tools; from Mary, Tom, Elizabeth, and Jane, £1; from E.U. Church S.S., Leith, per J. S., £3; from A.D., per J. C., £1; J. M., jun., £1; Miss E., Newcastle, £2 10s; Mrs W., Belfast, per Mrs C., Partick, £1.

Oct. 31.—Mrs P., Edinburgh, £1; Parish Church, S. S., Kilwinning, per A. M.C., 11s 0½d; J. P., Magherdenock, Ireland, for Hallowe'en Treat, £4; M. R., Edinburgh, £1; Mrs S., 4s; Mrs M., £2; J. G., London, £2; for bread for the young folks, in stamps, 5s; J. D., Portobello, 2s 6d; from Alloa Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, per J. D., £1; Miss H., Edinburgh, £20; Mrs A., Partick, two parcels clothing, &c.; A. K., £5.



CITY HOME REFUGE AND MISSION WORK.

IN starting to give an account of the work of the City Home, I feel in a strait from its extent and variety. Were we to enter into details, the report would be extended to a considerable volume, and in many cases would be unread; but to enable our helpers throughout the country to understand in some measure the work of the year in this department, we would separate it into three divisions. First, the City Home; second, the Refuge and Casual Work; third, Evangelistic and Mission Work. The City Home, like the Homes on the Govan Road and Bridge-of-Weir, is entirely supported by the generous gifts of friends throughout the country, and during the year which has just closed, our daily needs have been met, for which we feel truly thankful to God and the kind friends who have helped us with their means.

WORKING BOYS' HOME

affords permanent shelter for destitute working boys above 14 years of age; and it has been the means under God, during the past year, of conferring blessing on many of such, who have been led to trust in the Saviour. The difficulties of managing boys above 14 are much greater than those under that age; their bad habits have got somewhat confirmed, (and we are sorry to say few of the cases we have to deal with have had good habits), besides, when a boy is sent to a situation, he thinks he is independent if he can earn from 3s. to 4s. a week, and the difficulty of his management is increased. It is sometimes found necessary to let a boy try for himself to live on his wages outside the Home, and after

bitter experience in low lodging-houses, dirt, and starvation, he comes begging to be taken in again, promising to be a better boy. It is a great victory gained by us when any of these come back to leave themselves under our control for the future; the influence on the other grumblers is very salutary. In some cases it has been after the second, third, and fourth trial that the boy has settled down to do well. The unsteadiness of these boys is not to be wondered at when their early training and surroundings are considered. The wonder is, that there is fruit from such a soil; but we are thankful to say, through God's blessing on the efforts put forth on their behalf, many of them are leading a new life, and grateful for what has been done for them. The year commenced with 53 boys, and during the year we have taken in 193, making a total of 246 boys. They are accounted for under the summary of the year's work. A few cases from the history book of working boys will interest friends:—

J. A., who is now 15½ years of age, lost his father when he was seven years of age. Stepmother left Glasgow for Maybole, to keep the children of a man who, along with her, was afterwards sent to prison for a drunken brawl. The four children were sent on to Glasgow—neighbours paying the fare. When examined by us, J. said they had friends in Gallowgate, and to them they were sent. They brought back J. and M., asking us to take them under our care, not being able to take more than two of the younger children. After their liberation the parents called for J. and M., but J. refused to go with them. He is apprenticed to a cabinetmaker and upholsterer, is attentive to his duties, and seems a changed lad for the better.

T. D., 16½ years of age. Father died 3½ years ago. Mother resides in Edinburgh. T. came to us ignorant of the A B C, and can we wonder? He hails from one of the most picturesque and romantic closes of old Edinburgh, a locality which is neither better nor worse than the Old Wynd and Tontine Close of our own city—and which is now a resort of victims of every unclean and hateful vice. T. is learning a trade, and we hope that he will rise to a position of usefulness to the church and the community, in the future.

J. P. G., 17½ years of age. Born in Australia. Lost mother 13 years ago. Father came to London in 1872, left J. in 1877, and has not been heard of since. J. came to Glasgow in search of work. Came to us in destitution. In January we placed him with a druggist, where he is giving satisfaction. Our boys consult him in all their minor ailments—they accost him with the title of "Doctor"—and they take his advice with becoming gravity. The only item of duty which they practically decline to do is the *doing* of the prescriptions. J. is his own instructor in Latin, and he is a lad of a serious and thoughtful character. We hope he also will rise to a position of usefulness in the future.

J. M'C., 14½ years of age, and for some time in Arran. Parents dead and no friends; and, being found destitute on the streets, was brought to the Home, and, at his own request, placed on board H.M.S. "Implacable." J. writes:—"I felt it a little lonesome when I went there at first, but now I am all right. You may have thought I had forgotten you, but I will never forget you for your kindness and pains towards me." J. stayed at the Home in September last, when on leave, wearing two badges for good conduct, and one gold badge for extra good behaviour, and during the fourteen days which he spent with us he conducted himself exceedingly well.

H. M. is 14½ years of age. Parents dead. While engaged in a coal-pit he received a severe injury by burning in the leg, which confined him for three months in the Western Infirmary. He was sent to us after recovery, and we placed him, in May last, with a painter and decorator, who intimates to us his resolution to send him to a suitable class in the School of Arts, as a mark of approval of his good conduct, and with the view of developing the lad's native talent.

As we have said the difficulty of managing the older boys is great; in illustrating this we give a short history or two:—

A. R., 16, had been sleeping (out) on stairs, &c. Was taken into the Home. After one month's trial, was dismissed for misbehaviour; again admitted by signing the following declaration:—"I, A. R., do hereby declare that I will this time, if taken into the Home, do the right, and try by God's help, to do everything I am told by those who have charge of me; and that I will not again keep back any of my earnings, nor in any way again be guilty of disobedience, or of annoying the others in the Home. In proof whereof, I hereby offer my signature."

Another case is that of J. S., who, for the fourth time, was taken into the Home in rags and filth. He kept coming for weeks begging to be taken in again before we yielded, which we did for the sake of a sister whom we helped, and who is doing well. We got him cleaned and comfortably dressed, and found a situation for him shortly, but the first fortnight's wages he got he absconded with it, and once more he is back to his old haunts, and from all appearance will swell the ranks of the class whom street life is constantly producing.

NIGHT REFUGE FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN.

During the year this department has been the means of affording shelter to a great number of destitute homeless little ones. It is sad to think of the misery and squalor the majority of these were in when we took them. One can hardly believe that in a city like ours, where there is so much done to elevate the masses, there should be such an amount of wretchedness and misery, as well as cruelty, inflicted on the poor and defenceless little ones; but so it is. Side by side with great intelligence there is the deepest ignorance, and side by side with the greatest love there is the greatest barbarity inflicted on the helpless children, who are not to blame for the circumstances into which they are born. How true the Word of God is found to be when we come to deal with human nature. "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb; yea, they may forget," and they do forget in a sad, sad way. Strong drink and passion make demons of those whom God intended should succour and protect their little ones. We give a case which has just come under our notice since we began to write this. A poor woman called for the second time to see what she could do with her children. Her husband takes drink heavily, and while under its influence abuses the children so terribly that their mother is afraid he will kill them some day. While beating them dreadfully on one occasion he took a convulsive fit, and the neighbours were called in, thinking he was dead. The two eldest children, about 9 and 11, were heard to say they wished he was dead. This is a very sad state of matters, but it is no uncommon thing. It has been our privilege during the year to afford protection to not a few against the tortures of their demon-like guardians. It requires no small amount of faith and love on the part of the workers to take these little ones in their sores and dirt and clean them for the

Master's sake; but the eye rests on the words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me." We give a few cases out of our history book.

C. P. C., 7 years of age. Father a slave to drink, and noted for cruel treatment of his wife, who is at present in Royal Infirmary, suffering from wounds caused by burning. On one occasion he cast a quantity of burning paper upon her face, and on another, thrust a red-hot iron into her eye. She was intoxicated at the time. The boy was brought to us by the Chaplain.

D. M'G., now 13, lost his mother two years ago; being "incapable" she had been choked or smothered during the night, and was found dead in the morning. Alas, poor D. ! another trial awaited him. His father dropped down dead in Stobeross Street, and the body was removed to Cranstonhill Police Office. Boy in the Home, and doing well.

R. B. is 11½ years of age. Lost his mother. Father married a second time. R. was brought to us by Parkhead policeman, who found him asleep in a bottle work. He told the policeman that his parents were dead. It was not so, for we found them alive, and are respectable people. R., however, has been keeping bad company, and been contracting such vicious habits as are proving a constant source of annoyance in the household. Restored to parents.

H. O'C., a boy of 9 years, whose mother was on the stage. Father, a musician, travelled with shows, and once possessed one of his own, but lost his license, as being incapable through drink. Frequently in prison for assaults on his wife; recently deserted her and his family; and, finally, he closed a miserable career of dissipation. Boy in Canada.

E. C. Mother died a year ago, and she was left friendless. She left home on account of her father's drunken habits. She was in truth an outcast, and had her own share of youthful trials. We have now reason to believe that she loves the Saviour.

J. M., a little girl, 5½ years of age. In all our experience in connection with the Home, no case is fitted to awaken more sympathy than that of little J. It is all but incredible that a child of such tender years could have survived the brutal treatment she received from her father and stepmother. About thirty wounds, several of them serious, were counted on various parts of the child's body. "Never," said one of the doctors of the Infirmary; "never have I seen so young a child in so miserable a condition." J. is now one of the brightest in the Home, and showing her gratitude for what is done for her by wishing to share her sweets with her new Ma.

J. and J. M'L., 9 and 11 years of age. After father's death, the mother removed to a tenement in MacPherson Street, which is noted as a den of thieves. Here she became the associate of convicts, a drunkard, and a shebeener. It delights us to be able to report that the children were rescued from these debasing influences and transferred to Canada; so that, instead of pining in penal servitude, to which their circumstances pointed, they now take their places amongst the most respectable class in Canada, and are doing well.

A. K., 10 years of age. Mother deceased. Father formerly in one of the leading commercial firms in the city, but lost his position through intemperance. He is married a second time, or rather he lives with a partner under the pretence of marriage. The house is entirely destitute of furniture, with not so much as a pallet of straw. Neighbours told us that he abused the girl, and often, when in drink, drove her from the house, so that she slept out at night. All her friends are anxious that Agnes should be kept by us, as she can obtain neither protection nor provision from her father. Latterly he visited the Home to demand his child, while she, crying bitterly, held on by the Matron's dress, passionately exclaiming:—"Oh, let me stay here in the Home. Do not let my father take me. He will beat me, and my mother will also strike me."

J. and C. B., 8 and 11 years of age. Runaways, who said that their parents were dead. Dead in one sense they were, for they were habitual drunkards, so that, unable any longer to bear their cruel usage, the boys resolved to try a bold experiment. Stowing themselves in a luggage train, they came on to Glasgow like "goods." Hunger next drove them to the Sabbath Morning Tent, when they were conducted to our Home by Christian friends. Restored to parents.

T. H. came from Dundee. Said Father died in drink. Mother a fortnight afterwards; but we have since found out that they are both living. He is a stout little courageous fellow, "tramped it" from Dundee to Glasgow: "roughed it" by passing his nights on cold stairs, and earned a precarious pittance by singing the comic song, "Ho, the rocky road to Dublin." This was poor T.'s whole stock in trade, and business was very dull. His father belonged to the criminal class, and was often in trouble; his brother is a noted pickpocket, so there seemed a likelihood that T. should follow the family profession. He is picked up—he begins to know his g o, go; and o n, on., and promises to do well.

W. M'D., 13. This boy's father is intemperate and irregular in his habits, and has repeatedly deserted his wife and children, who have been obliged on five different occasions to enter the poorhouse. About six weeks ago he once more deserted his family.

M. B., a girl of only eight years, whose mother left her with a stranger. On being closely questioned, the poor girl said that her parents took drink, and that they beat her so cruelly on the Saturday nights, that she was glad to make her escape by running away. But on still further inquiry we found that M.'s mother deserted her two years ago, and that she now lives with another "husband," so-called, while her sister leads a dissolute life. She was found by a gentleman, and brought to the Home. Her behaviour has been bad; she has occasionally ran away, and when sent a message with 1s. to pay, she did not return.

YOUNG WOMEN'S HOME OR SHELTER.

Amongst all the Institutions of the city, this is one of the best in that it has been the means under God of preventing many virtuous young women from going astray, who were found in circumstances of destitution, bordering on ruin to themselves of soul and body. Prevention is certainly better than cure, and we are deeply grateful to God that in this department of our work we have been able to help a greater number this year than in the previous years. The difficulties in managing girls above 14 years of age are much greater than under that age, from the fact that they think themselves women, and they try to imitate the dress, &c., of their betters, and cast sly glances and cock their heads at the young lads, as much as to say, Won't you look at me? This is natural, and it becomes those in charge to see that the good is fostered and the vicious checked; and we are glad to bear testimony that under the firm and loving care of the *worker*, the girls have, as a whole, done credit to their training. The year commenced with 45 girls. Since then we have taken in 154. During the course of the year we have sent 79 to situations as servants, who, as a whole, are doing well; they are accounted for in the summary of the year's work.

We give a few cases out of our history book for this department, and feel sure they will be interesting to our friends:—

YOUNG WOMEN PLACED IN SITUATIONS.

M. L. is 14 years of age, was in the Home once before. She stated that her parents were dead; but we find that her father is alive, is a handloom weaver, and addicted to drink. He was troublesome, but now signs a pledge that he will not again annoy, or cause any one to annoy us. We placed M. in service. In a touching letter she tells us how she was received, and adds:—"I am thankful to you for getting me into Mrs. H——'s. I was so fond of kitchen work. Often I am thinking how well off I am, and how miserable my sisters are. My best love to you all." Before coming to us M. had herself been miser-

able, and was driven to sleep on stairs. How great, therefore, is the change of circumstances to which she alludes!

M. C. is 14 years of age. Her mother died eight years ago. She said that her father was dead, but afterwards acknowledged that he was not, but married a second time. M. has been in several places, and her present mistress writes:—"We like her exceedingly. She has been very industrious and cheerful, and is much attached to baby. She has been at church every Sunday since she came, and enjoys the service very much. She intends writing you a few lines ere long, thanking you for your kindness."

M. M'C., age 20. Mother dead five years. At the mention of her mother's name M. burst into tears, and said that in her mother she had lost her best friend. Father a fisherman in Inverness; is a Christian; would be glad to welcome her home. M. left home to get a place. Her money failed; she was tempted to steal; pled guilty; sentence, imprisoned 60 days. After training we placed M. in service, from which she writes us:—"You will be glad to hear I am so happy at L—— L——. I hope my troubles are all over, but I am glad to think I have such a kind friend as yourself. Mrs. B—— told me to write to you. Remember me kindly to all the girls."

J. P. is 18 past. Mother died five years ago, and father in poor circumstances. Served in one or two families in Connemara, Ireland. Came to Glasgow in February last, entered doubtful lodgings, but failed to get a place. Was directed to the Home by friends in the Evangelistic Hall. She is now in service with a lady, who says she hopes J. will continue to be as willing and obliging as she has been.

N. W., 21 years of age—a thoughtless and adventurous young woman. Left a good place in view of emigrating to Australia. A pickpocket in Glasgow seized her whole earnings, and she was left without a friend or a home. Her prospects were blighted, but her stay at the Home was blessed. "What a blessed thing it was for me," she says in a letter to Miss R——, "that I did not sail at the time I intended; for during Fair time Mr. C—— addressed the meeting from the blind man's words, 'Whereas I was blind, now I see.' I can never forget the power which then came upon me, enabling me to make the text all my own. Old things passed away, and all was made new."

M. A.—M. is now in her 16th year, and has been in not a few places. Stated at first that her parents died four years ago. We find that the father is alive, is a drunkard, and is living with another woman. M. had left her place, and was found afterwards destitute in Cranston Street, taken to the Western Police Office, and next sent to us by Captain Nelson. Thus saved from impending ruin, M. continues in the Home, and gives satisfactory evidence of a change of heart.

C. D.—Like so many more, poor Kate . . . was left a destitute orphan and was brought to us by friends of the Home. After remaining here more than a year, we confidently placed her with a family. C. now proves a faithful servant. Her mistress called on us and said:—"I could not want my Katie in the house, nor would I part with her for gold." She has become a member of the church, and is esteemed a true follower of the Lord Jesus.

A. S.—No words of ours can describe the condition of extreme filth and wretchedness in which this poor girl was brought to the Home. She was literally laid at our gate, full of sores. And now no one is more grateful for deliverance from such depths of degradation, for admission to the Home, and for the blessings of education and of Christian training. We have reason to believe that she is serving the Saviour.

During the year death has entered the Home, and three girls have been removed from us. B. T., 7 years, an orphan, died of consumption in November. She was a quiet and thoughtful child, and a general favourite in the Home. She loved to repeat the hymn, "Jesus loves me, this I know." A. G., a little consumptive child, died shortly after we took her in.

M. R. was brought to us two years ago by her mother (who is one of the worst characters of the city, so the

police say; and we have good reason to know it too, from the abusive language she has given us while under the influence of drink). We told her to see what the Rev. Father would do, when she said "the Clargy" would do nothing for her two girls. He severely reprimanded her for allowing them to stay in a place so dangerous to their R. C. principles, as the Orphan Home. After training, we placed Mary in a situation in the country, where she took seriously ill, and was returned to the Home in June. We placed her in the Royal Infirmary, from which she was discharged as incurable. We kept her in the City Home as long as we could, but from the nature of her disease—epileptic fits, which she took almost every hour—the doctor recommended her removal to the City Hospital for the sake of the others, where she died on August 12th, and we have reason to believe she was resting on Jesus' finished work. One of her favourite hymns was, "There is room among the angels."

EVANGELISTIC AND MISSION WORK.

God has from the first stamped His approval on the evangelistic and mission work in which He has permitted us to engage in from year to year. The mission has been the means of introducing into Scotland men who, by their natural and acquired gifts, have been greatly owned of God as instruments in the conversion of many souls. In the beginning of the year Joshua Poole laboured with us for a short time with all his usual energy, the Lord adding His blessing. In the middle of January Henry Holloway began a month's services, which were carried on every night to crowded meetings of the class who go to no place of worship. There were many cases of conversion during these services. In the beginning of August, George Williams, a young evangelist, formerly on the stage, began labour with us. Every night the hall was crowded, and so much so on Sabbaths that we were obliged to take the City Hall for a month, when upwards of 3,000 people heard the Gospel preached every Sabbath evening. Besides these special efforts, we have had our regular Sabbath Morning Meeting for the young; also, Sabbath and Wednesday Evening Meetings for those who attend no place of worship, so that during the year tens of thousands of persons have heard the Gospel preached, and hundreds of these have been led to trust in Jesus as all their salvation. The means employed have been of the most simple character, yet in answer to many prayers God has crowned these with His abundant blessing. The good accomplished from these efforts in the past has led us to wish to make further inroads this winter on the kingdom of darkness around us. We are looking to the Lord to open up our way by the means sent as well as the proper instruments. Hundreds of visits have been paid to the sick and suffering around the district. A few cases out of many visited may be interesting:—

G. B. had been bed-ridden for months, and during that time he sent for us, on the plea that he was miserable—despairing, indeed, of ever attaining true peace of conscience. He had been trained by godly parents, but, like so many others, had hearkened to the counsel of the ungodly, became intemperate, and in course of time drink brought on a complication of diseases. Our efforts towards his soul's salvation, there is good reason to believe, were blessed. To the grace of God is the great change to be ascribed. The words that first reached his heart with divine power were these:—"Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out." G. B.—In a note, this poor man returns us his sincere thanks for the attention paid him during his long and severe illness. For years he led a very ungodly life, but he now declares he can thank God from his heart for His manifold mercy toward him. For, says he, "I am a different man, now, from what I used to be."

F. D.—We were called to visit a young man, who had been a private of Scots Fusilier Guards, and had led a wild and reckless life. "At age of 17," he said, "I took up with bad companions; I attended theatres and singing saloons; I became a drunkard; in fact, I sank down into the most depraved habits of life. At 18, I joined the troops who were drafted for Canada, and still pursuing the same mad career, I was overtaken by chest disease; so that I was unexpectedly brought face to face with death; being, alas! without God, and without hope in the world. Is there any mercy for me?" At this stage we directed him to the Saviour of sinners, and shewed him from the word of God that Jesus died for sinners, even the chief. "There is no hope," he would exclaim. "I have been a heart-break to my parents, hence I am the more miserable." We then tried to show him that Christ was able to save unto the uttermost, and thus to save even him. We left him with the words—"He that believeth on the name of the Son of God hath eternal life, and shall not come into condemnation" (John v. 24); but were summoned next day. His bodily sufferings were extreme, while those of the soul were inconceivable. After an interval he found peace—true peace, as we believe—for, on his own testimony, he was resting on the word of promise—"He that believeth shall not come into condemnation." In this good hope he died on the following day, another instance of a dying prodigal obtaining the forgiveness that is with God. "Lord, I believe," were his dying words.

Mary Ann B.—Father dead. Mother re-married, and by last accounts in workhouse. M. lodged for a time with an old showman, and travelled with a menagerie. After many changes, she was rescued at the City Hall Foundry Boys' Meeting, and brought to the Home. After a year's training, we placed her in a situation, and were pleased to learn that she was doing well. Alas! in an unguarded moment she met the old showman when she was on her way to our meeting. She was enticed to go with him to a den of infamy, in which he lived. Mary was caught in an evil net, and found the ways of sin to be hard. After six weeks he drove her out. In company with another young woman betrayed by the same miscreant, Mary was taken up by the police for bad conduct. Bursting into tears, she told the police-officers how bitterly she regretted the course she had been led into. On our interceding for her she was saved from prison and sent to another institution, and the police requested us to find out her seducer. Six weeks after, a message came to the Home, asking us to go in haste and speak to a dying man, but before we could reach him he was insensible. There, in a den of infamy, filled with depraved characters of both sexes, lay the seducer on a pallet of straw, expiring under a load of sin, and mixed with no ray of hope to cheer.

At many a death-bed I have been,
And many a sinner's parting scene,
But never aught like this.

In the evangelistic work we have been greatly helped by Mr. Wm. J. Stewart, who, from the first, has laboured with great acceptance in the mission work. We have been greatly helped also by ministers and others who have given their services when needed. Also by the band of workers, male and female, belonging to various churches, who have assisted us in visiting the low lodging-houses, distributing tens of thousands of tracts, &c., during the year.

SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S WORK.

In Cessnock and Newstead Homes the year commenced with 76 children; 75 new cases have been taken in—making in all 151. They are accounted for as follows:—Sent to Canada, 62; to Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir, 8; 2 were sent to situations, 2 returned to an uncle, 1 to his father, 2 left the Home—leaving at present in the Homes 74.

In the City Orphan Home we commenced the year with 98 children—53 boys and 45 girls. During the year we have taken in 193 boys and 154 girls, making a total of 445 cases, and a total of nights' shelter to 38,237, or an average of 105 each night during the year. The 445 cases of young persons of both sexes are accounted for in the following:—

I. BOYS.—50 have been sent to Cessnock and Newstead Home, Govan Road; 7 sent to the New Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir; 48 restored to parents and friends; 12 left at their own request; 2 working lads were placed in respectable lodgings; 21 were sent to other institutions:—viz., 8 were placed in the Cumberland Training Ship; (3 from do., "on leave of absence," paid us a visit, and were returned;) 6 were sent to the Royal Navy; 1 to Mossbank Industrial School; 3 to Reformatories; 13 were sent to relatives in various towns, viz.:—1 to Belfast; 1 to Ayr; 2 to Lurgan; 2 to Kilmarnock; 1 to Edinburgh; 1 to Kilsyth; 1 to Newton-Stewart; 1 to Dublin; 2 to Maybole; 1 to Greenock; 14 were dismissed for dishonesty, and general bad conduct; 8 absconded with clothing and wages; 1 went to sea; 3 ran away; 3 sent to situations in the country, and are doing well; 4 Navy lads visited their former "Home," and returned to their respective ships. On the 1st instant, there were 60 boys and young men in the City Home.

II. GIRLS.—22 were sent to Girls' Home, Govan Road; 79 young women were placed in service, who, with few exceptions, are doing well, and several of them, while in the Home, afforded evidence of the new life of faith. (The great majority of the young women placed out in former years continue to give satisfaction to their employers.) 27 were restored to their parents and friends; 11 were sent to the Orphan Cottage Homes, recently erected at the Bridge-of-Weir; 21 were sent to their various towns and places of residence, viz., 1 to Ayr; 1 to Maybole; 1 to Ballachulish; 5 to Belfast; 1 to Coatbridge; 1 to Dundee; 1 to Garnkirk; 2 to Greenock; 1 to Port-Glasgow; 1 to Garelochhead; 1 to Hamilton; 1 to Holytown; 1 to Motherwell; 1 to Overtown; 1 to Slamannan; 1 to New Zealand; 1 to Industrial School at Rottenrow; 2 ran away from the Home; 1 was delivered to a Paisley detective; 2 were adopted by different families; and 3 were removed by death; 30 remain in the Home. In all, we have received 199 girls and young women, which added to 246 boys, gives a total of 445.

During the year we have permanently helped, or put in a way to help themselves, 348 children and young people, and in the same period temporary relief has been given to 176, which added to the above makes a total of 524 who have passed through our hands. These figures need to be thought over before we see fully the amount of good the Lord has permitted us to accomplish.

OUTSIDE WORK.—Besides those helped in the Home, upwards of 1300 men, women, and children, in different stages of destitution and distress, have during the past year received advice and assistance at the City Home. For many of these we have been indebted to friends for lines of admission to Royal and Western Infirmarys, to Sea-side Homes, &c. For a number of others medical advice was obtained. Our workers have paid a great many visits to sick and dying persons in the neighbourhood of the Home, some of whom had attended our mission meetings.

In addition to these, many widows have had assistance to pay rent and been otherwise helped. Amongst those whom we have sent home to friends, we give the following cases:—

Three young women who left Belfast, and came to Glasgow in search of work. They were strangers in Glasgow, without means, and were brought to us by Miss Bonar.

They were sent home to Belfast, and in course of post we received the following letter from the father of one of them:—

BELFAST, Sept. 7, 1878.

DEAR SIR,—I received your kind letter to-day, and I am happy to inform you that my daughter, and the two girls you speak of in your letter, arrived safe in Belfast on Thursday morning. It is the first time she was from home, and had she not been looked after by the valuable Institution which you have the honour to superintend, I know not what she would have done. You have relieved me of a great deal of anxiety of mind, but it is only one of the many good acts which such societies do. In fact, we know not the value of them till we receive an act of kindness, such as I have received on behalf of my daughter and myself. I beg to return you my sincere thanks; and wishing a Godspeed to your charitable and benevolent Institution,—Believe me, your grateful servant,
W. C.

In addition to the above there is the Evangelistic Mission work, which, in answer to prayer, has been owned of God during the year in blessing to hundreds of souls. The amount received during the year, in answer to prayer, for the Homes at Cessnock and Newstead, including earnings of boys, has been £2090; for City Home Refuge and Mission work, including earnings of boys, £2242; and for Orphan Cottage Home Building Fund, £5148. Total amount received this year for all purposes, £9481. We may well say, What hath God wrought! Still we are expecting Him to do more in the year that is to come. In addition to the £2000 needed for keep of the Govan Road Home this year, we need £500 to make Newstead and Cessnock Homes comfortable for the work to be done. For City Home Refuge and Mission £2000 will be required. There will be £2000 needed for the Orphan Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir; and then there is the additional money needed to complete the buildings, &c., of the Cottage Homes. Is anything too hard for the Lord? We are expecting; shall we be disappointed! We believe not.

LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

When troubled and depressed by the many difficulties and trials of the way, we have often been cheered by letters quoting the passage of Scripture just needed, or the money or clothing just wanted. How much these have, under the blessing of God, kept us "strong in the Lord," it is difficult to say; but when we are gathered home it will then be seen how much each was needed to contribute towards the results of the year. Out of many letters received we give a few extracts:—

GLASGOW, 20th November, 1877.

I was rejoiced to hear of all the good work you had been enabled to do during the past year on behalf of the poor, the destitute, the orphan, and the outcast, and for the glory of our blessed Master. I trust that you may be enabled to accomplish still greater things. May the joy of the Lord be your strength, and at what time you are overwhelmed and in perplexity, when heart and flesh are like to faint and fail, may you be led up to Him who is the Rock and the Source from whence strength cometh.

I have much pleasure in enclosing £3, to be used by you in whatever way you deem best. My boys are trying what they can do for the end of the year. With the prayer that you may be greatly encouraged in and strengthened for all the arduous undertakings you have now on hand.

E—J—.

SERVIA, 20th January, 1878.

Please use the enclosed £50 to send to Colonial Homes children whom, by the Lord's goodness, He has enabled you to rescue from vice and misery. How precious such a work is! I had hoped to have sent it to you before, but various things hindered. The light of the Gospel is little spread abroad in Servia, but some of the little is bright. I would ask your prayers, and those of any you may interest in it, that the Lord will pour out His Holy Spirit, that His word may not be bound here, nor His servants, and that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.

F—H—M—.

PORTOBELLO.

With pleasure I enclose you 2s. 6d. for the Lord. The Lord bless you. Amen.

J—D—.

JOPPA, NEAR EDINBURGH, 22nd March, 1878.

You have here a P.O. Order (One Pound Sterling) towards the great work you are doing among the young, for which work I beg to thank you.

W—L—.

CERES, 2nd April, 1878.

With pleasure I enclose ten shillings from a "Christian Friend," to be used in your work as most needed. "My God shall supply all your need," &c. With kind Christian regards, I remain, most sincerely yours,

A—M—.

26th April.

"J. E." encloses cheque for £30 for the purpose of sending three girls to Canada, or providing for the children at home during Mr. Quarrier's absence in Canada, or to be divided between these two objects as Mr. Q. finds he most needs funds.

ABERDEEN, 27th April, 1878.

Enclosed is cheque for £11 5s., being £10 for a lassie to Canada, or, if anything is more pressing, use your discretion; the rest is from Miss S., per G. B., £1; Mrs. B., 5s. Please enter these so in your letter to *Daily Mail*; and if some of your young ladies would send me a copy of the *Mail*, it would gratify the donors and possibly bring out more. I am glad to learn that you and Mrs. Q. are to go out with the children. It is right in every view—for Miss Bilbrough, the children you take out, those already out, and also for yourselves. I have half an errand to Edinbro' and Greenock, if you can tell me the exact day on which you will take the children from

Cessnock to the steamer, would try and shape my course so as to be a spectator. Best regards to Mrs. Q. and young folks. Yours truly,

G—B—.

GLASGOW, Sept. 20th, 1878.

Please accept the enclosed sum (£20) on behalf of the fund for the maintenance of the orphans under your care.

A WORKING MAN.

COMBIE, 15th Oct., 1878.

Having long felt an interest in your noble work amongst poor children, I often wished that I could send a little help to your Orphan Homes, but as I could only send a very small sum, it cost me a great deal of thought, your undertaking being so great, and so much money needed. While thinking it over I thought that I might be able to increase my small sum by expending it on material which I could work into useful articles during my spare time in the evenings, and then endeavour to sell said articles amongst my friends and the visitors to our village in summer. I am glad to inform you that I have more than realised my expectations, as in place of the small sum of 10s. I had to send you, I am now able to send you a cheque for £6, and may the Lord raise up friends to help you in your noble Christian work is the prayer of

E—S—.

JOHNSTONE.

The Misses W— and S— being desirous of doing some little service for the Homes, instituted a Sewing Bee, and invited a few lady friends in the neighbourhood, who, I may add, most heartily responded to the call, not only for sewing, for it afterwards diverged into knitting; and the labours of these busy bees may at least yield honey or sweetness to the lot of some poor child under your care and protection.

We are also indebted to a few friends, who heard of our work, for a gift of wincey for shirts, also worsted for stockings, and calico for pinafores.

Wishing you God-speed in your good work, and great success to the Homes.

The following is a list of articles sent, viz.:—3 dozen chemises, 3 dozen pinafores, 18 dresses, 16 petticoats, 9 shirts, and 23 pairs stockings.

The stoppage of the City of Glasgow Bank in the beginning of October gave us a great shock, because all the money of the Home was there, and we knew that many friends who gave to the work were connected with it, and would lose their all. We were also troubled how we would get our accounts met for the last month of the year, but just as in the past years, the Lord has been good to us through His stewards, so has it been in this trying month. On the 10th October a friend called with £100, half of it to City Home, and half to General Fund. On 17th an unknown friend called and left £101 13s. 6d., so that by these gifts, and a few smaller sums, we were enabled to close the year without debt. The gifts of unknown friends, as well as others, have led us to "thank God on their behalf," for their generous sympathy towards the "little ones" under our care.

Our desire is to help a greater number in the coming year, and from the destitution that is around us there is a loud call for help. Shall we fail for lack of means? We believe not. Hab. iii. 17-18 has been much on my heart during the last few weeks—"Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." "Brethren, pray for us."

CONCLUSION.

In the City Home we have at present under our care ninety children and young people; in Cessnock and Newstead Homes, Govan Road, 74; and in Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir, 37—making in all, 201. This is a large number to provide for, and we have now accommodation for 150 more, which will be filled up as the cases come in, and the appliances to manage them are put into working order. The responsibility is great under the present state of things, and through the failure of the City Bank, hundreds who used to give will now be unable; still, there are thousands in and around Glasgow who have never given at all. Besides, there are tens of thousands of the Lord's stewards throughout the country, who, if they only knew the need of the work, and the good accomplished by it, would readily give so that there should be no lack for the work we contemplate. The time for giving or working will not be long ours, and in the language of Titus iii. 8, we would say to those who have believed in God—"Be careful to maintain good works; these things are good and profitable unto men."

The daily work is of such a laborious character (see Summary of the Year) that we could not accomplish it were it not for the efficient help given by our assistants in the various Homes. Besides my own time, which is fully occupied in the work, as well as that of my family, we have many voluntary helpers who give of their spare time. Amongst these is our fellow-helper, Mr. R. H. Hunter, who has from the first given us his valuable assistance, and who took my place during our absence in Canada. Also Mr. Wm. J. Stewart, who has for several years taken a great interest in the evangelistic and mission work, and whose labours have been instrumental in the conversion of many. Also our band of about fifty workers from various churches who visit the low lodging-houses, distributing tracts, assisting at Sabbath morning meeting, and otherwise helping in the work of the mission. We have been much helped by ladies sending clothing for our little ones, and also assisting us with sewing. We have also been greatly cheered during the year by the gifts from Sabbath scholars and teachers; also by encouraging letters from many friends and from different parts of the country, enclosing sums from the "widow's mite" to the "merchant prince's" thousand. We are also indebted for the professional services of Dr. Aitken, Govan; Drs. Henderson and Laidlaw, Glasgow, &c.; also to Mr. Skinner, druggist, Govan, who gives medicine free; also to Mr. Davidson, who provides 'buses for our *children* on special occasions. We feel indebted to the press, who have kindly given occasional notices of our work, and are especially indebted to the proprietors of the *N. B. Daily Mail*, who from the first have continued to give a place in their columns for our fortnightly letter acknowledging donations, &c. May all who have in any way contributed to the results of the work of the year join with us in thanksgiving unto God who has given us the privilege of being "workers together with Him."

Our wants for the coming year will not be less than in the past. We will need for the expenses of Cessnock and Newstead Homes, £1500 (for altering and repairing Cessnock to make it comfortable for carrying on the work more efficiently, £500 is needed); for the City Home and Mission, £2000. We would also like to have more Cottages added to the four already paid for. Each Cottage will cost £1300. A good horse and cart for the conveyance of goods to and from station and the Cottage Homes, would be an acceptable gift. About £2000 will also be needed for the general expense of keep of these Homes. Friends who can send young trees, shrubs, or flowers for the ornamentation of the grounds, would oblige by sending them to Bridge-of-Weir Station, addressed to Orphan Cottage Homes. For the City Home, we need very much a set of tables, tea vases, and cups and saucers, for tea-meetings amongst the poor, &c. £100 would accomplish this. Besides these things, we need hundreds of dresses, underclothing, and boots and shoes for girls and young women; hundreds of suits of clothes, stockings, and boots for boys. Old or new clothing will be acceptable, as in most cases the things the children enter with are so filthy they have to be destroyed. In specifying the above articles wanted, we do so that friends may know what will be most useful to us. £100 will be the means of rescuing ten children and placing them in good homes in Canada, £50 will rescue five, and £10 will rescue one. We feel sure that God will supply all our needs through His stewards.

The routine at Cessnock House is very simple. The boys get up at half-past six o'clock, and, after breakfast and worship, one half of them go off to work at wood-chopping. We have a little engine and chopping machine, which enable us to turn out a large quantity of firewood. While one-half of the bigger boys are at work, the others are at school. At mid-day dinner comes on, and then the workers change places with the others. Work and school go on till five, when all get free, and enjoy themselves to their hearts' content in the large grounds which surround the house. Shortly before eight the whole household assembles to worship, one of our sweet hymns is sung, then the boys read verse about from a chapter, and after a few words of explanation, we all join in prayer.

In the Girls' Home they are quite as happy as the boys. Seated round the fire in the evening, with their kind mother in their midst, they look a happy family. The younger ones have their dolls and toys, while the elder ones work about the house, and do any little plain sewing.

At the CITY HOME the working boys get up at half-past five o'clock A.M., go out at six to their various avocations in the city, come home for breakfast at nine, come to dinner at one P.M., and come home from work at five o'clock. All take supper at seven, then go to school at eight o'clock during winter. They have Friday evening and Saturday afternoon to see friends or for

recreation. Casuals who come in for a night, we endeavour to find out all regarding their history, and till we try them, we employ them as shoeblacks, but as soon as we find they are fit for situations, we endeavour to find them. We believe that street occupation for children, even with supervision, is not good, and what must it be without it? The number we have known who have gone into the criminal ranks from street life is very appalling, and yet our authorities do not see their way to have supervision of children on the streets, although it is a fact that it is more needed than in factories.

The girls and young women in the City Home are taught to wash and clean, sew and knit, and as soon as we can recommend them we find situations for them.

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

FORM OF BEQUEST TO THE ORPHAN HOMES.

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

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

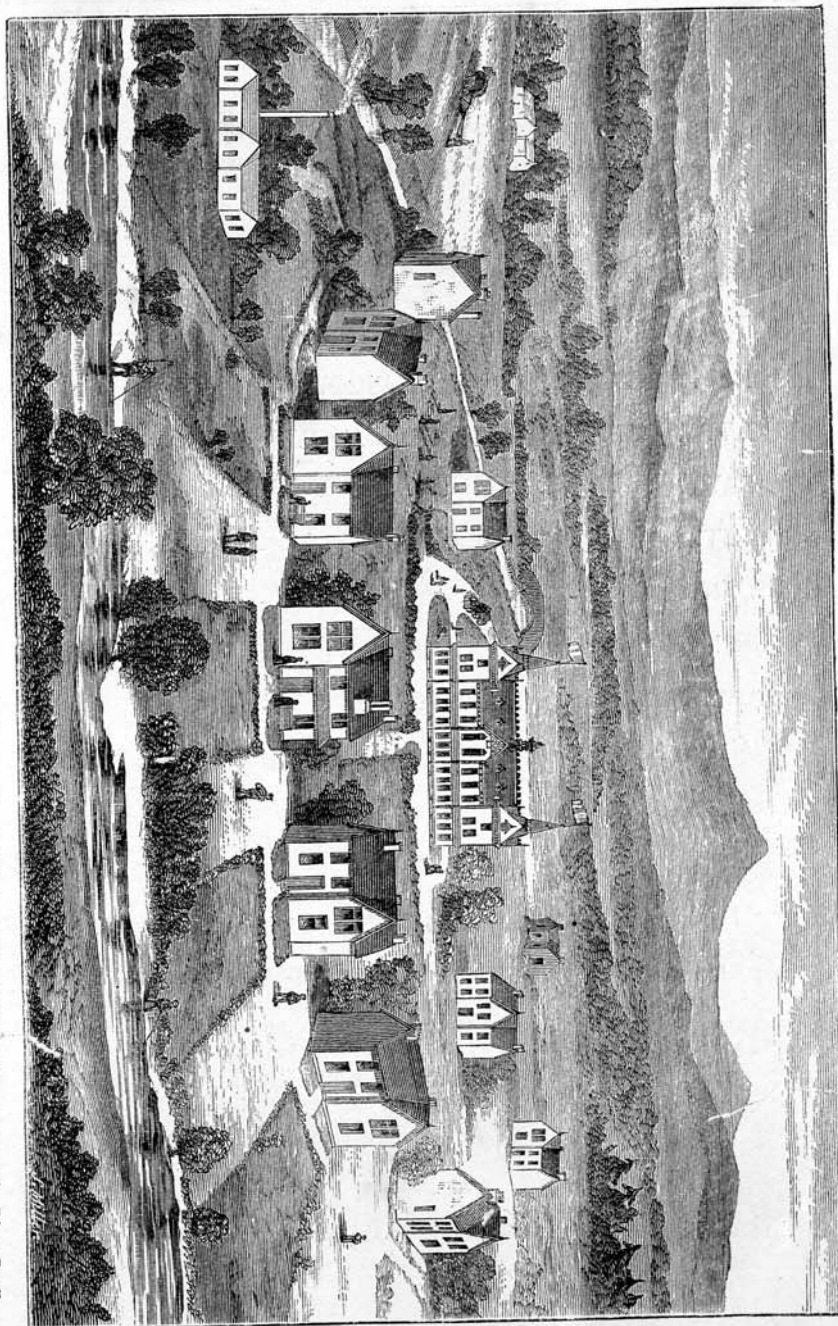
Donors sending money can have it placed to whatever part of the work they name, either for the General Fund, which includes the keep of the Orphans at the Cottage Homes, and Newstead and Cessnock Homes, or City Home Refuge and Mission Work, or Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund; or if left to my discretion,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

WM. QUARRIER.

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