

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

A NARRATIVE OF FACTS
RELATIVE TO WORK DONE FOR CHRIST,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND,
DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S EMIGRATION HOMES,
AND
CITY HOME AND MISSION, GLASGOW,
FOR EIGHTH YEAR, ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1879,
BY
WILLIAM QUARRIER.

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

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



TRAINING HOMES FOR CANADA:

BOYS' HOME,
CESSNOCK HOUSE,
GOVAN ROAD.

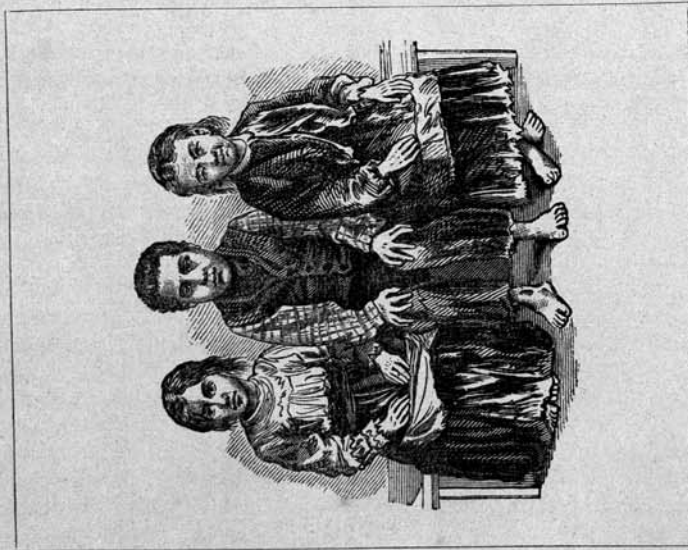
GIRLS' HOME,
ELMPARK,
GOVAN ROAD.

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

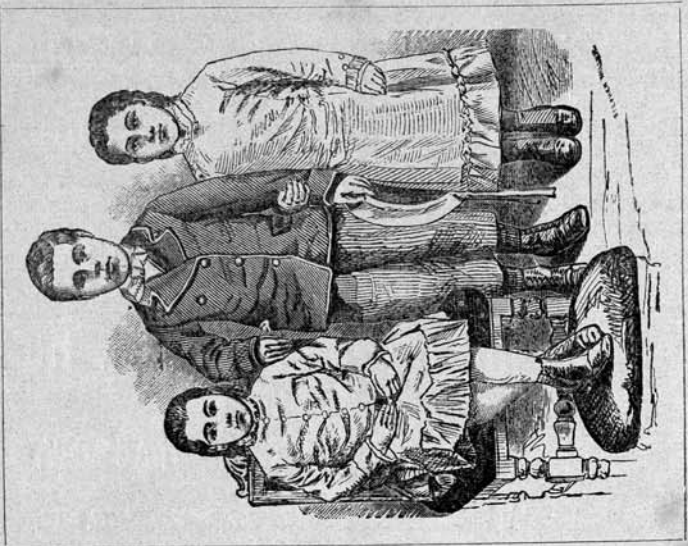
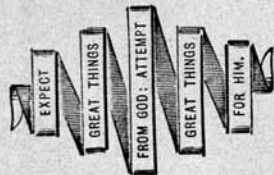
"Naked, and ye clothed me."

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

PRICE THREEPENCE.



Charles, Jane, and Maggie S. as rescued.



Charles, Jane, and Maggie S. as sent to Canada this year, and now in good homes there.

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

GLASGOW.

NARRATIVE OF FACTS.

1879.

MY DEAR FELLOW-HELPERS,—At the close of another year we have still to record the loving-kindness of our God towards the work. In doing so I am at a loss to express the feelings of my heart regarding all that He has done for us. "Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord our God spake," and we ask all to join with us in praising Him who hath crowned the year with His goodness. In view of the numbers of children and others helped, the spiritual blessing received, the physical health of the children, the journeying mercies bestowed, as well as the amount of money sent in, we may well say, "What hath God wrought?"

In narrating facts regarding the eighth year of the Homes and the fifteenth of our work among poor children, I have two objects in view—First, That God in all may be glorified, and Second, That His children who read this, and those who have helped us with gifts and prayers, may be edified and led to praise Him, "who doeth all things well." For the information of those who do not know the origin of the work, I may be permitted to say here that after seven years of labour among poor children, I was led, eight years ago, to begin the work of the Homes in entire dependence upon God, that is to say no one would be called on for subscriptions, no names of donors would be published, no committee would be formed, but that everything should be committed to God in prayer, we using the wisdom and discretion He gave for His glory and the furtherance of His cause. I also resolved that no business or family claims should interfere with the carrying out of this purpose. As some people are under the impression that we are paid for doing the work, I would here state that neither myself nor family receive one penny of the money sent in for the Homes, but we can say with the Apostle Paul, "My own hands have ministered to my necessities, and others with me." Some years ago we found it impossible—giving, as we do, fifteen hours a day of our time to the work of the Homes—to look after our business as it needed to be looked after, so we gave up one-third of it that the work might not be hindered, and this year we gave up a second third for the same reason. We are hopeful that the remainder will be sufficient to supply our daily wants, but if at any future time the Lord should call us to give that up, and to trust Him to supply through others, we will be prepared to do as He leads.

As an indication of what the Lord has done in answer to prayer and simple trust in Him, there has been sent in this year for the work of the Homes and Mission, £8,743—and throughout the eight years of the work, £48,612, besides many articles of clothing, provisions, &c. During that time upwards of 1000 children and young people have been rescued and placed in the way of helping themselves. 2000 children and others have been casually helped. Hundreds of thousands

of tracts have been circulated among the poor, and in low lodging-houses. Tens of thousands have had the Gospel preached to them, and the Lord has not suffered His Word to return unto Him void, but has prospered it in the thing whereto He sent it. The City Home, which is one of the finest buildings for the purpose anywhere, has been built at a cost of £8000. Forty acres of land at Bridge-of-Weir have been purchased, and six houses erected thereon at a cost of £17,500, and the Orphan Cottage Homes of Scotland are worthy the name they bear.

The year of which this Narrative speaks began on the 1st of November, 1878, and closed on the 31st October, 1879. When it commenced we had 201 children in the Homes, and the money on hand for their keep, and for mission work, was £161 8s. 11½d. This amount is a little over a week's supply, but as we had the half year's rent of Cessnock and Newstead Homes (£50), and the ground annual of the City Home (£78) to pay on the 11th, we were not without anxiety. In giving an account of the year's work I shall divide it into three parts:—1st. A few instances out of many of how the Lord has supplied our daily wants for the children, and the £1000 needed for emigration, and some cases of children taken in. 2nd. The Orphan Homes of Scotland and Building Fund. 3rd. The City Home Refuge, and mission work.

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Nov. 1, received £1 1s. with good wishes, also 5s.; took in one little boy, and helped other cases.—Nov. 2, from Crosshill, £1; a grandma, 2s. 6d., and a friend, 1s. Took in three little orphan boys, ages three, seven, and nine years.—Nov. 4, took in a girl.—Nov. 5, Wigtown, £1. This unknown friend has sent almost regularly every month from the beginning. The Lord bless him for the help he has given us. From Windsor, £2.—Nov. 6, £50 from a friend in Glasgow whose gifts have helped us in the past, and in none more so than this present time.—Nov. 12, from Edinburgh, £3. Took in two boys and one girl.—Nov. 13, from Fife, 10s.—Nov. 14, from Tighnabruiaich, 10s. Took in a little boy, father dead, mother not well-doing, brother gone sadly wrong by street life.—Nov. 15, from Coatbridge £5, with the following letter—"I thank God that He has given me the opportunity to send you a small sum to carry on the Lord's work which He has been pleased to intrust you with. I know you count it a great honour, as well you may, to lessen the evil of this world, and trying to fill up the kingdom of our Lord Jesus, and when your race is run you will look back and say, 'Thanks be to God who gave me the will to serve Him, and now the Well Done at last, enter ye into the joy of your Lord'; and one moment of that joy will more than repay you for all your labour here. I have the most of my cash locked up in the City Bank, but I am thankful to God that I have what I require. Full confidence in God is what we need above all other things, and, of course, to do all we can, without which confidence in God is a sin. He has been very good to me, for which may I be thankful, and show it by giving back some of what He has so kindly given."—Nov. 18, Annual Meeting was held in the City Home Hall—Dr. Charles Cameron, M.P., in the chair. Among

others present were Revs. Principal Douglas, Dr. A. N. Somerville, Dr. Wallace, Robert Blair, A. F. Mills, Messrs. Alex. Allan, Thomas Biggart, R. H. Hunter, J. H. Watt, Alex. Thomson, W. J. Stewart, Wm. Maitland. We were greatly encouraged by the presence of so many friends, and by the sympathy expressed. We had a very happy tea meeting with the children and friends in the evening. Received from various friends, £15; from an Australian friend, £5.—Nov. 20, from an old lady who sent for me to call on her, £30. This friend has helped in past years with similar sums, and though confined to her house she remembers the needs of the little ones.—Nov. 21, from Rothesay, £1, with the words, "Have faith in God, the world is His and all that it contains; men's hearts are in His hands. May He sustain you."—Nov. 22, from Glasgow, £30, to take three children to Canada. This friend has helped us in the past with his gifts. May the Lord accept of them and bless the giver.—Nov. 23, £10 towards the £500 needed for alterations at Cessnock. These are very necessary, and we are looking to the Lord to send the means which He has given us the earnest of.—Nov. 27, from Edinburgh, £5; a friend in Glasgow, £55. This is the second donation this friend has sent this month. "The Lord knoweth that ye have need of these things."—Nov. 28, from Greenock, £1; from Aberdeen, £1.—Nov. 30, from Largs, £5, "Wishing you God-speed in your good work." From the above it will be seen that the Lord has stewards in all places, and how He supplies our daily wants. During the month a number of children have been added to the 201, and our balance in hand is £40 less than at the beginning of the month, so that we begin December with £120, which is a little over a week's provision for our large family.

Dec. 1, to-day death visited the City Home and removed wee Jessie C., a delicate little girl, whom we have reason to believe trusted in Jesus. Her last words were, "Jesus loves me and I love Him."—Dec. 2, from Carlisle, 2s. 6d. in stamps.—Dec. 3, £1 from Wigtown, with the words, "Still trust in God." We sometimes feel our heart failing us, and when we get encouraging words like these our faith is strengthened to go forward.—Dec. 5, from Glasgow, £25; from a few children interested in the Homes, £1 15s. May the Lord bless the children whose contributions have again and again helped us.—Dec. 9, from Ayrshire, £10; from Alloa, £1, with the following letter:—"We read with great interest of the opening of the Cottage Homes, also your Canadian trip, and we hope you will have much joy in these undertakings. That you may be richly blessed in your labour of love is the sincere wish of ———."—Dec. 11, from Aberdeen, "£10 to take a lassie to Canada, unless you want it much for any other purpose, in which case use your discretion. I am glad to see that you aim at sending out 100 this season. That's right, the more the better; we can easily spare them, particularly girls, and they will do good in Canada. I trust you are getting your funds out of the Bank somehow for your tradesmen's accounts. It is a miserable affair that bank, but will do good ultimately." This friend's sympathy has been a great strength to us in the past as well as that of others in the "Granite City." The Lord reward them for their kindness to the

little ones.—Dec. 11, from Glasgow £4, with the following letter:—“Enclosed, I beg to hand you four pounds to help you in your charitable and benevolent work. Your schemes are so numerous and all so worthy that I don’t know which to ask you to place it to, so you will please just apply it as you may think best. I trust that your numerous and pressing wants are still being supplied, and that you are being gladdened day by day at having it in your power to relieve those who have been left desolate and helpless, and who are suffering from cold and hunger and nakedness. May the Father of the fatherless bless and prosper you, aye more and more.” It is true the schemes are numerous, but we have to praise the Lord for the liberality of His children that has enabled us to do so much.—Dec. 14, 6s. from Cupar-Fife, with the following letter:—“With much pleasure I enclose you 6s. from the same Christian friend who is always so deeply interested in your work for Jesus amongst His poor straying lambs. May your love to and for them increase and abound more and more, and may God’s richest blessing attend you and yours. ‘I have set the Lord always before me,’ then the consequence of doing so, ‘He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved,’ but oh! how little it takes sometimes to show we are easily moved, faithless and fearful! Your report is most interesting. I gave the other to my friend; thank you for sending them. The Lord has truly been with you in all your straits, and proved, indeed, better than all your fears. ‘Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.’” This friend’s remarks are too true. We are apt to be like Peter; when we see the sea boisterous, we begin to fear, but what a blessing it is the Lord stretches forth His hand to save and strengthen us!—Dec. 16, 12s. in stamps. “As the Lord has prospered the sale of work during three months, sent in faith that He will continue to prosper.” This is one of the various ways the Lord takes to supply our needs.—Dec. 18, from “The Master’s Treasury,” Grangemouth, £2. Many of the Lord’s children have established a treasury, which they guard jealously for Him, by giving as He prospers them. May the numbers increase, until the whole Israel of God on earth realize that it is more blessed to give than to receive!—Dec. 24, from Glasgow, £100. This is from the unknown friend who gave the same amount last Christmas. From London, £5; from Port-Glasgow, £1, with the following letter:—“How are you getting on at all in these most trying times? Have the promises of your God failed you yet? Tell me a little more of His lovingkindness, that it may strengthen my miserably weak faith and warm my icy cold heart. May His mercy hold you up, and His bounteous hand supply all your wants out of His own infinite fulness! Enclosed is £1. I have wearied very much to get it scraped up, but business has been almost stagnant, and the distress is not one bit abated. Oh, if the Scottish nation, so bright, so industrious, would but become a sober nation, how happy and blessed we would be!” We fully endorse this friend’s sentiment, and pray that the time may soon come when it shall be so.—Dec. 25, 10s., “a thank-offering for mercies during the past year.” How we praise God for these thank-offerings, reminding us how much we have to be thankful for to Him “whose mercy crowns our days.”—Dec. 27,

£100, left by an unknown friend, whose generous gift in October last year enabled us to close the year without debt. We should like to acknowledge such gifts personally, but they choose to obey the command of the Lord, “Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.” We do pray that these unknown ones, as well as all others who give, may receive “in the present life manifold more,” and in the world to come, “Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” Dec. 30, from Glasgow, £10, “thanking God that you continue to this day serving Him, witnessing both to small and great that you obtain help of God to carry on His work.” During this month a number of children have been added to our daily increasing family; still the means to supply their wants keeps coming with such regularity, that we feel disappointed should a day pass without some token of the Lord’s favour, in the shape of gifts for the keep of His little ones. We have only given a few of the donations received during the month, but friends will see from these from various places how good our Heavenly Father is to bestow upon us such expressions of His love. But for the two anonymous donations of £100 each we would have had less than a week’s provision in hand, but through them our balance is a little larger than at the beginning of the month.

January 1.—New-Year’s-day is always a happy one for the children, and this was no exception through the kindness of friends sending in gifts for it. In the morning a special breakfast was provided, and at two o’clock the children from Cessnock and Newstead Homes joined the City Home ones, and about 200 sat down in the large hall of the Home to a good dinner of roast beef, turkey, potatoes, and plum pudding. At four o’clock they had a splendid Christmas tree laden with all manner of things that please children, and every one got something suitable off it. At six we met again in the hall for tea, and spent a very pleasant evening together. Few spent a happier day than our rescued band, and had the friends who contributed to its enjoyment been with us it would have more than repaid them for their kindness. The first money received this New-Year was £2, the saved pennies of the boys at Cessnock who, of their own free will, sent this to me. Their generosity in behalf of others less favoured than themselves is very encouraging. We also received various other sums amounting to £3 12s. 6d., so we close the day thanking God for this earnest of the New-Year.—Jan. 2. As we could not be at the Cottage Homes on the first day of the year, we spent this day with the 40 children there, and they enjoyed the day in the same way that the others did yesterday. From London £10 to take a child to Canada.—Jan. 3, from Crail, £20, to take two children to Canada.—Jan. 4, from Hamilton, £3 3s., with the word, “May He who though rich for our sakes made Himself poor bless your work among the poor always with you, and may those same poor be made rich in faith, and so have our Lord Himself their everlasting portion and their exceeding great reward.”—Jan. 6, various sums amounting to £14. Took in a little orphan boy, brother to two cripples that we would have helped if we had had the Cripples’ Home to put them into. The difficulties of managing this class

of children amongst others is great, and we are looking to the Lord to give us a house apart for this purpose.—Jan. 10, from Newcastle, £31. Took in five orphans, whose mother died in America, and the father, since his return, leaving them destitute. What a privilege to be able to help them! While the children's bodily wants are supplied, we ask friends to pray that their souls may be fed with the bread of life.—Jan. 11, from Ayrshire, £25.—Jan. 13, from three sisters, as a thankoffering for not being injured by the City Bank, £3.—Jan. 15, from Auchterarder, £2 2s., with the earnest prayer, "That your work may not be forgotten by Christian friends, notwithstanding these times of depression and want."—Jan. 20, from Mentone, £5; from a lady who has helped us for a number of years, £27. Took in a little girl, and helped other deserving cases.—Jan. 23, took in four children—one, a little orphan, 2 years old; another, 5, and another, 10.

The annual treat for street children took place this evening, and as we looked on the motley gathering, and knew that many were drifting into the criminal ranks, our hearts felt sad. We have long wished that the magistrates would take this matter up, and get some legal power to control the children on the streets. We believe that it is possible to make the streets as safe as any public work that employs children; but, as it is at present, they are the school where the children learn and carry out all immoral practices. If it is necessary to control porters, cabmen, hawkers, and others, how much more the children?

The following, from *North British Daily Mail* of 24th inst., giving a short account of the meeting, will be read with interest:—

STREET CHILDREN AT SUPPER—A REMARKABLE GATHERING.

Last evening, on the invitation of Mr. Quarrier, about 600 boys and girls partook of tea and supper in the City Home Hall, James Morrison Street. The tickets were free, and none but shoeblacks, newspaper, pipe, sticks, match, and fruit sellers, beggars and singers, were admitted. As a matter of course, such a mixed assemblage presented rather a unique appearance. Boys of all ages came trooping in from the streets with their clothing hanging in tatters, their hair unkempt, and their faces and hands engrained with dirt. Accustomed to the stern "move on" of the policeman they entered the well-lit room rather abashed, and slunk sheepishly along the passages to their seats. The girls presented a better appearance, having evidently tidied themselves a little for the occasion by smoothing their hair and donning clean aprons. A single glance at the upturned faces sadly reversed the truth of the old saying "that you cannot put an old head on young shoulders," for on many of the faces, the tear and wear of street life had imparted an aged and altogether unnatural look upon children of such tender years. One little mite of a boy, with an elfish look, boasted that he was a comic singer and dancer at the corner of Dunlop Street, and that his name was "Jose." Another small boy accosted a companion in a different form with the salutation, "Paddy, gie us a chew?" Paddy, who used a crutch, was, however, unable to oblige his friend, but as solatium to his companion, shouted out, "Hallo, here's the chuck!" meaning the bags of bread and buns which were being freely distributed throughout the hall. Soon after, Paddy raised a terrible outcry, vehemently protesting that he had not received a bag. In vain the monitor impeached him with dishonesty. "As true as death," reiterated Paddy. "Rise up, then," said the teacher. Paddy reluctantly obeyed, and the bag was discovered on the seat beside him. Taxing him with the imposture when the monitor had retired, Paddy coolly replied, with a smile, "It was for ma wee brither." After enjoying a hearty tea, Mr. Quarrier addressed the children and said—I have invited you here to-night for two purposes. In the first place, to give you a New Year's welcome and a New Year's treat. Have you got as much as you can eat? ("Yes.") I intend

to give you a pie before you go—that is, if you have left room for it—("yes, yes")—and in addition to that you will all get some fruit as you retire. ("Oh.") The second thing I am going to say is this, Is there any boy or girl present who wants to leave his or her street life and try, God willing, to do right in the future? If there are, I will try and take them into the Home. Is there any boy or girl that has no home and would like to enter the City Home? After a short pause, a tiny little hand was put up here and there among the audience as a token of willingness to become inmates. During the evening short speeches were delivered by friends interested in the work, and a young lad—an inmate of the Home—gave an interesting address on chemistry, illustrating his subjects with experiments. Every boy and girl present had their names written down with their age, address, parents, whether living or dead, able to read or write, religion, what doing, how long on the streets, and their earnings per day. From this statement it would appear that about one-half cannot read or write, that nearly a-half are Roman Catholics, that they earn from 3d. to 1s. 6d. per day, and that their ages range from six to sixteen years.

The result of the invitation given by Mr. Quarrier was that 19 children remained to be dealt with. Seven boys and one girl were taken into the Home; four children had their lodgings paid for them until further inquiries were made, and the remainder were sent home to their friends, and their cases will also form the subject of inquiry.

Jan. 25, from various friends in different parts of the country, £25. Took in a girl, and helped a number of other cases.—Jan. 28. We often get letters from people, asking us to take in their children, or to advise them what to do with them. The following received to-day shews what some respectable parents have to do with their erring and wayward children:—"Sir,—Both Miss M. and myself were deeply grieved and disappointed at the result of her application to you to receive my son, and she has suggested that, if I myself state the case, you may reconsider it. My son is one of ten, who have been trained carefully and religiously. My husband and I have been unfortunate in business, and this, with a large family, makes us poor. The boy first evinced a tendency to pilfer about two years ago. We have done all we could to check it, but two months ago we found it had broken out again. He will steal; and if this goes on, ruin for him and disgrace for his family must follow. Placed under strict supervision, with kind Christian influence, he may yet be saved. After what I have said, may I ask you most beseechingly to receive him? Let me entreat you to help me in the endeavour to save a poor erring child from the risk of a prison, and the companionship of lost thieves, and give him an opportunity of becoming an honest and respectable man. Anxiously awaiting a reply."—Jan. 31, from the Isle of Wight, £5, "in consideration of the present inclement winter;" from Edinburgh, 7s. 6d. in stamps, with the words, "In following the steps of the Master, may you ever have His help and guidance!" How valuable a word in season is to him who is weary, and to me the numerous kind expressions of sympathy from helpers throughout the country have been a great source of encouragement to go forward. The month closes with the balance in hand somewhat increased, namely, for City Home, £98 2s. 11½d., and for the General Fund, £350 18s. 6¼d.—in all, £449 1s. 6d. This may seem a large sum, but if we deduct the amount included for emigration expenses, it will leave about a week's provision in hand. Still the prayer is, "Give us each day our daily bread," and in the case of our work we have really been supplied day by day, week by week, and month by month, in a most marvellous way. To God be all the praise!

Feb. 1, from Norwich, £10, to take a child to Canada.—Feb. 4, from Glasgow, £40, £20 for Canadian work, and £20 for Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir. Took in three children.—Feb. 6, 7s. in stamps. This is all we have received to-day. It takes about £100 per week for the current expenses of the Homes—that is about £15 a day—and when so little comes in any day, we sometimes feel despondent; but on such occasions the Lord brings to our remembrance His goodness in the past, and bids us fear not.—Feb. 13, from Gourrock, £2. Took in a boy, the son of a widow, who was once in comfortable circumstances, but through many trials and difficulties she had been reduced.—Feb. 17, £1 from a friend, who gives the sum monthly, and whose gifts have helped us much in the past. Took in a little girl of 8 years.—Feb. 18, only 12s. 11d. to-day, from a Children's Meeting in Dovehill. The gifts from the various Sabbath Schools and Children's Meetings have been a great encouragement to us and blessing to the children. It not only blesses those that give, but those that receive.—Feb. 20, "Give and it shall be given you," 10s. 9d. We pray that this friend may continue to give, and know in his happy experience that the Lord gives him back again.—Feb. 22, from Sabbath School and Bible Class, Kilmarnock, £3 3s 6d.—Feb. 26, from the executors of the late Miss L., £10. When alive she was a "succourer of many, and of me also."—Feb. 28, from Forfar, £1. A. M., a young man whom we had been the means of rescuing some years ago, died this morning. We got a line for the Infirmary for him, but before he could be removed he passed away. We assisted the poor relations to bury him, for which they were very grateful. Another month has closed, and the balance for the City Homes is only £34 8s. 0½d., and for the General Fund, which includes for emigration, £368 8s. 8½d.; in all, £402 16s. 9d.; which is about £47 less than last month. Still we are thankful for the numerous gifts the Lord has sent in, and we are expecting Him to supply all our need. We have been thinking about the number of children we shall send to Canada, and at the weekly prayer meeting among the workers we put the matter before the Lord, and resolved to wait His decision. At the beginning of the year we had decided to send 100, which, at £10 for each for passage and outfit, would take £1000. At the commencement of the work we resolved always to be guided by the Lord in the following manner, namely, that we should select the children, who were sufficiently trained and otherwise suitable, to be sent, and that the Lord should shew us those He wanted to go by the amount He sent in. In previous years He has given us unmistakeable proof of His interest in this part of the work, and we believed it would be so this year also. As indicating how abundantly the Lord has supplied, we give a few out of the many sums we have received for emigration expenses:—

March 5, from Melrose, £10, to take a boy to Canada. This friend has helped in the past, but writes to say he does not know if he will be able to do so again. We pray that the Lord may help him out of every difficulty.—March 6, from Windsor, £2, for emigration.—March 8, from Dumbartonshire, £100, for ten children to Canada. This friend's gifts have rejoiced our hearts in the past, but not more so than now. We magnify God in his behalf.—March 11, from an old friend in London,

£10, to take a child to Canada; from Glasgow, £25, for emigration.—March 12, "Saved from housekeeping to send an orphan to Canada," £10. This lady friend's management at home has resulted in a most practical piece of work for Christ, namely, in rescuing one little one. The Lord bless her household.—March 13, from Aberdeen, £2, for emigration.—March 17, from Edinburgh, £10, to take a boy to Canada. Took in an orphan boy whose mother died last week. Her desire was that her boy might be taken by us. Also, another boy whose father was sentenced to penal servitude for life last December. Helped a number of other cases.—March 18, 2s. in stamps from Lanark, with the following letter:—"Please accept 2s. in stamps as a small donation in behalf of your grand work. May the Lord bless you more and more, and make you a blessing, and may showers of blessings descend upon all connected with you."—March 19, from Glasgow, £25, £10 for emigration.—March 26, from Bristol, £10 for emigration.—March 27, from Croydon, £10 for a boy to Canada.—March 28, from Glasgow, £50, £30 for emigration; from another friend, £25, £20 for two children to Canada.—March 29, from Coatbridge, 1s. in stamps, with the words, "I wish it was a thousand times more. May God bless you in your work, and may you and your dear wife be long spared to carry it on." Another month has passed and God has blessed us with sufficient means for the daily needs, for which we bless His holy name. The balance on hand for the City Home, Refuge and Mission, is £34 8s. 8½d. (8½d. more than last month), and for the General and Emigration Fund, £391 0s 2½d., about £23 more than last month.

April 1, from Croydon, £20, £10 of it for emigration; from Wooler, £10, to take a child to Canada; from Aberfeldy, £3, with the following letter:—"The enclosed little sum is all I can afford to send, but such as it is will you kindly accept it as a free-will offering towards your precious work of rescue?"—April 7, from Alloa, £10, to take a child to Canada.—April 8, from Paisley, £50, for five children to Canada. This friend's gifts have been refreshing in the past, and are so now.—April 9, from Weston-super-Mare, £6, for emigration.—April 11, from Southsea, £10, to take a child to Canada.—April 12, from Ayrshire, £50, for five children to Canada.—April 14, from Glasgow, £20, for emigration.—April 16, from Croydon, £10 10s., to take a girl to Canada, in memory of a sister gone home; from Dunoon, £20, for two children. This friend's gift brings up memories of past help for which we bless God.—April 21, from Argyllshire, £10, for a boy to Canada.—April 29, from Innellan, £2, for emigration; from a rescued girl in Canada, £3, for emigration.—April 30, from Glasgow, £10, to take a boy to Canada. Another month passed, and the Lord's goodness fills our mouth with praise. The balance on hand, after paying accounts for City Home, Refuge and Mission Fund, is £45 12s. 1¾d., and for the General and Emigration Fund, £559 4s. 1¼d.

May 1, though faint, still pursuing and looking forward to the fulfilment of the Lord's promise to supply all our need. From Aberdeen, £5, for emigration.—May 3, from Glasgow, £10, to take a child to Canada; from Paisley, £20, for two children to Canada.—May 6, from St. Leonard's-on-Sea, £6, for emigration; from Stranraer, two boxes con-

taining 170 garments from a winter's work party, which they hope will be useful.—May 7, from Somerset, £12, for emigration; from Ardrossan, £10, to take a child to Canada; from Glenluce, parcel of clothes "made by a little circle of friends who have been meeting once a week for that purpose for a little while. We hope they will fit some members of your large family. At each of our meetings we have united heartily in prayer for you and your helpers in your work among the children, and we join with you in praising the Lord for His faithful goodness in supplying all your need. I feel sure that the faith which He puts sometimes to so severe tests will be constantly becoming stronger by exercise, and that He will honour it by saying 'Be it unto thee even as thou wilt!'"—May 8, two Dumbartonshire ladies (unknown to us), £20. God knows the gifts given in secret, and will reward all such openly. From Paisley, £50, for five children to Canada. This is a new donor, and supplies the lack of some who were wont to help us, but are unable to do so now, may God bless them.—May 9, from Helensburgh, £10, to take a girl to Canada, in memory of a loved sister who died abroad. We pray that these memorial gifts may be accepted by Him who can bind up the broken heart.—May 10, an old helper, £10, for emigration; from Hillhead, £3, "with continued glad interest in the work, and trusting that the travellers may have a prosperous voyage, and Mr. and Mrs. Quarrier a safe return home;" from Glasgow, £10, with the words, "Is not the Lord gone out before thee." How blessed it is to follow where He leads, and to realise that He makes us "to lie down in green pastures;" from "A Mother," £1, with the following note—"£1 to aid you in your labour of love. May you have a safe and prosperous voyage, and you and yours come back strengthened for the great work the Master has given you to do."—May 13, from London, £50, with the following letter:—"I am glad to see you are still prospering with your good work. I have been very remiss in helping you for some years past, and only now beg to enclose you cheque for £50, leaving it to yourself to use the money for any of your schemes you consider most needful." From Hillhead, £10, and from Glasgow, £20, for emigration. The day has come which we looked forward to with some anxiety, but now we find that the 103 that we are able to send have all been paid for. Not only have we received the £600 that was needed at the beginning of March, but three children more have been paid for. We feel the goodness of the Lord at this time more than any previous year. On every side we hear complaints of dull trade, and yet the Lord has done twice as much for us in this year as in any preceding one. We ask our fellow-helpers to praise Him who has remembered us so abundantly in this trying time. After putting aside the money for the payment of accounts, and for the passage money of the children, we found there was only £50 left, and as this was needed for the incidental expenses of the journey we were in a strait what to do. Had we taken this with us it would have left the General Fund without any balance on hand, but our eyes were unto the Lord, and our prayer was directed to Him that He would guide in the matter. On getting on board the ship a dear friend from Edinburgh, who knew nothing of the straits we were in, handed us £80, and so enabled us to take the provision

necessary for the journey, and to leave some little balance on hand. Is it any wonder that we should praise the Lord who "leads the blind by a way that they know not, and in paths that they do not understand?" Would it not be a greater wonder if we refused to speak of our King who does so much for us? I rejoiced that our dear fellow-helper, Mr. Hunter, would have a small balance in hand to carry on the work in our absence. At the close of this month the balance in hand for City Home, Refuge, and Mission Work is £9 5s. 7½d., and for the General and Emigration Account, £93 16s. 6¾d., in all, £108 2s. 2½d., just a week's supply for our large family. Still the promise of our God is being fulfilled in giving our daily bread. As indicating how the Lord supplied our fellow-helpers, during our sojourn in Canada, we will give a few of the sums sent in:—

June 1, from Glasgow, £5.—June 4, from Aberdeen, £5, to keep the pot boiling.—June 6, from the Trustees of the late J. R., jun., per Robertson & Ross, £250, less legacy duty, £25. I am not aware that this friend ever gave anything in his lifetime to the Homes, but this amount is most opportune, and will keep the balance on the right side. It is a great privilege to be able to give in one's lifetime, and when that is convenient it saves legacy duty, and of course accomplishes more good. Still, when one requires all the money they have invested for their own use, that may be impossible. I believe the principle of giving, as the Lord prospers and in one's lifetime is growing, but there is room for further development. God calls us to it when He says, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal," and "Let ours also learn to maintain good works."—June 7, from Wigton, £1; From Kirkcaldy, £2.—June 9, "Give and it shall be given unto you," April, 15s. 10d., May, 15s. 7d.—June 11, from Belgrade, Servia, £50. This friend has helped in the past, with kind words and deeds. May the Lord bless him in his own work for the Master.—June 16, from Millport, £20; this unknown friend will not be forgotten by Him who seeth in secret.—June 24, from the Scottish Football Association, £10. The variety of places from which money is received, and the amounts sent show us very clearly that the Lord has His servants all over the world, and has but to say, "Do this and he doeth it." It is blessed to have fellowship with God, in giving of our substance as well as in working. The one is as acceptable to Him as the other. The balance in hand at the close of this month is, for City Home, Refuge and Mission, £35 14s. 10¾d., and for the General and Emigration Fund, £315 0s. 8½d.

July 8, from Ayr, £20. This is another unknown friend that we have not the privilege of thanking personally, but the Lord will reward.—July 10, from Glasgow, £50. This friend's gifts have encouraged us greatly in the past. We trust that the Lord will bless her and her home circle.—July 16, from London, £10.—July 25, from Glencairn Sabbath School, 10s. 6d.—July 31, from New Zealand, £1. The balance on hand this month is, for the City Home, £49 18s. 11¼d., and for the General and Emigration Fund, £269 4s. 7d.; £31 less than last month. Still we have to praise our God for supplying all our needs.

August 5, from the Old Scotch Independent Church Sabbath School, £1 3s. 7½d.—Aug. 8, from a Sabbath School near Aberdeen, 10s.; from Free St. Mary's Sabbath Forenoon Meeting, Govan, £1 3s.—Aug. 15, from Queen Ann Street U.P. Church Mission School, Dunfermline, £2 5s. 11d.—Aug. 16, from Mr. T.'s Bible Class and friends, Dalkeith, £6 6s. The donations from Sabbath School children and teachers throughout the country have been a great source of help and comfort to us. Our constant prayer for the children and teachers is that God may bless them abundantly.—Aug. 18, arrived home from Canada to-night, thankful to God for His journeying mercies, and for His answer to the many prayers that have been offered on our behalf.—Aug. 19, from Armadale, £5, with the following letter:—"Please accept the enclosed cheque for £5 for your good work in rescuing the perishing. I wish I could have made it £50, for truly such giving is twice blessed. I have sent this as a thank-offering on the recovery of a little son. May God open the hearts of those who have of the abundance of this world that they may give of their substance, for surely this is the best object in this world to which money can be applied."—Aug. 24, from a thankful heart for mercies received, £3.—Aug. 28, from Ayrshire, £10, "a thank-offering for your safe return from Canada;" from Glasgow, £3, "as a thank-offering for your safe return from Canada." These welcomes home fill our hearts with gladness more than we can express, and lead us to ask God that He would bless each one and "supply all their need out of His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."—Aug. 29, from a farmer, £30. This dear friend is a helper of many. May the Lord fill his barns with plenty. At the close of this month the balance in hand is about £30 less than last month, although the responsibilities are greater, as we have taken in a number more children.

Sept. 1, from St. Bees, 5s.; from Hangingshaw Sabbath Morning Meeting, 16s. This is all we have received to-day, still the Lord is good and we praise Him for it.—Sept. 6, from Glasgow, £25. This friend's help is most acceptable; and causes us to thank our loving Father anew.—Sept. 8, death has once more entered the City Home and taken away little Carrie, aged 4 years, a delicate, helpless child, not able to stand on her feet and greatly deformed. She was the youngest of five, whose father died some months ago leaving them entirely destitute. We took them into the Home and this one also although she was not a case for us, being a cripple; she was not long with us, and her suffering was so great that one was almost glad that she was taken away. How blessed it is that the Good Shepherd "gathers the lambs with His arms" and transplants them from the suffering here to the heavenly home where there is no sorrow.—Sept. 15, from Edinburgh, £500 to extend accommodation in the Govan Road Homes for emigration. This gift has taken a heavy burden off our hearts, as for eighteen months we have been praying that the Lord would send us £500 to give us better and increased accommodation for our Emigration Homes in the Govan Road. As noticed on Nov. 23rd, when we received £10 as an earnest, we felt persuaded that the Lord would send us the £500. This friend from Edinburgh called on me and said, she had felt it laid upon her heart to give £500 towards the extension of emigration work. Thus the Lord shows us that He hears and answers prayer. This generous gift

will enable us to make room for from thirty to fifty more children for Canada as well as make the old Homes a little more comfortable.—Sept. 16, from Joppa £2, "in aid of your work amongst the orphans, for which work I thank you and pray that it may be the means of bringing many to the Saviour."—Sept. 26, from Tillicoultry, £20. From Aberdeen, £4. Took in a little boy aged 10; mother died three months ago in the poorhouse. The boy has been sleeping for six weeks on a floor in a neighbour's house, and she recommended the School Board Office to get him into our Home. He has a brother on the streets but does not know where he is. Took in an orphan girl; parents died six years ago when she was placed in the poorhouse. She was taken from there by some friends who from want of work are now unable to help her. Took in a boy who had got beyond his widowed mother's control, and helped a number of other cases.—Sept. 29, from Glasgow, £100 for alterations at City Home. Another month has passed and we have been enabled to meet the daily needs. The balance is still on the right side of the books. For the City Home there is a balance of £172 10s. 3½d., for the General and Emigration Fund, £152 5s. 10½d.—in all, £324 16s. 2½d.—£34 more than last month, although our outlay has been greater with the additional number of children we have to feed day by day.

"Our song is still of Jesus,
Whose mercy crowns our days;
He fills our cup with blessing,
And tunes our hearts to praise."

Oct. 4, £1, with the words, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."—Oct. 6, from Rothesay, £1.—Oct. 8, from "the Master's Treasury," £2. Oct. 13, from Bridge of Allan, £100, to take ten girls to Canada. This friend has helped us in former times, but this amount and the object for which it is given rejoice our hearts. We pray that the ten girls provided for may be blessed and led to Him "whom to know is life eternal." From Pollokshields, 5s., with the following letter:—"Enclosed I beg to hand you 5s., being my first week's wages in aid of your good work."—Oct. 24, from Glasgow, £16.—Oct. 27, from Gourrock, £15; from Fifeshire, £12 10s. This dear friend's help has always led us to praise God in his behalf, and we pray that he may be blessed in his own work.—Oct. 29, from Glasgow, £25.—Oct. 30, a Mother, £1, "to help to keep the balance on the right side." Thus we have come to the close of the year, and we rejoice to find that after paying all debts our balance stands thus:—For City Home, Refuge and Mission, £107 16s. 0½d.; for General Account, £218 2s. 5½d.—in all, £325 18s. 6¼d. If the amount included in this sum for emigration be taken from it, it will only leave about a week's provision in hand for the 250 children in the Homes and others being added daily to the number. We have £164 9s. 6½d. more in hand than we commenced the year with, besides the £500 for alterations, &c. Thus it will be seen that in this year of depression and failing sources of old friends the Lord has not only supplied us with money equal to former years but has nearly doubled the amount of the General Account, enabling us to send twice as many children to Canada this year as last, besides helping more in various ways. To God be all the praise for His unfailing help towards His unworthy instruments who seek to serve Him in this work.

DEPARTURE OF OUR EIGHTH BAND OF CHILDREN TO CANADA.

On Tuesday, 13th May, a farewell meeting, presided over by Bailie Lamberton, was held in the City Home Hall, James Morrison Street, to commend the children to the care of our Heavenly Father. The gathering was one of the largest we have had since the work commenced, and the many good wishes expressed greatly encouraged us. Among the speakers were—Revs. A. Andrews, Dr. Culross, John Watson, George Stewart, and Jas. Robertson of Newington, Edinburgh, who has since passed away to his rest and reward. His sweet encouraging words still give out their fragrance, and his great interest in children will long be remembered by all who knew him. The meeting was one of great blessing to old and young met together, and it would be difficult to say which enjoyed it most. In the evening the friends and relatives of the children met in the Hall, and had tea with them. Up till the day of meeting we were busy getting everything ready, and it was with no little anxiety we looked forward; but when the day came our fears were dispelled, when we looked at the well-filled box of each child, telling us how our lady friends had been at work, week after week for months past, making up the garments, and how that others had sent them in, so that our little ones might be comfortably fitted out. The interest of friends in the welfare of the children was manifested in the many presents sent to them before they left their native shore, especially in the gift of a Bible to each from a friend who has given the same in past years. On Wednesday, the day of sailing, all was bustle and stir at Cessnock House, getting the baggage put on board.

At four o'clock a parting meeting was held, and then the children were conveyed in two omnibuses to the quay. The crowd along the streets was so great that we had to adopt this method of getting the children safely to the ship. We got on board the good steam-ship Nestorian about five o'clock, and about half past five we moved off. The arrangements made by the Messrs. Allan for the comfort and convenience of the party were equal, if not superior, to that of any previous year. Mr. Dunlop had exerted himself so that we might have everything we required on the voyage, and he succeeded in making the ship look as like home as possible under the circumstances. The party consisted of:—59 boys and 44 girls, in all 103 from our Homes, 8 from Mrs. Blaikie's, and 4 little boys from Lochrin Home, Edinburgh; 13 from Maryhill, and 2 from another Home, making in all, 130. Miss Sliman, Mrs. Quarrier, my daughter, and self, went in charge of the party.

CROSSING THE ATLANTIC.

The departure from Glasgow was an event which will not soon pass from my memory. The many personal friends who came to take good-bye and wish us God speed, as well as the thousands who thronged the quay to wish well to the youthful emigrants and give them a hearty cheer as the ship moved off, affected me so much that I could only thank God on their behalf, and pray that He would bless them for all their kindness. The passage down the river had its usual incidents, which I need not record here, but simply say that while the burden was heavier in getting our 130 children arranged in their berths,

it was made comparatively easy by the efficient help given by Mr. W. J. Stewart, Mr. Thomson, and my daughters. The parting with dear friends at the Tail of the Bank on Thursday, 15th, touched me so that had it not been for keeping up appearances before the children I must have broken down, but for their sakes I asked the Lord to strengthen me. The day being one of the finest of the season, the sail to the Mull of Kintyre was very fine, and all greatly enjoyed it. We had worship at half-past seven, and got the children to bed—the wind rising, expecting a stiff breeze. Friday, 16th.—Got up at five; found a number of the children out of bed, but as the wind kept increasing they had to go below, and before breakfast most of them were quite down with sickness. Before evening the whole number were down, with the exception of little Jessie Miller and my daughter. She is as good a sailor as her older sister, and is just such a one as should be sent to sea in charge of a party. I felt a little squeamish, but managed to keep my feet; perhaps it would have been better had I been laid down, as my head felt giddy for some days. The behaviour of the children under the trying circumstances was all that could be desired. Saturday, 17th.—Most of the children up again, although some of them had to keep their beds for some days, they were so prostrated with the sickness. Many of them after being up for a little and getting some food were obliged to lie down again. Little delicacies such as red herrings, oranges, biscuits, &c., which we brought with us, were greatly appreciated at this time. Sunday, 18th.—Had the usual service for the young people in the morning at 11, and a gospel service for children and adults in the evening at 6.30. Many of the passengers and crew joined us in these services, as the captain had caused a number of notices to be posted up inviting all to come, so that the little chapel on board the s.s. Nestorian was crowded to its utmost capacity. We trust the Lord will bless the word spoken. A collection was made at both services for the Sailors' Orphan Institution at Liverpool. All the copper and silver which the children could gather together were most cheerfully given, even the sick ones sent their mite—one little fellow who had a shilling would not be content unless it was put into the box. The word brought to my mind was "The people offered willingly." This we can truly say of the children. Monday, 19th.—Children all well and happy; wind increasing, with a great under swell striking the sides of the ship, which caused it to roll very much; thought it best to send the children to bed after tea. After watching beside them for a while I had just retired to my room, when one of the girls came crying, "Oh, Mr. Quarrier, come for the beds are falling." When I reached the spot, I found that with the pitching of the ship the five top berths had got out of the sockets and had fallen on those below, but we were thankful to find that none of the children were hurt. There was great excitement caused by this little accident, which took some time to get quieted down. One little fellow, seriously looking into the captain's face, said, "Is the ship gaun doon?" On the captain assuring him that there was no danger of that, he lay down quite contented in the assurance given. Tuesday, 20th.—Ship still rolling very much. It was with great difficulty we could keep our feet, and everything got tossed about. We thought it best to keep the children in bed, and so they had breakfast, dinner, and tea in their berths. We had worship with the children after, when we sang the hymn—

Dark is the night, and cold the wind is blowing,
Nearer and nearer comes the breaker's roar;
Where shall I go, or whither fly for refuge?
Hide me, my Father, till the storm is o'er.
With His loving hand to guide, let the clouds above me roll,
And the billows in their fury dash around me,
I can brave the wildest storm with His glory in my soul,
I can sing amidst the tempest, Praise the Lord!

After singing I asked, "Were they not afraid of the storm? were there any that praised the Lord in the storm?" when one little fellow made answer

by holding up his hand, saying that he praised Him. "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings Thou hast perfected praise." The confidence of little children in the care of our loving Father is more steady in the midst of trial than in some of us who are older. May He help us to trust in Him at all times—in the storm of adversity as well as in the sunshine of prosperity. Wednesday, 21st.—Wet and cold, ship rolling, gave the children breakfast and dinner in bed. Afternoon cleared up, so got the children on deck for an airing, which they greatly enjoyed. Had worship as usual at 7.30. Thursday, 22nd.—Wet all day, south-west wind, ship pitching. Got swings fitted up between decks to keep the children in amusement. They behaved well, considering the difficulties they had to contend with. Cabin passengers all at tea for the first time. Had worship as usual with the children. Friday, 23rd.—Wet and hazy. Children all able to be up. Had worship in little chapel, where many of the passengers joined. Had half an hour's singing, which all seemed to enjoy. Saturday, 24th.—Cold and foggy; ship going half-speed. As this is Queen's Birthday, we have had a little variation. The steward gave the children a special dinner and tea-cakes, &c. In the evening we had an entertainment of singing and recitation, &c., by the children, after which fruit was served to them; the National Anthem was sung, and three hearty cheers given for her Majesty; so, although there was thick fog around, there were joy and gladness within. After worship all retired to rest, greatly delighted, and soon fell fast asleep. Sabbath, 25th.—Weather still foggy. The captain has been on the bridge all night, with a double watch forward; ship still going half-speed. Had the children's service in chapel at 11, at which a good many of the passengers attended. Miss Sliman read "Mother's Last Words" to the children in the afternoon, and in the evening at 6.30 we had a gospel service, at which many of the crew and passengers were present. We felt it to be a very precious time. Monday, 26th.—Fog still prevailing; cleared up about 1 p.m. The captain got down for dinner the first time since Friday. He says that, what with head winds and fog, he has seldom had a more tedious time. The ship is now going at full speed, and we hope to reach Quebec on Wednesday night. The children have enjoyed themselves just as though there were no difficulties in the way. We have felt the burden much greater this year than last. I suppose this has arisen from the greater number, and the consequent strain in managing so many. Still, as each night closed in, we had reason to thank God for His abundant mercies by the way. We are longing to get to our destination, and to hear from you and the dear ones at home. Still patience must have her perfect work, and there is no place to try it more than on board ship, with 130 children in charge to attend to all their wants, and to hear all their complaints. Tuesday, 27th.—In the Gulf of St. Lawrence; a cold north wind blowing; snow on deck early in the morning; sea rough. Children not able to stay on deck because of the head wind and pitching of the vessel. Cleared up in the afternoon, when the children had swings and skipping rope, which they greatly enjoyed. Wednesday, 28th.—We arrived at Father Point at 6 p.m. Throughout the voyage the behaviour of the children was good, and it was pleasant to see the bigger boys looking after the little ones, helping them in various ways. The older girls took a motherly interest in the little ones they had charge of that spoke well for the training they had received at home, and for their future in Canada. As we observed them from day to day many a silent prayer went up to our Heavenly Father that He would bless and keep them in the land of their adoption. Some of them held prayer meetings amongst themselves to pray for the others, and one day I was asked by a few of them to make special prayer for certain cases. One of the girls said to me about a boy who had been a little troublesome, "Oh! if he would only give his heart to Jesus what a bright and useful Christian he would be." I said we would pray about him, and so we did, and although we do not yet know if our prayers have been

answered we believe they will be. We do not cease to pray for the children now in Canada as well as for the homes into which they have been received. During the voyage we had every attention shown us by Captain Steven, and officers, Mr. McDonald, chief steward, and the others, to whom we are very much indebted.

We reached Quebec on Thursday, 29th May, at 10 o'clock, where we got letters saying Mr. Roberts (Miss Bilbrough's visitor of the children and helper) was ill and not able to meet us. Mr. Rae (of Messrs. Allan) got us provided with three first-class cars, and after a good dinner we started at one o'clock for Belleville. We reached Montreal at about 10 o'clock p.m., where we had a good supper, and held worship in the waiting-room. We started again about 11.30, everyone trying to make themselves comfortable for the night. Next morning, as daylight broke, the sight on board the cars was a novel one, the children lying in all imaginable positions. It reminded one of a battle field after a conflict.

We reached Belleville on Friday at 2.30 p.m., and found Miss Bilbrough waiting us at the station. We got all safe to Marchmont, where we had the children washed, and I took about thirty of the bigger boys to the bay, where they had a good bathe. After a good meal, we got them to bed, and it was only then that we ascertained the serious nature of Mr. Roberts' illness. A few days before we arrived he had been removed to Dr. Hamilton's house, that he might have more quiet and attention. He lingered for three days after our arrival, gradually sinking, and on Monday at 5.30 p.m. he passed away from the earthly service to the heavenly. The funeral took place on Wednesday, and was attended by several ministers and leading citizens, and followed by thirty-six of the boys. Mr. Roberts was a young man of great promise. About four years ago, he was led to give up a good situation in Liverpool, and to join our work in Glasgow, where he laboured for two years, and twice took charge of the party going to Canada. In November, 1877, he left us to take up the work of visiting the children for Miss Bilbrough, and for nearly two years he had been labouring with great zeal and perseverance, daily growing in love for and knowledge of his Bible, and in fitness for his home above. He was esteemed and respected by all with whom he sojourned in his visiting among the homes of the children; and it was pleasing to me to hear from many quarters how much the people had enjoyed his fellowship while he was with them. How true it is in his case that the "memory of the just is blessed." The following lines Mr. Roberts was very fond of, and they were among the last he uttered:—

"Gladly away from this toil would I hasten
Up to the crown which for me has been won—
Unthought of by man in rewards, or in praises—
Only remembered by what I have done.

"Up and away, like the odours of sunset,
That sweeten the twilight as darkness comes on;
So be my life—a thing felt but not noticed,
And I but remembered by what I have done.

"Not myself—but the truth that in life I have spoken;
Not myself—but the seed that in life I have sown
Shall pass on to ages—all about me forgotten,
Save the truth I have spoken—the things I have done."

The loss is a great one, not only to his widow, but to the work in Canada. The best cure for sorrow is active work, and we had plenty to do to attend to applications and place out the children.

PLACING OUT THE CHILDREN AND AMONG THEIR HOMES.

On Thursday, 5th June, Mrs. Quarrier and I started for Owen Sound, a distance of 240 miles, with nineteen children. We left Belleville at 6.30 a.m.,

and reached Owen Sound at 10.30 p.m., where we were met by the Messrs. Ross. We spent three days there placing out the children and visiting others, among whom W. and M. H., now M'Kay, whose mother has gone very far astray, are in a good home and very happy. Maggie M., who is in a good home, says she wouldn't leave it. On Sabbath I spoke to the children in the Sunday School, and took the service in the church in the afternoon. On Monday morning we were driven some 20 miles to the train by Mr. Ross and his sister, Mrs. Dr. Sloane. In the district of Owen Sound there are about a hundred children, who are watched over by Mr. D. Ross. We reached Belleville on Tuesday night at 11.30 p.m., found all well, and a number more of the children away to places. After resting a few days, we started again for Perth with twelve children, where we were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Kellock, who take a great interest in the work. Saw J. D., whose father, when dying in Saltcoats Home, requested us to take charge of his two children. She has grown much and is in a good home. Saw little B., who is adopted by a well-to-do farmer who has no children of his own. This child's mother is living a miserable life in Glasgow. Saw several others.

Got back to Belleville on Monday, and found a few more children had been placed out in our absence. Started again on Friday for Beaverton and Muskoka with seven children. Saw the two little M.'s here in a good home, and others. The people in this district are mostly Highland Scotch, and on Sabbath they had one service in Gaelic and another in English. Muskoka roads are very rough, as the district has not long been opened up. Left Muskoka at 4 a.m. on Wednesday, and got back to Marchmont at 12 midnight very tired. The hours of leaving and arriving make travelling no easy matter in Canada. We rested two days, and then left for Duffin's Creek, taking three children with us. We visited a number of others, among whom were J. A., who was turned adrift in Glasgow by a woman who had promised her dying mother to take charge of her. She is now able to make butter, bake bread, and can keep house for her mistress, by whom she is very much respected. F. M.M.'s master told us he is one of the best boys in the district. We well remember his dying mother asking us to take charge of her boy, as there was no other to take care of him.

I spoke at Dumbarton, in the Rev. Mr. Kennedy's Church, on Sunday; and at the Quakers' Yearly Meeting on Monday gave an account of the work. The people, who come from many different parts of the States and Canada, were very much interested. We next went on to Fonthill, where we stayed with the Atkinses, friends of the work, for two nights. Saw one of our first year's boys, who acts as "boss" on the farm of a widow here, and he gave me 5 dols. for the work; also two others who are adopted by the Registrar of the place, who treats them in every way as his own, giving them a first-class education. Spent a day at Niagara Falls with my daughter. It is calculated that 1,900,000,000 cubic feet of water pass over the Horse Shoe Fall every hour. The sight is one never to be forgotten. Got back to Belleville and found the numbers decreasing.

On Monday, 7th July, Miss Bilbrough and I went to Cornwall, 120 miles east, taking sixteen children with us, for whom good homes had been arranged by Miss Geldard and Miss Mudie. We were met by Rev. J. Burnett and other friends, who drove us twelve miles to Martintown, where we disposed of several children, and I addressed a meeting in the hall of the church. Next day went to Dominionville, 14 miles, where four more were disposed of. Saw H. M., whose adopted mother is very well pleased with him, and has taken a little girl as a sister to him. Went to Vankleek Hill, other 14 miles, where two more were placed. We were greatly amused to see a farmer and his wife drive off with a little boy between them, looking as pleased as if they had got a fortune. Saw J. H., very much grown, and several others.

Crossed the Ottawa River and took train to Montreal, which we reached on

Thursday night in time for 10 p.m. train for Belleville, arriving there at 6.30 next morning. Found all well, and only a very few children left in the Home. On Monday, 14th, we went to the Thousand Island Park, on the St. Lawrence, to get a few days' rest. We reached the Island at 6 p.m., and set to work to erect our tents. One was got up where the ladies slept that night. The gentlemen were put up in a little wooden kitchen, and one who was very tall was found with his feet out of the door in the morning, and the other had rolled off the straw mattress under the stove. The mosquitoes troubled us, and left us a good many marks of remembrance. Next day the large tent was put up, comprising ladies' bedrooms, dining and drawing rooms, and in a short time we managed to make ourselves pretty comfortable. Of course, the gentlemen tried to lend a helping hand by cleaning the stove, boots, &c.; but our experience in household matters will be understood from the fact that one of us tried to light the fire in the oven. We hope he may learn better in his home in the far West. Life on the camp ground consisted in boating, walking and going to meetings, visiting friends, eating (which we all did well), and sleeping. The St. Lawrence, on which the Islands are, here assumes the form of a lake about eight to nine miles broad, and is studded over with islands, varying in size from a rock just above the water to an island 15 miles long by three broad. The upper end of the largest island has been bought by the Methodists, and there they have a large tent, where their annual meetings are held in the summer. The other end belongs to the Presbyterians, and there they hold their meetings. This place is a favourite resort in summer, and the steamers ply two or three times daily between the mainland and the islands. The water of the St. Lawrence here is very clear, and is in colour like the ocean. Fish abound and are caught in large numbers by the campers out. Loch Lomond, with its islands, might be called a miniature of this beautiful part of the St. Lawrence.

We went to Kingston from the Park to visit some children. Mr. and Mrs. Macpherson drove us about and we saw M. W., who is adopted by the late member for Kingston; also A. S. and K. J., who are in good homes. Here also we saw little Jeanie (five years old), one whom we took out last year. This year she was chosen out of 1500 school children to present an address to the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise, who visited Kingston. She did the work assigned to her well, and bowed to them gracefully. The Marquis of Lorne was so taken with the little one that he clapped her on the shoulder and kissed her.

Looking back on her history we may well say, "What hath God wrought?" This case reminds us of what God does for the sinner. He finds him in the "mire clay" of sin, lifts him out and washes him in His precious blood, placing his feet on the Rock of Ages, dresses him in the robe of righteousness, and gives him the kiss of adoption. Mrs. Quarrier and our youngest daughter took a journey to Napanee, Newburg, Picton, and Bloomfield, and visited upwards of twenty children, and found them all happy and contented, not one of them wishing to leave their homes. Mrs. Quarrier was very much delighted with the hospitality and kindness of every home visited. The people seem very disappointed if you could not stay a night or at least take a meal with them. Drove out with Miss Anna Bilbrough on Tuesday, 29th inst., to Melrose, about 16 miles from Belleville—saw a number of children, one of whom, Peter L., gave me \$2 for his granny in Glasgow. The joy of this poor old woman (who is now in the City Poorhouse) on receiving the money was quite overwhelming—she was so delighted at the mindfulness of the boy. After getting home from the islands we started on a tour to Renfrew, Admaston, Douglas, Scotch Bush, and Shawville, taking four children. We saw about thirty-six others in their homes. D. B., who is now able to make boots himself, took Miss Bilbrough's measure for a pair. The two C.'s, whose mother has never asked after them since they were left with us, are in good

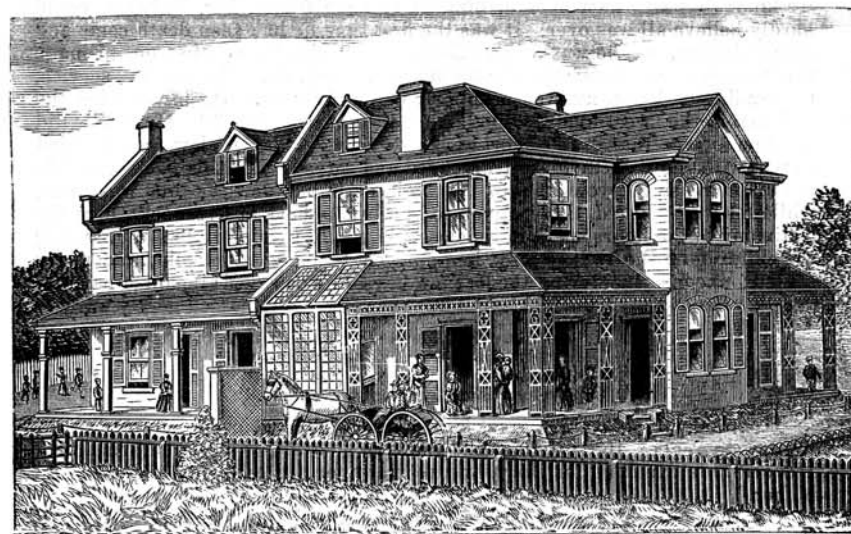
homes here. R. C., who had a bad mother, is now very bright and happy in his home. S. A., L. M'C., and many others, have good homes and every comfort that could be desired.

While at the Home we visited a number of places, driving out from Belleville. A number of children called at the Home to see us, one, J. M'A. When one remembers the state he was in when we found him on the streets of Glasgow, his case alone would repay all the labour bestowed on the work. The one hundred and thirty children have all found good homes; and had we taken out a hundred and fifty more they could have been placed out also. It was very amusing to see the disappointment of friends who had come 20 or 30 miles to the Homes to get a boy or girl, and found there was none for them. In various districts that we visited many were also disappointed because we only took out with us the number for whom applications and recommendations had been sent in before. In going out and in among the homes of the children one is forcibly struck with the absence of the class distinction we have at home. There all the inmates sit at the same table, and our children are treated in every respect as members of the family. Some of the boys placed out eight years ago by Miss Bilbrough are now studying for the ministry, others are schoolmasters, and many occupy good positions in the country. Some of the young women are married to men of good standing, and are now in comfortable circumstances. We trust many others will rise up to fill honourable positions when the present generation has passed away. There is no other work in this country that accomplishes so much good for destitute children at so small a cost. For the outlay of about £15, a child may be trained for some time here, and then placed out in a good home in Canada, to give our country no more expense.

We have come back more than ever impressed with the fact that this is the best way that a certain class of children can be permanently helped, and we are resolved, the Lord helping us with means, to send a larger number to Canada next summer. The distance we travelled in visiting amongst the children was upwards of 3000 miles, besides the 6000 crossing the Atlantic going and returning. The emigration agents of the Government were most attentive to us when we landed, and in our journey up the country with the children, we have found them most civil and obliging on all occasions. People may ask, Have you never any failures? Of course we have, but they are very few compared with those who turn out well. Out of the 500 children we have sent to Canada, 95 per cent. are doing well. This statement is verified by the Canadian Government, who made an inquiry regarding the treatment and behaviour of the children. We feel sure the friends who have contributed towards this part of our work will be satisfied that their money has been well spent in accomplishing such great results. We have every confidence in sending the children to Canada, as they are so well-looked after by Miss Bilbrough of the Belleville Home and her helpers. Every little child sent tends to lessen our prison and poor's rates at home, as well as gives the child a chance of rising to be an honourable member of society. Any of the Lord's stewards who have the means, and who feel their indebtedness to Him who gave Himself for them, could not expend their money on a better object.

Mrs. Quarrier and myself have been greatly benefited in health by our sojourn in Canada, and we bless God for His goodness in journeying mercies, and in the kindness shown to us by so many friends.

MISS BILBROUGH'S HOME, CANADA.



Marchmont Home, Belleville, Ontario, 24th Oct., 1879.

DEAR FRIENDS,—It is with feelings of deep gratitude, I sit down to write my usual contribution to our Annual Report, knowing how much interest is taken by you in the well doing of the children sent out from Scotland. The past year has been in no wise different to preceding ones; there has been joy mingled with sorrow—encouragement and discouragement—hope and fear, “yet the bright light shining ever through the cloud” (Job xxxvii. 21), bidding us take courage and labour on.

We heard of the severity of your winter, the continued frost and snow, the want of work, entailing suffering on so many, and we thanked God for the numbers of children saved from this, and for the liberality which enabled so many more to be gathered in and brought to us this summer, notwithstanding such times of great commercial depression. Even now times do not seem to have mended, and there will be more than enough work for the Master's servants in the large cities to alleviate distress and want. I am sure thoughtful ones who are studying the great question, “how best to help,” cannot but be struck with what we have all along advanced in favour of children's emigration; it lifts them right out of their previous sad life, and with Christian training, prepares them for a future in a totally different atmosphere, where there is nothing to hinder their becoming respected and worthy citizens, not only of this Province, but we trust of a far better one, even a heavenly. We had a full and busy winter's work—Christmas found us preparing packages of books and cards for the absent ones—a Christmas ship loaded with presents and lights was pronounced by all who saw it, to be an improvement on the usual “tree,” and old and young heartily enjoyed themselves. Although the winter was severe, Mr. Roberts (sometimes accompanied by his wife) made many expeditions to visit the children—the reports of which are constantly sent to the different homes. On the 27th of April, one of our older boys was called away—he had been in consumption for some time; we nursed him through the winter and spring; for years he had given testimony that he believed

in Jesus as his Saviour; and, as he passed quietly to rest on Sunday evening, we knew that all was well with him. Our dear friend, Mr. Roberts, could hardly believe all was over. It was the first time he had seen death come and claim his own, and he was much affected by it; also in assisting me to make the necessary arrangements for the funeral, grave, &c. During the service, the reading of 1 Cor. xv. was peculiarly impressive: and our brother led the children in the sweet hymn, "Shall we gather at the River?" How little did we then foresee, that in five short weeks, he too would be laid low, and his spirit at rest with the Saviour he so truly loved and served. Looking back, we could see his increasing devotedness to his work, as if he knew the time was short, while his well-marked Bible (given to him by the boys at Cessnock), bore the testimony to the hours spent in its close study. Returning from a tour among the children on the 16th of May, he appeared to have taken cold, and never rallied; unconscious during the last few days, he was saved all pain of parting, and like the words of the last hymn he ever sang, so he passed gently away—

"Up and away, like the dew of the morning,
Soaring from earth to its home in the sun,
So let me steal away, gently and lovingly,
Only remembered by what I have done."

His removal has made a great blank to his wife and loss to our work, still we try to realise the privilege the Lord gave us of having among us one of His servants, ripening for glory, and so ready for the call, "Friend, come up higher."

On the 30th May we welcomed our eighth band of children from the Glasgow and Edinburgh Homes, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Quarrier, their two children and Miss Sliman, 130 bright, healthy-looking boys and girls ready for homes in the new land. These were quickly opened to them, and ere two months had gone there were but few remaining for those who still came eagerly seeking for help.

Again Mr. Q.'s heart was encouraged and cheered by visiting amongst many, settled for years, and in meeting the kind and interested friends who had done so much for them. He tells much more graphically than I can the story of his visits, so that I will not repeat it, except to mention, by the way, that D. B. has made and sent me down a well-made pair of boots!

My sister and Mrs. Davidson returned from New York in June; the latter's health has considerably improved during the last few months.

A few of the letters respecting our children will be read with considerable interest; the circumstances of those taking them are often as remarkable as the children's own history. At the close of an address given by Mr. Quarrier this summer, in Martintown Presbyterian Church, a lady applied for a little girl. I said, "We had not one to spare." Next day, meeting her accidentally, she said, "May I have R. R.?" adding, "I would rather have him than a girl." I said, "He is already allotted; but I have a dear little fellow, four years old, in the Home, I will send you." Robert R. was our Home pet. His new mother was greatly pleased to get him. Two days afterwards she was taken suddenly ill, and that day week laid in her grave. The following letter from her sister shows the comfort God has made little Robbie to the sorrowing husband:—

Ogdensburg, Sept. 24, 1879.

My dear Miss Bilbrough,—I should have written to you sooner, but I heard that you had gone to Manitoba. When I received your kind letter, Mr. B. had not quite decided what to do; but, since then, he has determined to keep Robert R.—in fact, I don't think he could give him up, he has become so very much attached to the child. I cannot tell you how very lonely the world has become to me since my dear sister's death; but, when I remember the separation will not be very long, I take courage, for she is only just "across the River." I do think that Robert R.'s coming was providential, for I am sure it has helped Mr. B. to bear this heavy sorrow;—he is so very fond of the child he takes him with him wherever he goes. He is very obedient, and has such fine feelings. I think

him in every respect a superior child, so easily trained. I brought him up to see Mr. A. M.'s two adopted ones (A. M. and G. L.); they spent a very pleasant afternoon. They are quite happy in their new homes. One or two of the other little girls have been to see Robert. I shall be very glad to answer any questions about him you might wish to ask. I shall try to do my duty while he is under my care. I hope you have enjoyed your trip to Manitoba, and have returned with a good impression of the place. I shall now close. Thanking you for your kind sympathising letter, I remain, Yours respectfully,
M. C.

"Unto God the Lord belong the issues from death." This is strikingly exemplified in the case of Mrs. H., a respectable widow who lay apparently in the last stage of consumption, her only earthly anxiety being the care of her three little girls. Kind friends suggested Canada, and the mother gladly consented. To the astonishment of all she has been raised up again, and writes 2nd Oct., 1879:—

MISS BILBROUGH.—MADAM,—I sincerely thank you for your kindness to my dear little girls. I received a very nice letter from Mr. H. I judge from his manner of writing that he must be a kind Christian man, and I do indeed feel thankful that our ever kind God has raised my dear little girls such good friends. I am thankful to say I feel much better in my health. It has pleased God to spare me to my family yet a little while. Miss S. C. J. kindly offered to enclose this note for me.—I am, Madam, yours very respectfully,
E. H.

George P., aged 7.—One cannot help feeling both sad and happy for this bright little man with the black eyes. His history reads:—"Mother died twelve months ago of inflammation. Father has been called out to join the army reserve, having been ten years in the regular army. Has no friends to keep the three children. We took George; had to put the two youngest in the poorhouse." Mr. Thom, who interested himself to find George a home, tells how surprised the people were to find George so well clothed. They thought him quite a little aristocrat. Writing 15th September, 1879, Mr. T. says:—"I visited little George yesterday in his new home. It would do your heart good to see him, he is so happy. Am sure a stranger could not tell but what he had always lived there. He speaks of his 'pa and ma' and sister as if he was none other than a son, which he is indeed by adoption. He is getting very stout. I had tea with him, and can vouch for his appetite. He seems a very affectionate child, and demonstrated it by hugging his sister. He got a new school book, and is going through it the second time. He is said to be apt to learn, and clever."

Our correspondence is very varied. The following, from a workhouse boy who for years gave us much anxiety, may amuse some of my readers:—

September, 15, 1879.

KIND FRIENDS,—It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity of writing this letter to you, for in a strange country it is pleasant to know that some persons take an interest in your welfare and success. I often think of what I might have been if it had not been for the kindness of the ladies engaged in the work of rescuing and teaching poor unfortunate children, who, if they had been left by themselves, might have become criminals and outcasts of society, while through the endeavours of a number of Christian people they are brought to Canada, where they may become useful members of society, and some day when I am in a better position than I am at present, I will not only thank them for it by words, but in a more substantial manner. 'Tis true, I am only a farm labourer, but that is the first step to the possession of a farm of my own, for until I learn the science of farming—for indeed it is a science for to be able to judge the best land which would be most suitable for to grow the best kind of grain, raise the best stock, fruit, and make two blades of grass or grain grow where but one grew before—I could not, if I had the privilege, work a farm of my own. As for farming, I think it is one of the noblest and grandest occupations a person can engage in, for it is Canada's greatest support, is it not—farming and agriculture—that has made her what she is to-day, a nation among the nations of the earth? And from a sanitary point of view, what can be more healthful than residing along the shores of the beautiful Bay of Quinte, and inhaling the fresh breeze as it sweeps in from the lake. And to a person of refined and cultivated mind there are sources of enjoyment on the farm which I will write of another time. I wish you would be so kind and take an interest in my sister's case.

Enclosed you will find my letters I spoke to you about. I would like to find out what would be the expense of fetching her out. My best respects to all.—I remain your humble servant,
C. G. A.

Nellie McGregor, a bright little lassie, was chosen among the first this summer, and went to an excellent home in Picton, where her adopted parents became greatly attached to her. She appeared delicate, and returned to the Home to try change of air. Here she is carefully nursed, and we trust the disease (abscess of the liver) may be removed. Maggie H—, the child who seemed so sickly and delicate on board ship, is now quite restored, and happy in a good home.

After the summer's work of settling and visiting the children was over, and our earnest workers were on the way to another winter's toil and effort among the masses, I undertook a long-thought-of journey to Manitoba and the North-West Territory, accompanied by a cousin from Kirkcaldy, who was anxious to take up land and settle there. As this may be an unknown land to most of my readers, a short description of my two months' journey may not be unacceptable. We went by way of Lakes Huron and Superior, a five days' voyage on a large handsome steamer, through some magnificent wild scenery. Much of the country, inhabited only by Indians, is mountainous and rocky, abounding in minerals. Arriving at Dalouth, we took the evening cars for St. Vincent, which we reached in 24 hours. Some of our old country friends would have felt rather alarmed at the sharp corners and high tressel bridges of several hundred feet, over which our cars ran. When I woke up next morning and looked out of the Pullman car window, my eyes first rested on a prairie, like an ocean of land without a tree or a break in it. We were passing through the State of Minnesota, which is filling up rapidly with settlers; but as many of them take up over a thousand acres, the houses are few and far between. Wood being scarce, the settlers do away with the necessity of barns, by taking the thrashing machine into the harvest field, from which the grain is carried in bags to the granary, while the straw is set fire to. This plan wonderfully reduces labour.

We took the Red River boat at St. Vincent, asking the captain to land us at the Rev. John Scott's. This he obligingly did by shoving the bow of the boat into the mud bank; then throwing out a plank, landed us and our boxes, and steamed on. We then first experienced Red River mud, which is exceedingly sticky and adhesive. Mr. Scott had been one of our most valuable helpers in Ontario—never thought anything too much trouble if he could secure a good home for a child. And now, after four years' residence in Manitoba, he was able to give me much information regarding the country. His garden was one mass of beautiful flowers, while the vegetables might have taken a prize at any exhibition. After a few days we started with a party for Turtle Mountain, about 150 miles west of Emerson. The first 30 miles we drove through the Mennonite settlements, consisting of 16 townships given by the Canadian government to Russians who preferred emigrating rather than being drawn to serve in the Russian army. They object to fighting, going to law, taking an oath, or mixing with other races. It is marvellous to see how much they have made out of the prairie during three years. Villages of twenty-four houses stand about four miles apart, the houses all built regularly, each with a gay flower garden in front. We entered into several of the dwellings; found them plainly furnished with good, substantial, Russian furniture. They build a kind of brick oven or stove in the centre of the house, and burn a sort of straw peat. They are a most economical and thrifty people. All agree in liking Canada better than "Russeland." It was pleasant to see men, women, and children gathering in their magnificent harvest. We were eight days reaching our destination. As Rev. John Scott and I travelled on a "buck board" we went quicker than the others, who walked beside Indian ponies in Red River

carts, and consequently we were able to visit a number of the scattered settlers, who much enjoyed Mr. Scott's religious services. The last two days we drove over a beautiful prairie, and did not meet a single person or see one house. Camping is quite a primitive mode of travelling, but the only practicable one in this new country. Meals three times a day, always alike, viz., tea, bread, and bacon, or wild fowls roasted over the fire. My cousin greatly enjoyed shooting the wild fowl, such as ducks, geese, prairie chickens, &c., which are found on the prairie in great abundance. I was glad to reach my friends Mr. and Mrs. Sharp's hospitable house. It stands pleasantly in an oak grove, with a stretch of prairie skirted by trees in front. Mrs. Sharp (née M. Gordon) had been one of my efficient helpers in the Home years before, and it was a great pleasure to rest and talk over old times, and play with my little namesake E. A. B. Sharp.

The only neighbours had been a French trader named La Rivière, and 50 or 60 Sioux Indians, who lived in their "Tépees" near, and like all the noble Red men scorned labour, but were quite ready to beg.

My cousin seemed to enjoy this new life, reaping with two oxen, "Jeremiah and Samson," in a reaping machine, bringing water from the creek in a barrel with "Blackface," and providing game for the dinner from nature's pantry.

Four parties of surveyors were in the immediate neighbourhood, and as soon as the land is blocked out into townships and sections it will be quickly settled.

After 10 days' pleasant sojourn I had to say good-bye, leaving my cousin with my friends to take up land and build a shanty this winter. Our return party consisted of Messrs. Sharp and Fleming, "Jeremiah," "Samson," "Sitting Bull," "Spread Eagle," and myself, the latter two Indian ponies who alternately drew our "buck board," but utterly declined to go any faster than the oxen in their carts. We camped out every night on the Prairie, allowing the oxen and ponies to feed, started about 6 A.M. and travelled till sundown; oxen only travel about 22 or 23 miles a day, slow progress for those accustomed to the "flying Scotchman" express.

We saw many large buffalo skulls lying bleaching in the sun—these plains had been the great hunting fields in past years. After six days of very enjoyable camping out we reached Emerson again; here I came across one of the "first hundred" boys; he was painting Mr. Scott's new church, and had heard of my being there. Of course I did not recognise him, parting with him a lad in 1870, but he thought he recognised me; vividly I remembered him as ill-clad and half starved. He had walked from Northamptonshire to find work in London. I immediately wrote to his mother "to see if his sad story was correct. Did she wish him sent back to her;" the answer came, "It is all quite true; his stepfather turned him out of doors. I have no home to offer him." A clergyman of the parish was interested in the lad and collected five pounds towards his passage. He said "I am doing well now, and have a farm on Red River, and a good trade besides." "Why have you not written lately?" "Well, I got into bad company and used to drink. I knew I was not living the way you would wish, but I am greatly changed the last two years. I have your photograph and the books you and the other ladies gave me at the Refuge. I keep them carefully, and I have often thought of you and all your good advice."

I left in a stage drawn by two fast American mules, for Morris, where one of our kind Seymour friends had moved to last year; they were glad to hear of their son Thomas, who has been with us studying as a teacher, with a view to the University, for two years. Mr. S. has taken up over 800 acres of land, has built his house in the village, so that his family can attend church and school. The want of good water is the principal drawback in this fertile country. In a few years, when there are railroads and markets, it will probably be the great wheat-producing country of the world. I had no thought of placing any

of our younger children here. We have far more homes than sufficient open for them in Ontario, where they are easily watched over and visited; but for some of our older boys, who have been years at practical farming, and have saved a couple of hundred dollars, there is an excellent opening. Good land is dear in Ontario, but here they can obtain a fair-sized farm for a small entrance fee—rich land ready to yield a fine crop after the first ploughing.

I next visited Winnipeg, the capital of the Province, a strangely cosmopolitan place. In a short walk, you will meet with Government officials and ladies dressed in the latest Paris fashion; beside you, squatting on the board-walk a party of Crees or Sioux, with their hair platted and adorned with feathers, faces painted red and blue, and the inevitable red or white (?) blanket around them; one squaw looked so pleased to show me her pappoose strapped upon a wooden board. The next you meet might be a party of Icelanders from their settlement in Lake Winnipeg; then a family of Mennonites selling vegetables and butter, parties of emigrants just coming in from different quarters of the globe, and starting out again to find homes in the far west. There are millions of acres here unoccupied, on the way to the Rocky Mountains, which will, ere many years are passed, be dotted over with farms and homesteads, while the shrill whistle of the engine indicates that civilization is not far behind.

The bane of this splendid new country is, of course, like the older ones DRINK. My heart has been saddened by seeing it in all its worst forms. The temptations to indulge in it are great, and many an untimely filled grave bears witness to its fascination and power.

Some of my newly formed Winnipeg friends were very kind. Mrs. Bryce, whose husband is Principal of the Manitoba College, drove me to see Dr. Black, the senior minister of the country; for 25 years he has laboured among the early Scotch settlers and natives, who settled on the banks of the Red River as far back as 1812. Then I spent a Sunday with Rev. Rd. Young and his wife at St. Andrews, where Bishop Anderson, late of Clifton, laboured for many years. It would be impossible for me to give all my varied experience in this short space, so I must draw to a close. We were lighted out of the Province by 400 miles of prairie fire, thermometer at 92°, and wind blowing on the flames at 40 miles an hour. Twice our railway cars rushed through it, and we heard the crackling of the long grass beneath the carriage wheels. In a journey of nearly five thousand miles there were many dangers, both seen and unseen, out of which our loving Father graciously kept us, and for which we desire to thank and praise Him. Saturday, the 11th October, saw me again in my loved home, where all had gone on well during my absence, and where, I trust, the Lord will yet privilege us to have many happy years of service for Him.—Yours in blessed service for Him,

ELLEN AGNES BILBROUGH.

P.S.—Since writing the above, little Nellie has been taken home. We noticed a change yesterday afternoon. Two doctors came, but said, "It will soon be over now." Some days before she had asked the doctor, "Shall I die, doctor?" "I hope not, my child; I trust we shall get you through." "Because I'm not afraid. I shall go straight to Jesus." She was conscious to the very last, and in the midst of her agony was so sweetly patient. "What hymn would you like me to sing, Nellie?" "My Song shall be of Jesus." "Don't cry; don't cry for me." "Will you be looking and watching for us when we come." "Oh, yes; I'll look out for all the ladies." Her last words were, "Sing 'Dark is the Night.'" She almost seemed to follow as her head rested gently on the pillow, and soon she too was within the veil.

"Dark is the night; but lo! the day is breaking,
Onward my bark! unfurl thy every sail!
Now at the helm I see my Father standing,
Soon shall my anchor drop within the veil."

LETTERS FROM CHILDREN IN CANADA.

TYENDANAGA, Feb. 22, 1879.

MR. QUARRIER,—DEAR SIR,—I hear some men say that there were no more children to be allowed to come out to Canada from the old country, and I will feel very sorry if it is so. Dear Sir, I am very thankful to you for the care you took of me when I was in your Home; but I feel more thankful to God for the care He has taken of me since I left your care. I am doing well in my place. I am in my first place yet, and like the friends very well. Dear Sir, we have very cold weather here at present. I have had many a good ride on the sleighs this winter, and I think it far better than riding in handsome cabs. Dear Sir, I hope you are getting on very well with the Cottage Homes. I read in a *Christian* all about the opening of them, and was very much pleased to hear how the Lord had prospered you. Give my kind regards to all the boys, and tell them what a fine place Canada is. I have very little more to say, but that I am getting on very well at farming. I will now close by sending my best wishes to Mrs. and Miss Quarrier, and to Mr. and Mrs. Halliwell, and accept the same yourself from, yours ever truly, J— S—.

"The birds without barn or storehouse are fed,
From them let us learn to trust for our bread;
His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied
So long as 'tis written the Lord will provide."

BEATRICE P.O., MUSKOKA, ONTARIO.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I write you this letter to let you know that I am in good health, hoping you are the same, and I hope that you may arrive all safe at home. I send my kind love to Miss Mary Quarrier and Mrs. Quarrier, and to Miss Qurrier, to Mrs. Dick, and to all the children; and I thank you for giving me a good home, and my father and mother are very good to me. Robert thanks you for the good home you have given him, and his father and mother are very good to him. I enjoyed myself on the 1st of July very well. I go to Sunday school and to church every Sunday. There is going to be a show on the 12th of August, and I am doing mats to show. Robert enjoyed himself very well too. He says he will not come back to Scotland any more, but he sends his kind love to the boys and to the teachers. Robert sends these verses in St. John iv.:—"The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" Robert has no more to say. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." I have no more to say.—I remain, yours truly,

MARY A— S—.

OXFORD MILLS P.O., 28th February, 1879.

MY DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Miss Bilbrough is here, and she gave me one of your books; I like to read it and see how the money comes. I am getting along well at school with my lessons; I am in the Third Book, and I am learning grammar, arithmetic, geography, and writing. I go to church and Sunday-School very regularly; I go all summer, but it is too far to go in winter. I have got as far as fifty-second in the Catechism. I can carry wood, for people don't burn coal in this part of Canada, and drive the cows. I can split wood and carry water. Give my love to Mr. and Mrs. Halliwell and all the boys.—Yours sincerely, J— N—.

PERTH, 10th July, 1879.

MISS BILBROUGH,—I take the pleasure of writing to you. I hope you are all quite well. I am in good health, hoping to find you the same. My mother is very sick, and the little baby died on Tuesday, the 14th. I like my home very well; they are all very kind to me. I have not seen my little brother yet, but I hope to see him soon. I saw Annie Cunningham; and Lizzie Brown and I was at Annie's house, and Annie was at my home, and Lizzie was at my home.—No more to say at present; I send my kind love to you all. E—M—.

"Yes, for me, for me He careth,
With a brother's tender care;
Yes, with me, with me He shareth
Every burden, every care."

Letter from one of our Married Girls.

NEW DUBLIN, 16th July, 1879.

MY DEAR MISS BILBROUGH,—I received your kind and welcome letter, and was glad to hear that you are well. We live about nine miles from Brockville. I was sorry to hear that Mrs. Davidson was sick. I would like to get up, but harvesting is coming on, and we are busy, and I have not been well for two weeks. I could not do anything; we had to hire a woman, but I am getting well again. Give my love to Miss Anna and Mr. and Mrs. Roberts. I would like to have you come to see us. My husband sends his best respects to you, and would like to have you come. I would like to know if you have any letter from the old country for me, because I have not heard from them for over a year. I have got a cow now, and we are gathering things around us. We have good crops, and plenty of rain. I find quite a change in married life. One has a great deal more on their mind, but my husband is good to me. I hope to see you down soon. We have not got any horse yet; but if you let us know when you would come, we would try to meet you at the station. Give my love to all, and accept of the same yourself, from your true friend,
MAGGIE B—.

September 6, 1879.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I write you these few lines to let you know that I am coming on well, and hoping that you are the same. I remember that when you came to see me you asked me why I did not write to you and let you know how I was coming on. I want to know how my mother is getting on, and all the rest of the family. Are they all well? I like my place very well, and hope to get on better than I am. I like my master and my mistress very well. Excuse me for not writing sooner. I now close my letter with love to Mr. and Mrs. Quarrier. Write back and let me know if all is well. My master keeps a pretty fair stock of cattle. He keeps 13 milk cows, and 17 young cattle, 8 sheep, 13 pigs, and 7 horses; so you see that we have a fair stock of beasts. Excuse my bad writing and my mistakes, for I have made a good many. S—W—.

Letter from a Girl in Canada to her Mother, who cannot be found.

MY DEAR MOTHER,—There has been a long silence between us. I hope there will not be so any more. I am happy to let you know that I enjoy good health; I may say that I never feel sickness. I hope you are enjoying the same blessing, thanks be to God for it. I am a big girl now; you would not know me. We keep from 12 to 16 cows, and I milk from four to six every day; there are other two that milk along with me. I am happy to inform you that I fare sumptuously every day, and I have very good clothing. I have fine dresses, and good furs, and nice kid boots. I may say I have everything I need, and I like Canada well. But still I think often on you, and I hope that I will see you yet. Dear mother, give my best respects to my brother and all my sisters, and let me know how they are getting on. I wish to remind you that Mary Jane promised to send me her likeness. I have not yet received it. I wish to know her husband's name, and if any children. Please let me know if my brother or any of my sisters are coming to Canada. If they are I wish they would come and live beside me. Please write soon, and I will give you lots of news then. Dear mother, good night, and joy be with you, and may the grace of God rest and abide with you both now and for ever.—I remain your affectionate daughter,
I—C—.

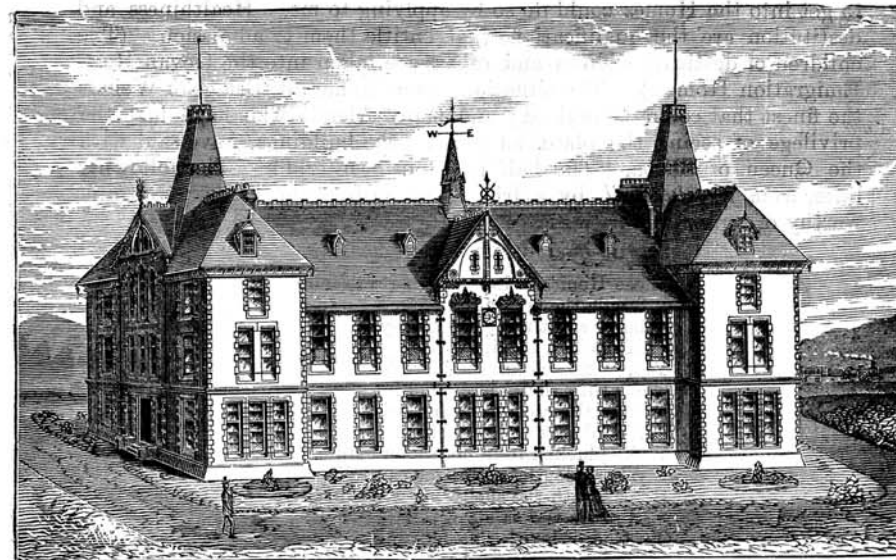
H.M.S. CUMBERLAND, 8th October, 1879.

(Letter from a boy sent to the Cumberland).

I send you these few lines to let you know that I am getting on well, and I like the ship very well, for every thing in the Cumberland is clean and tidy, and the officers are very kind to us, and gives us every opportunity to get on, as long as we obey their orders. I am very glad I took your advice to come down to the ship, for it is better to be in the Cumberland than going about like *Molloy*. Tell the boys I am getting on first-class. Write and let me know how you are.—I am, your affectionate friend,
W—A—.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR.

To house 300 children; to cost £26,000. Received, £17,600; still needed, £8,400.



CENTRAL BUILDING.

In November last we had thirty-seven children in the two cottages then finished, and week by week others have been added, till, in May, the third cottage was ready, and since then the number has steadily increased. We have now 83, but in addition to these, through the want of room in the Govan Road Homes, we had to send 18 children there to be trained for Canada—in all, 110 have been sheltered in these Homes during the year. Taking them as a whole, they form bright, cheerful families; each father and mother seeking to train their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We believe they are as careful of their adopted offspring as they could be of their own. What is said of these may be said of all the other workers in the various homes. We thank God daily on their behalf. Notwithstanding all the care and attention that have been bestowed, we have been called to mourn the deaths of two little boys which took place in August—one the week after the other. Alex. W., aged 7, died of consumption, and although in many cases of this character we have seen life prolonged and health restored through their sojourn in the Homes, yet the Lord saw fit to take this little one to Himself. The other, John C., aged 9, died of water in the head. They were buried in the old Kirk Burying Ground at Kilmalcolm. The removal of these little ones from our midst has led us, as workers, to see more and more the importance of bringing the children to the Saviour while they are young. We believe it has also been sanctified to the other children in the Homes. We have still room to receive a few more children, and when No. 4 cottage is ready, which it

will be in a month or two, we will be able to take in thirty others, so that friends throughout the country who know of *destitute orphan* children, from 2 to 14 years, whose parents are both dead, whom they would like to get into the Homes could do so by applying to me. Healthiness and destitution are the qualifications that entitle them to admission. (The children of destitute widows and others are taken into the Govan Road Emigration Homes.) The situation of the Homes at Bridge-of Weir is the finest that could be desired; and many friends who have had the privilege of seeing the place, as well as the buildings, have said with the Queen of Sheba, "The half hath not been told!" The following lines, from *Weekly Mail*, by a friend who visited the Homes, we think worthy of a place here:—

THE COTTAGE HOMES OF SCOTLAND.

Those Homes of love and mercy stand
Beside the crystal Gryffe,
A fairer sight ne'er met the eyes
Of mother, maid, or wife;
Yes, "Blessed are the merciful,"
For they shall mercy find;
Who in the race for such a prize
Would seek to lag behind?
Waifs plucked from misery and sin,
Whose depths no tongue can tell,
Here, 'neath the sheltering wings of love,
In peace and safety dwell.
Oh, God of love! Thy blessing shower
Upon this rescued band;
And grant that they may yet become
The glory of our land.
Through Duchal's ancient woods resound
The songs of summer birds
That thrill the soul; but sweeter far
Those little prattlers' words.
The blackbirds and the linnets' song
Pass with the summer days,
But those sweet birds who nestle here,
Shall sing immortal lays.
Retouch Thy servants' hearts, we pray,
With the altar's living coal,
To love, and trust, and serve Thee more,
While endless cycles roll;
And give them strength to sow and reap
Beneath the burning sun,
Till thou shalt say "'Tis eve—come home;
Well done, my child! well done!"

BUILDING FUND.

The difficulties in connection with building houses are as trying as those we meet with in seeking to build up moral character out of the ruins that sin has made. Still we rejoice that we can bring to our Heavenly Father the troubles connected with stone and lime as well as the burdens that press upon us from day to day in connection with the rest of the work. The commandment is, "Roll thy burden upon the Lord, and he will sustain thee;" and we bless Him for His sustaining grace in this as in the other departments of the work.

During the year considerable progress has been made, and we are

thankful to God for what he has sent in towards it. Two buildings have been added to the five which were on the grounds at the beginning of the year, namely, No. 4 Cottage, which was paid for at the close of last year by a friend in Dumbartonshire, and also the offices, which consist of wash-house, drying room, laundry, joiner's, printer's, shoemaker's, and baker's workshops, engine and boiler house, which has been paid for by a friend in Paisley. Several improvements and alterations have been made in the playsheds, &c. We have received the following donations towards the fund:—

Nov. 12, from Edinburgh, £1.—Nov. 18, from a friend in Glasgow, £300.—Nov. 23, from Gartmore, £1.—Nov. 28, from Girvan, £3 10s.—Dec. 10, from Port-Glasgow, £200.—Jan. 3, from London Road U.P. Church Sabbath School, £2.—Jan. 15, from Cranstonhill Forenoon Meeting, £2 2s.—Jan. 23, from Glasgow, £30.—March 5, from Ayrshire, £200.—March 6, from Paisley, £215l 15s. 10d.—March 11, from India, £5.—April 15, from India, £1.—May 21, from a widow, 1s.—Sept. 3, from an old lady who desires to have a few stones in new homes, £50.—Sept. 22, from Dumbartonshire, £100.—Oct. 7, from Glasgow, £100, to help to put water pipes in.

The various sums received towards the building during the year amount to £3159 17s. 4d. This may seem a large sum, but it has all been needed to pay tradesmen's accounts, and although there is still a considerable balance in the City of Glasgow Bank, it also will be required to pay off the buildings that are already up. We have been much put about through not getting it, and we believe our friends will sympathise with us in this matter. While thankful for what has been done we are looking for more, and expecting the money to build the six cottages to complete the group of ten, to house 300, which we had resolved upon at the first. The houses, as they stand now, are an honour to our country, and no greater privilege could be afforded to any one who has the means, than to give a house for the sheltering of the orphan and destitute for whom God cares so much. It costs £1300 to build a cottage to accommodate 30 children.

INVALID AND CRIPPLE CHILDREN'S HOME.

From the number of children of this class who have come under our notice during the year, it has been pressed upon our hearts that something must be done for them. The wasted constitutions of some that are not considered serious enough cases for the Infirmary, as well as others that the Infirmary cannot do any more for, have renewed the desire that we might have a place where they would be treated, and their bodies nourished, and possibly their life prolonged, but above all that they might be led to rest on the finished work of Jesus. One of our little girls, J. C., was in the Infirmary, and in the bed next to her was a girl who had no one to care for her. Jessie told her about our Home, and she came to us, was led to trust in Jesus, witnessed a good confession, and went home rejoicing in Him (see Miss Bilbrough's remarks about N. M'G.).

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 9.—Mrs T., 5s; R., M.D., £1 1s; Mrs B., Crosshill, parcel of clothing and £1; from "A Grandma," in stamps, 2s 6d; a Friend, in stamps, 1s; a Friend, six pairs knitted stockings; Miss E., Hillhead, four pairs knitted socks; from Free St. Peter's Sabbath School, £1 2s 11½d; B. H. K., for Bridge-of-Weir Homes, £1; Mrs F., Duntocher, parcel of clothing; J. B., 5s; from Wigtown, £1; Miss O., Windsor, for emigration, £2; Miss E. R., six patch-work quilts; Mrs A., for Rent of Girls' Home, £50; Mrs H., Hillhead, parcel of clothing; Mrs L., Bellahouston, parcel of clothing; Misses W. and S. Johnstone, two boxes useful clothing made by friends at sewing meeting. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission work:—From P. H. W.'s Bible Class, parcel of books; from a Few Friends, per Miss L., £2; Mr S., Polmont, £1; Mrs H., £2; from David Street Sabbath School, per T. B., £1.

November 23.—Mrs A., 32 shirts; Mrs L., Bridge-of-Allan, £1; Miss H., Bridge-of-Allan, 5s; First Fruits, 5s; Miss H., Edinburgh, for Christmas treat, £1; Mrs D., £1; W. P., £2; Mrs L., Edinburgh, £1 and parcel of clothing; Maryhill Working Boys and Girls' Religious Society, per A. W., 7s; from a Friend, Ceres, Fife, 10s; an old Friend, £1; Miss W., £1; Misses M., Paisley, £1; Miss G., Kirriemuir, 5s; Miss M., £1; Misses H., Glenluce, per Mrs W., 10s; from Friends, £1 2s; Mrs S., Aberdeen, £2; A. C. B., Aberdeen, £1; Miss B., Aberdeen, £2; J. R., Aberdeen, £2; a Youth, Aberdeen, 1s; Mrs W. G. H., two parcels clothing; Miss R.'s counter box, Helensburgh, per R. B. for Cottage Homes, £1; Mrs R., Greenock, 10s; Miss G., £1; Mrs T., £1; Miss R., 10s; Miss K., £1; Miss E., £5; Mrs D., 5s 6d; a Widow's Mite, £1; W. D., Cardross, £2; J. A., £5; "For the Orphans," 2s 6d, with the text—"Your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of these things;" Mrs J., Edinburgh, 10s; Miss H. J., Edinburgh, 2s 6d; "A Christian Friend," per Miss M., Ceres, £1; a Friend, in stamps, with 1st Cor. 10th and 13th, 5s; W. C., Largs, per Mrs G., 5s; J. K., per do., 10s; Mrs F. C., per do., 10s; a Friend, per do., 5s; W. L., 10s; Mrs F., Duntocher, parcel of clothing; J. B. A., "to help in this distressing time," £30; B. & Co., 6s 8d; Mrs K., parcel of clothing; Miss F., Rothesay, £1; a Friend at noon meeting, 5s; Miss B., Irvine, £1; Mrs H., Helensburgh, six pairs socks; Miss F., Kirkmichael, Maybole, large parcel of shirts, petticoats, stockings, &c.; A. W., to take three children to Canada, £30; St. George's Road Free Church Dorcas Society, per Mrs A., £1 0s 1½d; Miss T., per Mrs A., 6s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and mission work:—Mrs L., Edinburgh, £1, for young women's shelter; Mrs S., Uddingston, £1; Mrs M'M., £1; a Friend, Tighnabruach, 10s; J. S., Coatbridge, £5; a Friend, parcel of clothing; a Friend, Parkhead, parcel of clothing; R. M., £3; Mrs S., 40 brush and comb bags; W. L. & Co., £2; Miss L., Helensburgh, parcel of clothing, scarfs, stockings, &c.; J. B., Melbourne, £5; Mrs A., Cambuslang, £1; Mrs W., for young women's help, 13s 6d; Mr and Misses H., Campbelltown, 12s; J. R. Paisley £2; Mrs C. K., Ayr, £5; Mrs M'L., £1; Mrs K., parcel of clothing and stockings; a Friend, a few yards wincey and druggat; a Friend, parcel of clothing and patches, &c.; Mrs M'K., parcel of clothing; "The widow's mite," five pairs stockings; Misses F., £1; a Friend, parcel of clothing; Mrs C., Bothwell, £3; R. R., Hamilton, £3; J. G., Helensburgh, £1 10s; Mrs W. M'L., do., £1; M. W. L., £1; Mrs M'C., Dumfriesshire, £1. The following donations have been sent in for Orphan Cottage Homes' Building Fund:—Mrs L., Edinburgh, £1; W. M., for Invalid Children's Home, 10s; from the Friend who intended to build a cottage, but decided to pay balance of £1300 for central building, last instalment £300; from Strathbungo Mission Church, South Side, in connection with Queen's Park U. P. Church, per J. H., 16s.

December 7.—From an aged Friend, per Miss M., two sets reins for play; a Friend, Kilbarchan, a cheese; Miss M., £10 towards the £500 needed for alterations at Cessnock; M. D., Maybole, one chemise; Mrs P., 10s; Miss W., 10s; J. T., Hogganfield, 10s; from Mrs A. B., £1; M. R. C., Helensburgh, parcel of shirts, petticoats, and stockings; from Clyde Street, Port-Dundas, Sabbath Evening School, per D. G. B., 16s 11½d; M. D. A., Edinburgh, per A. M., £5; A. W., for keep of Cottage Homes, £10; A. W., to take three children to Canada, £30; Free Church Sabbath School, Creebridge, Newton-Stewart, per W. M'E., £1; Mrs G., £4; Mrs A. M., Greenock, £1; S. Sons and L., £1 8s, and quantity of pattern pieces, &c.; from Barr Street Sabbath School, in connection with Victoria Place Baptist Church, Paisley, per A. G., £1 3s 6d; half of balance of a testi-

monial fund, per P. B. J., treasurer, £3 14s 6d; J. B., Selkirk, per J. H., £1; "A Lady in Aberdeen," £1; F. C., Largs, £5; M. and J. C., £1; from a Friend, in stamps, Carlisle post mark, 2s 6d; J. F. A., football; from Wigtown, with the words, "Still trust in God," £1; Misses W., £1; Mrs J. M. M., two jackets and scarfs; W. C., Paisley, £2; J. J., Edinburgh, £5; Mrs S., Bridge-of-Allan, 10s; Miss T., Jedburgh, £1 (omitted to be acknowledged before); A. D., £10; Mrs C., Inveraray, per G. M., 10s; Mrs M., Strathaven, £5; Miss M., do., £1; C. C., Stirling, £1; Mrs M'D., £25; from a few children interested in the Homes, £1 15s; J. J., Paisley, quantity of corn-flour, and oat-cakes. The following donations have been sent in for the City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Rev. J. G. T.'s Bible Class, Buckhaven, Fife, £2 2s; Mrs F., Paisley, per Mrs M'E., £1; a Lady, Edinburgh, per Rev. G. F. J., £1; from a Friend to the Work, Crossford, a silver-mounted dressing case (will be glad if any friend will buy this); M. G., Rothesay, £1; Mrs B., £2 and parcel of clothing; from R., found in box, 1s; Mrs C., parcel of clothing; J. N., £1; Mr M'F., 11 quarters of bread; Mrs C., Helensburgh, £1; A. W., £15, £5 of this to help needy unemployed; R. D., Ayr, £1; Mrs J., per J. C., Aberdeen, £1; D. M., per J. W., £1; Mrs B., Bothwell, parcel of clothing; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 13s 3d; from Committee of Management, Industrial Home, Alloa, per T. B., £5; Miss F., Tarbert, £1; A. H., Bridge-of-Allan, £1; Employes of Clyde Paper Company, per J. M., £3; Miss M., parcel of clothing; M. L., do.; D. R. C., Stirling, do.; Mr F., £1; Mrs R., three pairs boots; Mrs B., Crosshill, parcel of clothing, &c.; Miss H., Stirling, £2; R. M., £5; Two Friends, 10s; from a Friend, Dundee, £1; Miss M'C., £1; from Dobbie's Loan Sabbath School, £1; Mrs L., Bridge-of-Allan, parcel of clothing. The following sums have been sent in for Orphan Cottage Home Building Fund:—D. M'F., Gartmore, for Cripple and Invalid Children's Homes, £1; J. A., Girvan, per W. J. S., for Invalid Children's Home, £3 10s.

December 21.—From Berkeley Street Mission Children's Church, £1 8s 7d; Second Fruits, 2s 6d; a thankoffering, in stamps, 5s; from Free Church Sabbath School, Govan, per J. F., for keep of Cottage Homes, 10s; Mr H., van load of firewood; Mrs L., parcel of hosiery; Mrs K., 8 pairs of stockings; Miss A. McP., for Bibles for Cottage Homes, £1; D. M., Uddingston, £1; from Wilsonhall Children's Church, Paisley, per Mrs A. B. C., £1; from a Friend in D., Ayrshire, £10; Mrs H., 12 pairs stockings; Miss M'D., per G. B., Aberdeen, £1; G. B., do., £10, to take a lassie to Canada; St. Vincent Street, U.P. Church Elmbank Mission School, £5 0s 9d; Free St. Clement's Sabbath School Association, Aberdeen, per J. S., 14 pairs knitted socks; from East of Fife, for keep of Cottage Homes, £2; Miss S., Comrie, parcel of clothing; Miss O., 10s; Young Women's Bible Class Mission Box, per Mrs G. M'F., 5s; from "Kinnie," £2; Mrs A., 10s; "a Christian Friend," per Miss C. R., Cupar-Fife, 6s; Mrs T., 12 pairs knitted stockings; W. A., a box of tea; a Friend, Crosshill, a parcel of clothing; "a mite from Pitlochry," in stamps, 2s 6d; "as the Lord hath prospered the sale of work during three months," 12s; A. M., £20; Miss M., for New Year's treat, £1; Lyon Street Sabbath School Society, per Miss M'K., £1 1s; from Parish Sabbath School, per Mr L., 18s 1½d; Kinning Park Free Church Sabbath School Association, per J. S. G. J., £3 12s 3d; G. L., Meikle for emigration, £10; a Friend, per Miss C. R., Cupar-Fife, 6s; J. C., Lesmahagow, £1; M. C., do., £1; "from East of Fife," box of clothing; Mrs G., London, £3; A. and C., £2; Mrs A., Irvine, £1; Mrs H., Ayr, per Mrs J. B. K., £1; Miss W., do., six warm knitted petticoats; R. H. M., parcel of stockings, &c., and 2s 6d; Miss G., Dalkeith, 12 pairs stockings; from a Well-Wisher, two pairs socks; T. G. jun.; Paisley, to send a boy to Canada, £10; Mrs A. A., Keswick, £2; Miss A., do., £1; The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Mrs C. A., Edinburgh, per C. A., £5; Mrs H. Dunfermline, per C. A., 2s; Hangingshaw Children's Meeting, per P. S. H., 13s 6d; W. D., 5s; Miss P., 5s; a Friend, 5s; C. McK., 5½ dozen loaves; J. W.'s Bible Class, in connection with East Campbell Street U. P. Church, £1; R. L., Whithorn, per Mrs H., 10s; Miss D., per do., 4s; Mrs L., per do., 2s 6d; the Widow's Mite, per do., 5s; a Friend, per do., 1s; a Friend, per do., 2s 6d; R. F., Anstruther, £1; from a Friend, in stamps, Paisley post mark, 2s 6d; Mrs C., Alloa, £1; E. J., £4; Mrs L., Strathaven, £1; Miss C., Isle of Wight, £5; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 13s 4d; Miss M., £1; "Waste not," £1 10s; Young Women's Bible Class, in connection with East Campbell Street U. P. Church, per M. W., 5s; Mrs G., Maxwellton, parcel of stockings, &c., and £5, with the words, "The Lord supply all your need"; T. S., Tighnabruach, £5; Miss B., Thornhill, £1; R. K. T., £1; Mrs M., per T. M'P., £1; for Christmas and New Year, in stamps, 2s 6d; Miss M., to help the poor, £1; Mr S., 12s 6d; W. D., £2 2s; H. M., Grangemouth, £2; Miss W., Brechin, 10s; Mrs M., for New Year's treat, 10s; Mr and Mrs N., Loanhead, 10s; D. L., Pollokshaws, crate of crockery, consisting of 500 cups and saucers for tea meetings, &c., &c.; J. M. K., Pollock Street, £1; J. D., Eskbank, for New Year's treat, £5; Miss G., Bridge-of-Allan, £10; Mrs R., parcel of clothing; W. A., box of tea. The following has been sent in for Orphan Cottage Homes of Scotland:—from two

Friends in Port-Glasgow, who built "The Broadfield Home," £200 to pay for furnishing it.

January 4.—Mrs S., Dunoon, 24 pairs knitted stockings; L. I. G., Cathcart, 12 pairs knitted socks, petticoats, and hoods; Mrs M., Hillhead, 12 chemises and cuffs; Mrs O., Bombay, per Miss H., £5; from the Young Ladies of Claremont Terrace School, per Messrs C. and D., £8 16s; a Friend, for New Year's dinner, £1; Mrs C. S. and friends, Melrose, £3; Mrs W., 5s; from Friends, Kirriemuir, per Miss G., 3s; Mrs C., Port-Glasgow, £1, being 1d off every shilling earned in three months; G. T., 5s; Mrs T., for New Year's treat, £1; the Anonymous Friend who sent £100 as a Christmas gift last year, has sent the same this year (divided £50 to this fund and £50 City Home), Mrs T., £1; G. M'F., £2 2s; M. S., a thanksgiving for mercies during the year; 10s; Mrs S., Port-Glasgow, parcel of shirts, stockings, &c.; Mrs W., Bathgate, in loving memory of her husband, £1; G. G. and O. B., Bothwell, as a Christmas gift, 10s; J. T., £4; J. P., Largs, 5s; D. C., Largs, 2s 6d; Miss C., Largs, 2s 6d; Mrs P. M., Largs, 12s; Mrs T. S., Largs, 2s 6d; Mrs S. S., Largs, 2s; Mrs J. C., Largs, 2s 6d; J. T. S., Largs, 10s.—the above sums from Largs were collected by Miss M., per Miss E.; P. W., 5s; an Old Lady's Mite, per R. L. A., 3s; R. W. H., £1 1s; R. W. H., for emigration, £1 1s; a Friend, three pairs knitted stockings; A. B., Glasgow, £100, half for emigration; Mrs H., per Mrs A., basket of clothing; Mrs L., parcel of clothing, and tea and sugar; Mrs C. W., Dumbarton, 24 pairs socks; a Friend, parcel of magazines; collected by A. A., per T. H. W., 14s; J. S., for emigration, £10; a Father and Son, to keep the pot boiling, £1; a New Year's Donation from South Mission School, Kirriemuir, per J. M'N., 6s 6d; an Invalid, 10s; from Two Little Boys, Jersey, who were in the Home, 2s; a Little Girl in the Home, 1s; J. and A. M., Wishaw, £2; E. M. H., 12 cravats and £1; J. M., Kirriemuirhill, 15s; Mrs M., £1 and two parcels magazines; J. J., eight petticoats, six pairs stockings, and £1 for "bread and butter;" J. D. B., £10; an unknown Friend, truck of coals for Cottage Homes; from the Fatherless to the Orphans, as New Year's gift, Dunoon, £5; J. A. B. A., 7s 6d; Mrs T., Jedburgh, 17s 6d; I. J. G., per do., 2s 6d; Miss M., Largs, 5s; Mrs H., one dozen shirts; Mr M., Govan, quantity of buns; Mr M'F., Govan, quantity of oranges, raisins, and sweets; J. Y., London, £10 to take a child to Canada; T. B. D., for New Year treat, £2; Mrs L., Nittinghill, £1; Firstfruits, 2s 6d; J. L. S. Bible Class, 16s 6d; Two Friends of the Homes, 6s 8d; Mrs W., Largs, two pairs socks and 3s; Mrs M. I., Prestonkirk, 10s; Mrs A., Bourmouth, per do., 10s; Mrs M'C., Kilhilt, Stranraer, £1; Miss C., Rispain, Whithorn, 10s; J. F., £1; J. C. J., Crail, to take two children to Canada, £20; "The Widow's Mite," 12s; Camphill U. P. Church, per W. P., £10. The following donations have been sent in for the City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—H. K. W., £5; J. K., to help the poor, and half for Night Refuge, £2; M. L., to help the poor, £1; C. K., £1; John Street U. P. Church Juvenile Missionary Society, £2; Mrs C., parcel of clothing and 5s; The Anonymous Friend who sent £100 as Christmas gift last year, has sent the same this year (divided £50 for this fund, £50 for general); T. L. C., London, £5; Mrs A., quantity of toys, books, sweets, &c., and Christmas tree; Mrs H., quantity of mutton; from Lizzie and Maggie, for Christmas dinner, 3s; R. A. P., to help New Year's treat, 10s; Mrs T., for New Year's treat, 10s; Mrs R., parcel of clothing; a Friend, parcel of clothing; A. C., Grangemouth, 10s; J. and A. G., Aberdeen, parcel of wincey, wool, reels, and 20 pairs boots; J. D., jun., £1; Mrs G., Wishaw, quantity of scarfs, socks, ties, &c.; Mrs M'F., quantity of bread; W., £1; from the Children's Missionary Box for 1878, £3 3s; Pollok Street U. P. Church Mission School, per W. S., £2 7s 6d; J. P., Alyth post mark, £2; K. and M.'s pennies, per T. D., Largs, 5s; from Friends in Moffat, collected by Miss A. M. and Misses D., per A. S. T., £3 2s 6d; "A Mite for the Bairns," 10s; M. W., Edinburgh, £2; W. M., a turkey and £1; Mrs I., for Christmas tree, 2s 6d; M. K., £5; T. F. M., books and sweets; Saved Pennies from boys at Cessnock House for street children's help, £2; W. M. M., Alva, £1; R. C., £1; a Friend, 2s 6d; Mrs C., 5s; E. J., two cakes and a pot of jam; Mrs G., Collesie, Fife, £1; J. M., £9; J. D., per J. W., £1; Miss C., Aberfeldy, "to help the friendless poor," £2; Duke Street U. P. Church Bible Class, £2; Miss M' A., per J. S., 10s; R. M' D., £1 1s; Mrs A., five pairs stockings; Mrs M., a turkey; Mr M'F., quantity of bread and bun; Mrs J. B., Largs, parcel of boys' bonnets, scarfs, &c.; Mrs G., a plum pudding; A. P., £1; R. M. R., 10s; J. F., 8s; A. M' A., quantity of tea bread; from a Class of Boys in Baptist S.S., Irvine, per J. W., 6s; from Friends in Irvine, for Christmas tree, 13 knitted mufflers, two pairs cuffs, and four pairs stockings; Mrs D. B., Falkirk, per J. G. P., 10s; J. G. P., Hamilton, £3 3s. The following has been handed in for Cottage Homes Building Fund:—From London Road U. P. Church Sabbath School, per G. S., £2.

January 18.—From S., Dumbarton, 2s 6d; W. B. C., for Keep of Cottage Homes, £10; Master J. M. A., Dollar, £1; Miss K., four pairs stockings; Miss G., Killlearn, per R. B., 5s; Mrs H. Macduff, for children at Cottage Homes, £1; from Y. M. C. A., Auchinleck, per R. M' L., 12s; Mrs D., India, per J. W., £2; from Miss Lumsden's Christmas

Tree for Cottage Homes, £5; from Congregational S.S. Association, New Year's offering, per B. R. C., £3 10s; Mrs S., parcel of books; Mrs R., £1; West Barns S.S., Dunbar, per R. R., £1; J. B. A., to take two children to Canada, £19; W. T., £1; from Hamilton Free Church Sabbath Schools, Port-Glasgow, per R. B. H., 15s; R. B., Aberystwith, £1; from Four Children, Crosshill, £1; from Droffon S.S., per W. S., 9s; Miss F., Newcastle-on-Tyne, 10s; Mrs M., £2; Miss S., Comrie, parcel of clothing; proceeds of Bazaar held by two little girls, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to take three children to Canada, £31; Miss M., Helensburgh, parcel of clothing; Mrs S., Helensburgh, per Mrs L., £1; M. A. C., 2s 6d; Mrs L., 3s; a Farmer, Ayrshire, for the orphans, £20; Mr H., per Mrs G., Auchenairst, £1; Three Sisters, Partick, as a thankoffering for being uninjured by City Bank failure, £3; A. R., £5 5s; Collection at Victoria Street Mission School for Cottage Homes, per J. C., 10s 6d; G. B. R., per J. C., 2s 6d; Misses S., £1; E. S., Canada, £3 (being money paid back by a girl helped to Canada); a Friend, per Miss C. R., Cupar-Fife, 5s; Miss E. A. M., Croydon, £1; from N. U. P. Church Minister's Class, Auchterarder, £1 10s; from Sabbath School, do., 12s; Mrs G., Largs, 26 flannel slips; a Friend, small hamper of clothing, &c.; St. George's-in-the-Fields S.S., per T. J. H., £4; Janet, one half year old on 15th, £1 (may she be long spared to live for Jesus); Miss N., Moffat, four pairs socks; J. G., Helensburgh, £1; a Friend, Campbelltown, 18 currant loaves, and jar preserves; Mrs H., parcel of clothing and fruit; Miss L., Fife, per Mrs T., £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—From Cathcart Road U. P. Church S.S., per R. C., £1 11s; R. M., 7s 6d; W. N., Paisley, 6s; from Sir Michael Street U. P. Church Mission S.S., Greenock, per R. L., £1 11s 6d; from W., Largs, parcel of clothing; from Ardrishaig, with best wishes, in stamps, 1s 3d; contents of mission box, Preston Mission School, near Markinch, per G. B., 10s; Mr A., six dozen loaves; Mrs H., per D. S., £1; J. C., per Mrs G., Auchenairst, £1; a Christian servant, per Miss A. M., Ceres, Fife, 2s 6d; a Christian Friend, per do., 7s 6d; Miss P.'s Sewing Class, 6s 6d; Young Men's Sabbath Evening Class, Gorbals Parish Church, 10s; Gospel Meeting, Spoutmouth, quantity of tea bread; Mr M'F., 23 qrs. bread; Mrs W. Forbes, £1; H. L. M'M., Falkirk, side of bacon; Miss B., Pollokshields, four pair stockings; Mrs A. M'K., nine pairs stockings and 10s; Mrs S., three scarfs; Mrs G., two dresses; a Farmer, Ayrshire, for mission work, £5; Mrs R. A. M., Irvine, £2; J. A., £8 8s (being part proceeds of admission to Polytechnic during holidays); collected by Miss E. B., Prestwick, per H. M. J., Paisley, 6s 6d; I. D., Aberdeen, 4s; Mrs G., 10s; Berkeley Street Children's Church, 13s 6d; Miss D., for street children's treat, 5s; J. S., Whiting Bay, £1; M. W., £3; from a Wellwisher, Craig, by Montrose, 5s; a Friend, 10s; G. M' A., parcel of clothing. The following has been sent in for Orphan Cottage Homes of Scotland Building Fund:—From Cranstonhill Forenoon Meeting, per R. B., £2 2s.

February 1.—From G., Helensburgh, in stamps, 5s; Mrs A. A., Edinburgh, per C. A., 5s; from Mrs H. and a few Friends for maintenance of Cottage Homes, £24; Mrs G. Mentone, France, £5 17s 5d; Mrs A., two dozen druggist Petticoats; from Townhall Sabbath School, per J. L., £2 8s 3d; from three little girls, Kew, 1s; a Friend, per Miss C. R., Cupar-Fife, 10s; John Street Hall Mission Sabbath School, Gourcock, for keep of Orphan Cottage Homes, per J. M'K., £1; Ella and Jeanie B., £2; from E. U. Sabbath School, Galashiels, per T. M., £1; Hutchesontown U. P. Church Sabbath School, £2; a Friend, Dunoon, 12 pairs stockings, and £1; Mrs F., £1, and shortcake from young people; R. J. A. G., Paisley, for keep of Cottage Homes, £2; proceeds of netted tray cover, £1; Mrs C., 12 pairs knitted stockings; a thankoffering for a great mercy received lately by two sisters, £2 for Cottage Homes; J. F., Alloa, in stamps, 2s 6d; J. M. J., Dunedin, £6, per W. M.; from employes of R. F. and J. A., Neilston, per J. B., £9; from young people connected with Ibrox Church, Dr L.'s, per A. H., £1 3s 6d; from West Free Church Sabbath forenoon meeting, Partick, per W. C., £1 2s 4d; Mrs M., 3s; Miss A., 2s; a Friend, 5s; J. M., Cheltenham, "in memory of departed little ones, now safe," £5; W. C. M., £1; Mrs A., Alexandria, per W. C. M., £1; Mrs J. C., Largs, £1; Miss N., do., 1s 6d; Mrs J. C., do., 10s; Mrs S., do., 10s; Mrs K., do., 2s; Mrs K., do., 10s; D. J., do., 5s.—the above sums from Largs were collected by Miss M., for Miss E.; Mrs M., Largs, per Miss M., 10s; Miss G., two pairs stockings knitted by her aged mother; from Crown Terrace Sabbath School, Aberdeen, per A. G., £2; Dr M., Kirriemuir, for keep of Cottage Homes, £1; Wee Phemie, Greenock, 1s; Wee Archie, 1s; T. B., 3s; R. C., 10s; from Miss M.'s, Bible Class, Piccadilly Street, per C. F. Y., 13s; Miss C. Ryde, Isle of Wight, £5. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Miss M., for street children's treat, £1; Free Church Sabbath School, Fortwilliam, per J. M., 10s; a Little Boy's savings, for street children's treat, £1; A. J. K., £10; from a Friend, per Mrs H., £3; Mrs J., Edinburgh, per A., T., £2; from Princes Street U. P. Church Sabbath School, Kilmarnock, per J. D., £1; from Calton Parish Church Sabbath School, per A. T., £1; Miss C., per Miss M., for street children's treat, £1; Miss M., £1; "from one whose heart deeply sympathises with the misery around," £1; Miss H., Edinburgh, for relief of the dis-

tressed, £5; Mrs S., for street children's treat, 10s; Miss M'C., for do., 10s; R. J. A. G., Paisley, £1; Miss C., for street children's treat, 1s, and four volumes Chambers's Journal; Mr M.F., 11 quarters bread; a Friend, parcel of clothing; Dr J. C., London, per Mr R., £4 19s 6d; Mrs R. R., Neilston, parcel of clothing; Mrs L., parcel of clothing; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 12s 3d; Saltmarket Morning Meeting, 9s 6d; Miss C., clothing; Miss C., £1; D. M., for street children's treat, £1; Mrs S., Aberdeen, £1; J. D., do., £1; Miss B., do., £1; Mrs B., do., £1; H. C., do., 5s; Miss O., do., 5s; Miss S., do., 5s; Mr P., do., 5s; a Friend, per Miss C., 2s; G. M.A., Wick, £1; Misses L., Edinburgh, in stamps, 7s 6d; Cambridge Hall Sabbath School, per Mr P., £2 1s; Mr M.M., Milngavie, 10s; City Oaphan Home Working Boys, for street children's supper, £2 2s 5d. The following has been sent in for Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—A. W., £30.

February 15.—G. W., Norwich, for emigration, £10; W. J. B., for keep of Cottage Homes, in stamps, 1s; from a Friend, Helensburgh, in stamps, 5s, per A. T.; R. L., £5; A. P., for emigration, £5; Mrs A., six shirts and two dresses; A. W., to take two children to Canada, £20; A. W., for keep of Cottage Homes, £20; "Wigtown," £1; from Friends, Croydon, to take a boy to Canada, £10; from Wellington Street U.P. Church Sabbath Schools, £15 18s 8d (£5 18s 8d of this to go to City Home); "First-fruits," 2s 6d; from W., to feed the children, in stamps, 7s; Miss L., Croydon, to take a boy to Canada, £15; G. L., £1; R. M., 5s; W. and J. P., quantity of hosiery; Miss S., £1 and three chemises; Lochee Baptist Church Sabbath School, per J. P., £2; R. M.K., Tarbert (Harris), 5s; "M. T., to feed the orphans, for Christ's sake," 10s; a Friend, per Mrs D., for Bibles, £1; proceeds of crochet shawl, 6s; from Linthouse Sabbath School, £1 10s, half for boys' and half for girls' Home; Mission-box, Houston, £1 5s; from Anderston U.P. Church Sabbath School Society, per J. F., jun., for keep of Cottage Homes, £3 1s 3d; Miss J., Croydon, £2 2s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Mrs J., per Miss B., £1; "A Christian Miner," per G. G., 5s; W. M., jun., Johnstone, £1; Mrs J. T., Torrington, near Devon, £1; T. B., Edinburgh, £1; "A Christian Friend," per Miss A. M., Ceres, Fife, 10s; W. M.E., Newton-Stewart, 10s; a Friend, Newtonards, per Mr A., 2s 6d; Bridgegate Free Church Children's Church, per S. W. D., 15s; Mrs E.'s Class, Castleton Sabbath School, 12s; from Wellington Street U.P. Church Sabbath Schools, £5 18s 8d; Mrs H., per Miss M., £1; Dunfermline Boys and Girls' Religious Society, per A. J., jun., £1; a Lady at Noon Meeting, £1; a Friend, per Mrs M., 2s 6d; "A Friend, C." £2; T. K. W., London, 2s 6d; Sabbath School Class, Kilmarnock, per J. B., 8s 5d; Crosshill Young Men's Bible Class, 12s; J. R. W., Bellingham, parcel of clothing; Mrs H., Jedburgh, £1; J. H., Jedburgh, 10s; found in boxes in January, 10s 10d; Mr M.F., 21 quarters bread; a Friend, Sandbank, parcel of clothing; Mrs J. W., £1; Mrs S., Gourrock, £1; Mrs A., 22 shirts; Mr M.F., 25 loaves.

March 1.—George Street Baptist Church S.S., Paisley, per A. M., £2 10s; Mrs C., £2; from Dovehill Children's Church, per G. C. H. M.N., for keep of Cottage Homes, 12s 11d; from C. and A., three pairs socks and two pairs cuffs; Mrs B., Cambuslang, 5s 6d; from J. U.'s Bible Class, Paisley, 13s 6d; Free Middle Church S.S., Paisley, per W. M.C., 11s; J. L., "A little girl's savings now gone home," for keep of Cottage Homes, 5s 6d; a Friend, Houston, 10s; Mrs H., 15s; Mrs B., Aberdeen, parcel of shirts and chemises; Mrs S., six pair stockings; from Portland Road U.P. Church S.S., Kilmarnock, £2; from Bible Class, do., £1 3s 6d, per J. M.Q.; Miss S., Stirling, £1; Misses L., Lenzie, six wool petticoats; for the Orphans, a gold ring; Mrs C. K., Ayr, £5; from Free St. George's S.S., per H. A. R., £1 3s 11d; from the executors of the late Miss Lee, £10; from Hutchesontown Hall U.P. Church S.S., £1 12s 8d; Miss M. and Friends, 64 yards cloth for dresses for Canada. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Miss M., £1; Children's donations in Home, Belleville, for distress here, 8s 2d; A. H., Bridge of Allan, £1; from a Country Friend, to assist in feeding the hungry and clothing the naked, £10; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 10s 9d; J. M., Carlisle, per Miss T., £2; Miss G., Killarn, per R. B. (in stamps), 2s 1d; Mr L., 10s; a Working Man, £4; D. M., Uddingston, £1; a Friend, 5s; Mrs H., jar of jam; J. R., Paisley, £1, to help to feed some hungry one in these trying times; Miss M. W., Perth, £2 10s; U.P. Church Sabbath School, Dunoon, per W. M., £1; Captain R., Dundee, £1; W. A., Balmarnie, Forfar, £1; a Friend, Hamilton, four pairs stockings; found in box in February, £1 11s 9d.

March 15.—Mrs F. and Friends, quantity of clothing for Cottage Homes; from U.P. Church Sabbath School, George Street, Aberdeen, per J. S., 13s; Mrs B., Houston, 5s; Mrs M., Hillhead, 10s; a Friend, Leeds, 5s; J. B., Melrose, £10 to take a boy to Canada; Miss M., per J. S., £5; Miss O., Windsor, £2 for emigration; a Friend, per Mrs M.C., Kihilt, 10s; from Free Church Bible Class, Bridge-of-Weir, per T. C., 8s 3d, for keep of Cottage Homes; from Mission Collections of Free High Sabbath School, Paisley, per W. D., £2 2s; Miss S., three chemises; Dr A. S., £1; Mrs M.A., Innellan, £3 for

emigration; a Well-wisher, three pairs stockings for outfits; Mrs A. G., Johnstone, 14 skirts and 7 jackets; G. M., for emigration, £100; Firstfruits, 2s 6d; Trinity Free Church Forenoon Meeting, per M. F., 15s 1d; A. P. R., £1 for keep of Cottage Homes; Falkirk Working Boys' Society, per P. D. M.L., 6s 7d; a Well-wisher, £5 for emigration; T. C., London, £10 to take a child to Canada; Hutcheson Free Church Sabbath School Society, per A. D., 15s 7d; G. S., £25 for emigration; J. S., 10s for emigration, and parcel of clothing; from the Two Janes, parcel of clothing; Mrs C., 5s; Miss N., Gourrock, £1; Saved from Housekeeping, £10 to take an orphan to Canada; T. K., Madras, per Mrs M., Lusmore, £4; W. P., Madras, per do., £1; M. and J. C., £1; J. C., Aberdeen, £10s 6d for emigration; Mrs J., do., per J. C., £1 for emigration; Kilmalcolm U.P. Church S.S., per J. H., £2 for keep of Cottage Homes; Milton S.S., Bowling, £1s 1s; Mrs T., £1 for emigration; R. R., Hamilton, £5; East Bay Mission S.S., Gourrock, per A. S., 10s for keep of Cottage Homes; L. M. B., Paisley, four knitted petticoats. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—For the Lord's work in Mr Quarrier's hands, with the words, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy," £1; W. J. R., in stamps, 2s 3d; from Wigtown, £1; W. C., £10; W. M., for bread and butter, 10s; J. S., Aberdeen, £5; J. C., per Mrs S. G., Auchencairn, £1; J. W., Stirling, £5; from Livingstone Memorial U.P. Church Sabbath School, per C. H., £1; Miss B., two jackets; P. G., £1; M. E. G., Perth, per P. G., 5s; Mrs M.C., Hillhead, £1; a Thankoffering, 10s; Mrs J. C., Busby, £2; Miss S., Stirling postmark, £1; G. S., £25; a Friend, per Miss B., quantity of furniture; B. D. & Co., £5; Master G., Alloa, 2s in stamps; from E., £1; from K., a gold brooch, to be sold for the good of the Home; Miss H. S. G., Bridge-of-Allan, £2; from Gourrock East Bay Mission Sabbath School, per A. S., 10s; R. S., Campbellton, £1; a Christian Friend, per A. M., Cupar Fife, 10s; from a Grateful Girl helped by the Home, 10s; W. L., Joppa, Portobello, £1. The following sums have been sent in for Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—A Friend, to furnish No. 3 Home, £200; a Friend in Paisley, to build the offices, £215 15s 10d; Rev. J. D., India, per Mr W., £5 for Cripple and Invalid Children's Home.

March 29.—Mrs A., 23 shirts; J. B., Largs, £1; Major E., do., 10s; Miss K., do., 2s 6d; J. R., do., 2s 6d; Mrs S., do., 2s 6d; Miss M., do., 2s; Miss W., do., 5s; J. K. B., Fairlie, 10s; Miss H., Largs, 2s; Miss B., do., 2s; Mrs S., do., 2s. The above from Largs and Fairlie were collected by Miss M. Miss M.C., Gourrock, parcel of clothing; from Bishop St. S.S., in connection with St Vincent St. U.P. Church, per T. R.W., £2; H. R., Edinburgh, to take a boy to Canada, £10; from J. W., for maintenance of Cottage Homes, £10; from readers of the *Christian*, per Morgan & Scott, 10s; W. B. H., Matlock, £1 1s; L. I. G., Cathcart, parcel of stockings, &c.; W. C., for emigration, £10; Miss C., £5; a Friend, per Miss C., 2s 6d; Miss M., £1; a Little One, Ireland, £1; R. O., Neilston, for keep of Cottage Homes, £20; Mrs T., large parcel of *Graphics* and *London News*; Upper Kilmalcolm Sabbath Class, for Cottage Homes, per J. D. L., 9s; J. D., Portobello, 15s; Miss G., Kirriemuir, 2s 6d; Mrs G., 2 pairs stockings; Two Orphan Girls, Bathgate, 1s; a Poor Woman, do., 6d; the Widow's Mite, 1s; Mrs T., meat; D. D., Aberdeen, web of winey; A. C. B., do., web of winey; Miss M., do., parcel of shirts; Friends, do., stockings. Collected by Miss E. W., Bannockburn, £1 15s; Miss R., Bristol, for emigration, £10; Miss M. C. R.'s counter-box, Helensburgh; for Cottage Homes, per R. B., £1; Miss M., Croydon, to take a boy to Canada, £10; a Friend, Campbelltown, per Mrs T., 6 pairs stockings; Mrs A., 11 print dresses; from St Luke's Parish Church Sabbath School (left at Religious Institution Rooms), 7s 4d; a Friend, Campsie, do., £1; Miss H., Pitlochry, 7 pairs stockings and 11 chemises; Mrs D., parcel of scarfs; a Friend, £50—£20 of this placed to City Home and £30 to take three children to Canada; T. T., to take two children to Canada, £20; Mrs M., parcel of clothing; J. M. S., 6 pairs stockings. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and mission work:—Mrs M., Invergary, £1; Mrs R., Shawlands, £10; Mrs J., Lanark (in stamps), 2s; Mr M.F., quantity of bread; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 12s 3d; Friends of the late J. F., £1; W. C., £15; from a Friend, per A. N. S., to help the erring, £2; Mrs C., Renfrew, £1; Mr M.F., 13 quarters bread; Mrs G. A., Alexandria, parcel of clothing; an Orphan Girl, 6d; Miss L., parcel of clothing; W. C., £1; Mrs J., Shandon, £1; Mr W., Craignish, £1; R. T., Paisley, £1 4s; from M. T.'s Savings Bank, do., 2s 6d; from the "Master's Treasury," Grangemouth, £2; W. B., 5s; Mrs M., 10s; Victoria Free Church Sabbath School, per G. A. D., £2 3s 7d; J. S., Kircudbright, £1; J. K., £2; a Friend, £20; Mrs C., 6 pairs stockings and parcel of clothing; Miss M.P., for Bibles, 6s; Miss M.P., 5s; T. T., £5; Mrs A. T. A., Alloa, 3 pairs stockings; Found in boxes at City Home in March, £1 1s 6d; J. and M. C., quantity of vases for grounds at Cottage Homes.

April 12.—From a Friend, 6s 6d; a Friend, quantity of old clothing; from Tina, Wishaw, in stamps, 1s; a Friend, per B. P. B., Croydon, to send a boy to Canada, £10; Mrs G., Aberdeen, £1; Mrs M., Wooler, to take a child to Canada, £10; Mrs J., Edinburgh, parcel of clothing; Miss S., Bridge-of-Weir, for Cottage Homes, £1; do., for

emigration, £1; Mrs F., for support of orphans, £2; W. J. S., Crosshill, American stove; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £1 9s 2d; A. B. C., £10; from Wigtown, £1; to aid the work in Orphan Homes, in stamps, 1s 6d; Miss B., Dunoon, four dozen shirts; Mrs T., 12 pairs stockings; from Plantation Mission School, Ibrox U.P. Church, £1 4s; from B., Crosshill, 10s; Mrs A., Largs, £1; Mrs C., do., 10s; Mrs D., M'L., do., 5s; Mrs M.M., do., 5s; Mrs M., do., 2s 6d; Miss L., do., 2s 6d. The above sums from Largs were collected from friends by Miss M. Miss E.M., 2s 6d; Mrs S., Port-Glasgow, £1; Kent Road U.P. Church Literary Institute, £1 10s 6d; Mrs M.K., Greenock, 5s; A. F. P., Alloa, to take a child to Canada, £10; Miss M. M. F., Rothesay, £1; J. B., Paisley, to take five children to Canada, £50; Miss S., six chemises; Mrs A., 36 print and 24 wincey dresses, and 14 druggit petticoats; Mrs S., Port-Glasgow, parcel of clothing for Cottage Homes; J. R., 10s; Renfrew Street U.P. Church Bible Class, per H. J., for Cottage Homes, £3 1s 6d; Miss H., Weston-super-Mare, for emigration, £6; Mrs F., Duntocher, parcel of clothing; R. F. Anstruther, 11s 2d; Mrs B., Pollokshields, 26 wool shirts and two suits clothing; Miss C., Campbelltown, per Mrs T., 5s; from P. and S., £1 6s; Mrs A., 24 shirts and 36 chemises; Wellpark Free Church Sabbath School, Greenock, £3; a Friend, Southsea, to take a child to Canada, £10; Miss E., Hillhead, six chemises; a Friend, for Cottage Homes, 5s; Miss L., parcel of magazines for Cottage Homes, Miss R., hoods, &c.; G. M., Carlisle, £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—A Friend, Coatbridge, in stamps, 1s; T. J., parcel of sandwiches; Miss H., Roehampton, per B. P. B., £10; Miss C., Abirfeldy, "a free-will offering," £3; Miss W., Bridge-of-Weir, £1; Sydney Place Young Men's Bible Class, 18s 8d; Kilm U.P. Church Sabbath School, per A. M., 13s 6d; Mr M'G., Greenock, £2; from a Friend, with the words "My God shall supply all your need," £1; a Friend, Dundee, £5; Mrs M., Uddingston, £1; T. H. W., £2; R. B., Gourcock, £10; Mrs H. Lenzie, £2; Mrs B., per Mrs. A., £1; Miss M., Stirling, 12 pairs socks and six chemises; Mrs M., Wooler, box of useful clothing, old and new; Miss H., two pairs socks; a Friend, Irvine, parcel of clothing, &c.; Duke Street U.P. Church Mission Bible Class, per Mr F., 10s; Mr S., 18 pairs stockings; M. W., Carron Bridge, two pairs stockings; found in boxes last fortnight, City Home, £4 7s 6d.

April 26.—A Friend, ham and half for Cottage Homes; a Friend, B. D., to take five children to Canada, £50; a Friend B. D., for Cottage Homes, £10; Miss M., per E. S., for Cottage Homes, 10s; J. R., to take two children to Canada, £20; Miss E. Hillhead, £5; Miss B., Aberdeen, for emigration, £1; Mrs S., do., £5, for emigration; Belmont School, do., for emigration, 15s; Miss M., do., for emigration, 4s; per Mrs S., 6s 6d; A. C. B., do., for half a lassie to Canada, £5; "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," Cupar, £1; Mrs B., by Kilmalcolm, £3 for Cottage Homes; a Friend, for keep of Cottage Homes, £5; Mrs A., 16 dresses; from Friends, Croydon, to take a girl to Canada, in memory of a loved one, "gone home," £10 10s; Mrs B., Dunoon, to take two children to Canada, £20; a Little Boy in Sabbath School, Houston, 2s; A. B., and Friends, Buccleuch Street, £1; a Friend, Kilm, 5s; Miss M., Pollokshields, £1; a Friend, parcel of clothing; from "a sympathetic mother," £1; A. R., Argyleshire, to take a boy to Canada, £10; Miss M., Pollokshields, parcel of clothing; Miss H., Croydon, 10s; Mrs R., Greenock, per Miss F., £2; Miss F., Kirkmichael, large quantity of useful new clothing; M. A. H., Rochdale, to help to send a child to Canada, 10s; "With best wishes," in stamps, 5s; E. & J. J., Rothesay, large parcel of new clothing and 7 pairs socks; Mrs H., Islington, 5s; from Marshall Street Sabbath School, Edinburgh, £1; from ladies' working party, Paisley, per Mrs T., large parcel of clothing, consisting of 37 articles; to assist two girls to Canada, per Mrs F., £12; from Messrs Allan, 4 barrels of pork; Miss T., underclothing; from Children of Sabbath Schools connected with U. P. Church, Newington, Edinburgh, per J. L. R., for keep of Cottage Homes, £5; Mrs T., 12 shirts; a Friend, 2s; J. A., Portobello, £1; "The Pennies of a little Boy and Girl at Lochans," 2s 6d; from a friend, per Miss L., Helensburgh, £1; Mrs R., 2s 6d. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—M. M., 2s 6d; G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, £1; J. H. D., £5; J. R., £10; R. M., £1 1s; Lansdowne Juvenile Missionary Society, per T. B. B., £6; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 16s 9d; Mrs G., Largs, £2; from Gourcock Parish Church Sabbath School, per L. M., £1 5s 9d; East U. P. Church Sabbath School, Partick, per D. M'N., £2; St Mary's Parish Church Sabbath School, Partick, per J. H., £1; C. H., Blantyre, £5; from Ibrox, £2 2s; Miss M., £1; Mrs R., 16 pairs stockings; from Creebridge Free Church Sabbath School, Newton-Stewart, per N. M., £1 10s; N. M., £1; D. K. A., by Old Meldrum, £1; Mrs A., eight pairs stockings; Mrs F. S. H., £1; M. B. Largs, parcel of Hats; from East U. P. Church Industrial Class Mission box, Strathaven, per Miss S., 13s; collected at meeting Stoke-Golding, per G. G., £3 5s; J. J., Edinburgh, £1; Mrs M., £2; Camphill U. P. Church Bible Class, per J. B. A., £2 4s 5d; H. M., Grangemouth, being proceeds of articles sold on behalf of a little girl, £1 6s 9d; Mrs M., Largs, £5; Mr T., Lanark, 5s; J. G. P., Hamilton, £2; "The Lord's tenth," in stamps, 8s 6d; Mr M'F., 17½ quarters bread; Mrs S., parcel of clothing; Mrs

W. Hillhead, two parcels clothing; Mrs G., Largs, tracts; a Friend, parcel of tracts; J. M'B., parcel of clothing. The following has been sent in for Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—Miss S., Chindurara, India, per J. W., for Cripple Children's Homes, £1.

May 10.—Mrs A., 22 shirts, Mr W., books, for Canada; Mrs M'A., Innellan, for emigration, £2; H. B., £3; E. S., Canada, for emigration, £3; Mrs H., for emigration, £5; Mrs B., Pollokshields, 22 shirts; Miss O., Windsor, for emigration, £4; Belmont Crescent Sewing Meeting, large parcel of new clothing, consisting of 96 articles, per Miss W.; Mr K., to take a boy to Canada, £10; Mrs R., Greenock, penny gospels for each child going to Canada; Mrs A., 13 night dresses; Mrs T., 12 shirts; a Friend, small parcel of clothing; Found in boxes at Cottage Homes, 11s 10d; Mrs A., Pollokshields, 9 pairs stockings; Mrs K., Hillhead, parcel of clothing; Miss S., Bridge of Allan, 6 pairs socks; Miss R., parcel of stockings and clothing; G. B., Aberdeen, second "half of a lassie to Canada," £5; G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, 11s; J. M'C., Hillhead, £1; Collected at Greenock Working Boys' and Girls' Religious Society for Cottage Homes, per J. M., jun., £5 0s 4d; Mrs W., parcel of clothing and 2s 6d; M., for the children, parcel of clothing and £2; J. S., jun., for emigration, 10s; Mrs M., Largs, parcel of clothing; Mrs M'M., parcel of clothing; a Friend, New Zealand, per H. K. W., for emigration, £10; J. A. B., Paisley, to take two children to Canada, £20; Miss K., 3 pairs socks; Knitted by an Old Lady, 91 years, 6 pairs stockings; Mrs R., parcel of petticoats, chemises, stockings, hoods, &c.; a Friend, per Mrs R., 10s; from Friends, Greenock, per Miss A. B., £5; Mrs P., St Leonards-on-Sea, for passage, &c., of a girl to Canada, £6; Mrs T., 6 shirts; passage of a girl to Canada, per W. H., £6; passage money of two girls to Canada, per Mrs E., £12; C. H. A., Ardrossan, to pay for a child to Canada, £10; from Finnieston Sabbath School Young Women's Industrial Association, 2 parcels clothing, per Miss E.; Miss C., 10s; W. H., for emigration, £5; from Children of Baptist Church Sabbath School, Anstruther, per P. T., £1; a Friend, for emigration, 10s; First Fruits, 2s 6d; Mrs W., per Miss F., Glenluce, parcel of clothing made by friends meeting weekly; B. P. B., Croydon, to take two girls to Canada, £20; Mrs D., 10s; Mr T., parcel of books for Canada; O. N. B., £1 for emigration and parcel of flannel; Mrs G., parcel of clothing; Misses J., Croydon, £2; Two Dumbartonshire Ladies, £20—half for a girl to Canada and other half for Cottage Homes; J. A., Paisley, to take five children to Canada, £50; Mrs L., parcel of underclothing; Mrs S., parcel of pocket handkerchiefs; Miss H., Helensburgh, in memory of a loved sister, to take J. S. to Canada, £10; Mrs H., parcel of petticoats; Mrs B., Pollokshields, 16 boys' tweed suits and a few yards of tweed. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Calton Mechanics' Hall Sabbath School, per Mr T., £1; Found in boxes last fortnight, 6s 1d; L. I. G., Cathcart, parcel of fancy articles for sale; from Kent Road U.P. Church Young Men's Bible Class, per T. B., 8s 6d; Mr M'F., 17 quarters bread; a Friend, 22 cravats; a Friend, illustrated Bible; a Friend, 4 pairs stockings; Christian Friends, Dunoon, £1 10s; Collected at Children's Service, Kilm Parish Church, per Mr J. H., £1 5s 8d; from Sabbath Forenoon Meeting, Helensburgh, per S. B., £2 11s 7d; Mrs B., £1; J. A. B., Paisley, £10; Dr C., £1; D. R., £3; Winter Work of Sewing Party, Kirkmaiden, 2 boxes clothing, consisting of 170 articles, per Mrs C.; a Friend, Edinburgh, in aid of the poor children, £1; W. L., £1; from Ferniegair Sabbath School, per Mr F., 8s 3d; W. H., £5; S. T., Renton, £10; Miss M'N., parcel of shirts, &c.; W. C., £1; B. F., Dublin, £1; Dr H., Bridge of Allan, £1; from Sabbath School Children of Baptist Church, Cupar-Fife, per Miss C. R., 10s; Mrs M'C., Pollokshields, £1; Mrs D., Keppoch, £2; J. M. H., Tayinloan, Argyleshire, £20; Collected by Free Church Sabbath School, Prestwick, per J. W., 15s; Contributions by Friends, Prestwick, per J. W., £2.

May 24.—Misses M'M., 24 pairs mits; Miss M'L., four pairs mits; J. O., for keep of a boy, £15; J. M. K. B., for emigration, £10; Two Workers at Bridge-of-Weir, 5s; Mrs B., in aid of the little ones for Canada, £2; a Friend, C., £3; Children's Mission Box, Hamilton, per Mrs M'C., 5s; J. C. W., with the words, "Is not the Lord gone out before thee," £10; a Mother, £1; G. G., £2; a Busy Mother, one pair stockings; J. T., £10; Mrs J. T., £2; Wee Alick, £1; W. A. C., to help with blankets for the ship, £5; Poor People at Pailton, per G. G., £1; J. T., £50; the Two James, £1; Mrs T., 10s; Mrs B., £1; Mrs J. S., six pairs stockings; Mrs B., 10s 6d; a Friend, £1; a Friend, 5s 6d; a Friend, 2s; a Friend, 5s; a Friend, 10s; D. S., £5; a Mite, 1s; a Friend, 10s; a Friend, 2s; a Friend, 3s; a Friend, 3s; Miss S., for emigration, £10; T. T., for emigration, £20; a Friend of the Cause, £1; a Friend, 120 bags pastry for children; from Wigtown, £1; Elgin Place Congregational Sabbath School, per J. N. M., £2; Sabbath School of Levenside Free Church, Renton, per M. T. R., for keep of Cottage Homes, 8s 8d; Miss H., Edinburgh, £80; Mrs H., parcel of clothing; from one who has received much, for the little orphans at Bridge-of-Weir, £1; the Whitehill Grange Juvenile Missionary Society and Band of Hope, per Rev. G. S. M., 20 pairs stockings and 17s; Mrs W. W. R., parcel of clothing; the Misses A., Tighnabruach, 10s; Miss K., Helensburgh, 2s; M. R., 1s;

Miss M., £1; a Friend, parcel of books; R. M'M., for Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir, £1 1s; A. J., one ton of coals. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—J. O., £10; A. M., half cheese and £6 6s; from "Nemo," Dunoon, with Prov. iii. 9, £1; Mrs B., with best wishes, £1; L. I. G., Cathcart, to help farewell tea, £1; J. N., £1; Scholars attending Sabbath School, 8 East Ingram Street, per J. A. G., 12s 3d; Mrs M., £5; a Friend of the Cause, £1; R. L. D., 2s 6d; a Widow, at parting meeting, £1; a Friend, parcel of books; Mr M'F., nine quarters bread; Sabbath Evening School of Elgin Place Church, £1 9s; A. M'K.'s Missionary Box, 10s; W. M., for the good work, £1; one interested in the City Orphan Home, Helensburgh, 10s; Miss C. R., Cupar-Fife, with good wishes, 5s; R. L. Aberdeen, 6s; Mrs M'C., Kilhilt, per Miss M., £1; Miss M., Innellan, £1; Mrs M'L., 2s 6d; Miss R., 5s; Mrs R., 5s; Mr M'F., ten quarters bread; a Friend, a patent mangle; Foundry Boys' Monitors' Excursion, basket of sandwiches; J. B., Irvine, per Miss W., four pairs socks and £1 2s 6d; Mrs E., Irvine, per do., 5s; from a Class of Little Boys in Irvine Baptist Church Sabbath School, per Miss W., 5s 0½d; G. & S. W., £1; a Friend, Ryde, Isle of Wight, £20. The following donation has been sent for the Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—A Widow, per Mr G. F., Edinburgh, 1s.

June 7.—Found in boxes at Cottage Homes, 7s 4½d; from children of the Free Church Sabbath School, Tullibody, per D. H., £1 13s; from children attending Creebridge Free Church Sabbath School, Newton-Stewart, per N. M., jun., £1; Mrs B., Crosshill, parcel of clothing; Mrs C., Bothwell, £2; J. N., per Mrs D., £1; Mrs G. S., three netted petticoats and one chemise; J. M., Edinburgh, £25; Wallace Sabbath School, Elderslie, per W. A., £2; Free Church Low Water Sabbath Morning Children's Meeting, Hamilton, per Miss C., £1; two workers at Bridge-of-Weir, 5s; First Fruits, 2s 6d; a Friend, a table; Whiteinch U.P. Church Sabbath School, per T. M., 19s 8d; W. E., for Cottage Homes, £10; J. H., Waverton, parcel of clothing; a Friend, Helensburgh, eleven pairs stockings and eight comb bags; Mrs M., Pollokshields, parcel of clothing; Mrs R. R., Pollokshields, per T. F. R., 10s; Miss B., Dennistoun, parcel of clothing; from the trustees of the late J. R., jun., per R. & R., £225. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—For Orphan Homes, in stamps, per Rev. J. S., 1s; T. F. R., Paisley, 5s 6d; Miss C., Campbeltown, 10s; H. H., Guildford, £1; J. S., £5; a Friend, per Rev. Dr W., 6s, in stamps; G. B., Aberdeen, to keep the pot boiling, £5; from Sabbath School, 41 Brown Street, £1 7s 10d; R. M., £2; an Invalid, Cowcaddens, 5s; Mrs M'A., seven dozen scones; Mr M'F., quantity of bread; found in boxes at City Home during May, £5 2s 2d.

June 21.—From Wigtown, £1; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £2 0s 5½d; left by a lady at Cottage Homes, parcel of chemises; a Friend, 6s 6d; Mrs L., Campbeltown, 10s; Mrs C. C. G., Campbeltown, 5s; Mrs J. M., Campbeltown, 10s; Mrs M., Campbeltown, 10s; Mrs C. M., Campbeltown, 10s; Mrs M., Campbeltown, 10s; Mrs R. C., Campbeltown, 5s; Mrs M'N., Campbeltown, 5s; Mrs D. C., Campbeltown, 5s; Mrs D. C., Campbeltown, 5s; Miss H., Campbeltown, 4s; Mrs W., Campbeltown, 2s 6d; Mrs B., Campbeltown, 5s; Mrs S. G., Campbeltown, 10s; Mrs G., Campbeltown, 5s; Mrs H., Campbeltown, 5s; Mrs M'F., Campbeltown, 2s; Mrs R., Campbeltown, 5s; Miss G., Campbeltown, 2s 6d; Mrs M'K., Campbeltown, £1; J. M., Campbeltown, 2s 6d; Mrs C., Campbeltown, 5s; Mrs T., Campbeltown, 4s; Miss M., Campbeltown, 2s 6d; Mr M'L., Campbeltown, 2s 6d; a Friend, Campbeltown, 7s 6d; a Friend, Campbeltown, 2s; a Friend, Campbeltown, 2d. The above sums from Campbeltown were collected by Miss M'F. F. H. M., Belgrade, Servia, for emigration, £50; M. E., Maryport, for Cottage Homes, 5s; Miss P., Helensburgh, per W. M. F., 10s; a Christian Friend, Ceres, Fife, with good wishes, 10s; a Christian Servant, Ceres, Fife, 2s 6d; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, 5s 4d; Miss L., Montrose, a text patch-work quilt; Possilpark Free Church Sabbath School, per W. G. P., £1; Members of Mr L.'s Class, Govan, per A. M'L., £1; the Rothesay Boys and Girls' Religious Society, per A. H., £1 9s; a Friend, a parcel of socks. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—J. F., Kirkcaldy, £2; a Friend, in stamps, 2s 6d; Give and it shall be given unto you (April), 15s 10d, (May), 15s 7d; A. N., per W. J. S., £1; Kelvinside Free Church Congregational Sabbath School, per A. F. M., £10; a Friend, per Miss L., 10s; Mr M'F., 14 loaves bread; J. M. and S., 32 pies, 41 cookies, &c.; Mr M'F., 19 loaves bread; Miss H., parcel of books; Mr M'F., 25 loaves bread; the children of Thread Street U.P. Church Sabbath School, Paisley, per A. P. R., £5; J. D., Perth, £1; Anonymous, for the orphans (Millport post mark), £20; a Bible Woman, 5s; money of a deceased little girl, with the words, "For the orphans," 1s 5½d; J. S. H., £5; W. T., £2; M. C. T., £1; Mr M'C., Caitloch, £1; Mrs M'G., £1; J. C., Auchencairn, per Mrs G., £1; Miss E., Largs, 10s; Mrs D. P., do., 10s; Miss B., do., 2s 6d; Miss P., do., 2s 6d; M. M., do., 2s 6d. The above sums from Largs were collected by Miss M. St. Stephen's Sabbath School Missionary Association, £2 10s 11d. The following donations have been sent in for the Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—From "Evangel," Edinburgh, 1s; G. F., do., 1s 6d.

July 5.—Cardonald Sabbath School, per J. F., £1 8s 1d; Mrs T., one dozen socks; Mrs T., £1; collected by Mr A. A., per Mr W., 11s 9d; Miss L., parcel of magazines; Miss M., £1; M. G., Paisley, in memory of a loved one gone home, 5s; Barony Parish Church Sabbath School, per W. A. T., £5 8s 2d; Whiteinch F.C. Sabbath School, per G. W. C., £1 1s; Free St. Mary's Church Sabbath School annual trip, 40 bags bread; Found in Boxes at Cottage Homes, 5s 6½d; Firstfruits, 2s 6d; Two Workers at Bridge-of-Weir, 5s; G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, three dresses; scholars in Crosslee Sabbath School, per A. K., £1; P. F., Stirling, 5s; Chryston Branch of Foundry Boys' Society, per R. M., 17s 6d; J. R., jun., 10s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Miss M. C. R., counter box, Helensburgh, per R. B., £1; J. & A. M., Wishaw, 15 petticoats, seven pairs moleskin trousers, four boys' suits, scarfs, braces, stockings, &c.; Mrs D., parcel of vegetables; from the Scottish Football Association, per P. M'N., £10; St. James' Street U.P. Church Sabbath School, Paisley, per J. R., £5; C. A., commission on insurance, 18s 9d; the Auchterarder Free Church Bible Class, per Rev. W. E. W. B., £1 1s; M. B., parcel of clothing; found in boxes during June, 15s 6½d; Mrs G., 5s; Mrs J., parcel of clothing and parcel of books; Bristo Sabbath School, Edinburgh, per Rev. G. F. J., £2; Mr M'F., 13 loaves bread; Strathbungo Sabbath Forenoon Meeting, £1 0s 6d.

July 19.—B. Ayr., parcel of clothing; J. K., 2 gold bracelets; H. A. Y., Ayr postmark, £20; Mrs H., Helensburgh, £1; Mrs J. M., Airdrie, "for Jesus' sake," £1; U.P. Church Sabbath School, Helensburgh, per S. B., £1 15s 7d; Mr H., Auchencairn, per Mrs G., £1; J. C., Auchencairn, per Mrs G., 10s; I. D., Aberdeen, 3s; Mrs F., London, to take a boy to Canada, £10; Mr W., £5; Mrs M., Cambuslang, parcel of clothing; from Janet, age 1 year, £1; C. C., £1; Auchinleck Young Men's Christian Association, per R. M'L., 12s 6d; a Poor Woman, 6d. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Mr M., 6½ dozen rolls and 2½ dozen cookies; Mrs C. A., Crosshill, per W. H., £2; Antigua Place Sabbath School, per A. M., £2 10s; Anonymous, in stamps, Airdrie postmark, 3s 3d; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 13s 4d; a Soldier, 79th Regiment, 2s 6d; a Soldier's Wife, one pair stockings; Soldiers' Home Sabbath School, per Miss T., 2s 8d; Mrs B., parcel of clothing; Mrs F., Fairlie, per Miss M., 5s; Mrs H., Fairlie, per Miss M., 3s; Mr M., per T. M'P., £1; Baptist Sabbath School, Granton, per J. M., 14s; Miss M., Braemar, per A. A., £1; Mrs A., £50; from a Mother and her Children as a thankoffering for many mercies received from the Lord, 10s.

August 2.—Found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £2 3s 2½d; from Wigtown, £1; Miss M., £1; Glencairn Sabbath School children, per E. M. M., 10s 6d; G. B., Aberdeen, £5; Miss M., Aberdeen, per G. B., £1; Two Workers at Bridge-of-Weir, 5s; First Fruits, 2s 6d; G. H., Dunedin, New Zealand, per Miss R., £1; H. B., Galashiels, £5; Mrs J. B., Galashiels, £2; Mrs R. B., Selkirk, 2s 6d; Mrs H., Jedburgh, 5s; W. S., Leith, 2s 6d; Ellen Jane, one pair socks and one pair stockings; A. W. W., parcel of clothing. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Mrs G. B. M'K., Gourcock, £5; P., (a well-wisher) Craill, 5s; Greyfriars U.P. Church Religious Purposes Society, per P. L., £2; Mrs M'F., four dozen loaves bread; Mrs D., Elderslie, four pairs stockings; the British Workman Public House Company (Limited), 80 cheesecakes; found in boxes during July, 8s 9d; Henderson Memorial Church Sabbath School, Overnewton, £1; A. P., £1; Mrs M'F., 25 loaves bread.

August 16.—J. T., Watt Street, 1 box of ties for boys, and 1 box for girls at Cottage Homes; parcel of books from Paisley; the Old Scotch Independent Sabbath School, £1 3s 7½d; a Friend, 5s; a Friend, 2 cans of jelly for the boys at Cessnock; a Friend, £5; S., for Orphan Cottage Homes, £2 2s; the Children of a Sabbath School in the neighbourhood of Parkhill, Aberdeen, per J. G., 10s; Mrs C. K., Ayr, £5; a Visitor at Cottage Homes, 2s 6d; Found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £1 17 1½d; G. C., for orphans, £1; Miss M'K., £1; J. C., "a witness fee," for the benefit of the orphans, £1 1s; a Friend, Hurlford, per J. S., £2; Two Friends visiting Cottage Homes, 9s; from Miss M'F.'s Bible Class, Eskbank, 8s 2d; Rev. J. S., 5s; T. M'K., Langbank, 14 scarfs, 3 shawls, and 1 piece of cloth; Queen Anne Street U.P. Church Mission School, Dunfermline, per R. M., £2 5s 11d; "To aid you in your work of faith and labour of love" (1 Peter v. 7), £1; Mr T.'s Bible Class and others, Dalkeith, £6 6s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Miss G., per Miss M., 5s; a Friend, Stirling, £1; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 11s 7d; Mrs F., 5s; a Friend, 4s; an Old Lady's work, Partick, 6 pairs worsted hose; Mrs M.P., Eaglesham, quantity of gooseberries; Free St. Mary's Sabbath Forenoon Meeting, Govan, per H. C., £1 3s; Found in Gourcock, R. B., 1s; Legacy left by the late J. B., Brisbane, Australia, per Rev. Dr. F., £10; J. G., per D. W., £1; Mrs A., Cambuslang, £1; from Hamilton, a cloth jacket; Mrs M'A., 2 dozen loaves of bread; Mrs C., parcel of clothing; M. C., parcel of remnants; Clyde Street (Port-Dundas) Sabbath Evening School, per J. W. J., £1; J. M. K., Loch-

goilhead, 10s; Mr M'F., 14 loaves bread; a Friend, Cupar-Fife, per C. R., with the words "Have faith in God," 6s.

August 30.—Thankoffering from Armadale, £5; Miss M., Helensburgh, box of clothing, hats, &c.; F. M., Fonthill, Canada, £1 (this is from one of our first year's boys to help others); Dr S., Annan, Canada, £1; Dr C., 5s.; a Friend, per Miss C., 1s.; Mrs H., Bonchurch, Isle of Wight, £3; a Farmer, for the orphans, £20; collected by two little girls, Irvine, per W. R., 3s. 0½d.; B. & P., Paisley, six boxes corn flour and pearlina and one ewt. starch, for Cottage Homes. The following Donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—From Bonhill Free Church Bible Class, per Rev. Mr C., 10s.; G. K., Aberdeen, 10s.; W. J. M., £1; Miss S., 10s.; from the effects of the late W. G., 5s.; from a Thankful Heart for Mercies Received, £3; from Eglinton U.P. Church S.S., £2 18s. 1d.; Mrs M'F., quantity of bread and biscuit; Mrs A. W., 2s.; T. B. D., a Thankoffering for our safe return from Canada, £10; M. W., a Thank Offering for our safe return, £3; Mrs M'F., four dozen loaves; a farmer, for evangelistic work, £10; A. P., £1; E. J., £1; Mrs S., Largs, 1s.; Misses L., do., £1; Mrs H. K., do., £1; J. B., do., 10s.; Mrs C., do., 2s.; Miss L., do., 4s.; Mr P., do., 2s.; Mrs C., do., 2s.; Mr C., do., 2s. 6d.; Miss J., do., 2s. 6d.; Mrs B., do., 1s. 6d.; A. Y., do., 2s. 6d.; R. S., do., 2s. 6d.; Mrs W., do., 5s. The above sums from Largs were collected by Miss E.

September 13.—Mrs and Miss W., St. Bee's, per C. A., 5s; from the Hangingshaw Sabbath Morning Meeting, per A. B., 16s; from Two Grateful Workers for Cottage Homes, £1; Mrs M., Portobello, £1; collected during last year in Loan Mission S.S., Muiravonside, per Mrs S., 14s; Miss J. D., 4s; "Wigtown," £1; Mrs T., 14 pairs stockings; R. L., £25; Lawrence Kirk Free Church Minister's Bible Class and S.S., per J. C., 13s 3d; Mrs C., 2s; from Crossford Free Church, S.S., £1 5s; Miss E., Hillhead, for Cottage Homes, £5; S. J. and J. R. R., as a thankoffering to take a girl to Canada, £10; a Friend, per Mrs I., box of sweets; J. C., per Mrs G., Auchencairn, 10s; Mr A., Bridge-of-Weir, two baskets of gooseberries for Cottage Homes; Capt. N., London, £1; Mrs B., £1. The following donations have been sent in during last fortnight for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Found in boxes in August, 12s 0½d; a Friend C., £2; W. M., for bread and butter, 10s; "For the comfort of the poor orphans, with Psalms xli. 1-2-3, £1; Pollokshields F.C. S.S., per W. M'Q., £2 5s; Miss C., Barrhead, 5s; Mrs R., 18 pairs socks and three shirts; a Friend visiting the Home, £1; Mr F., a small parcel of books; a Friend, Hamilton, in stamps, "for good work," 2s 6d; a Friend, two picture frames; a Friend, in stamps, 6s 1d; a Friend, £5; a Friend, parcel of girls' clothing; M.S., Aberdeen, 2s 6d; Miss B., do., £2; Miss R., do., 10s; Mrs S., do., £4 7s 6d; A. C. B., do., £1; Mr G., do., £1; Month's collections, Trinity F. Church Schools, per J. K., £3 0s 9d; Miss A. A. B., £1; from St. James' Parish S. S. Society, per J. M'F., £1; Mr M'A., three-and-a-half dozen scones; E. M'K., "saved sweetie pennies," 2s. Found in boxes to 12th inst., £6 8s 9½d. The following donation has been given for building fund of Orphan Cottage Homes, from an old lady, who desires to have a few stones in new Homes, £50.

September 27.—Found in boxes at Orphan Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir, £21 15s 1d; from Aberdeen, "in memory of little Willie's birthday," for Cottage Homes, £1; Mr H., Broomerags, Largs, £1; Mrs R., Largs, 2s 6d; Mrs B., do., 2s 6d; Mrs A. J., do., 2s 6d.—the above sums from Largs were collected by Miss E.; Mrs L., 2s 6d; J. H. B., 10s; Mrs F., Pollokshields, £1; Dr W. B. H., Matlock, £1 1s; Miss M. H. H., Edinburgh, to increase accommodation for emigration, £500; interest on above, £2 19s 6d; W. L., Joppa, £2; collected by Miss N. in Moffat and Liverpool to help keep of a little girl, £10; Mrs P., 10s; Mrs S. and Mrs C., Partick, six pairs stockings and 5s; Miss F., Cellardyke, "a Mite towards the commemoration of opening of the Orphan Homes of Scotland," £4; Mrs G., Wishaw, "as a Freewill Offering in remembrance of the opening of the Orphan Homes," 5s; from Largs, per Miss M., 5s; Dr M., Kirriemuir, £1; from Cupar, with the words, "For your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of these things," £1; Mrs M'N., parcel of *Advisers* and *Band of Hope* for Cottage Homes; Miss M., £1; Mrs A., £1; a Friend at Noon Meeting, 10s; contributions from Children's Class, per W. S., Longforgan, 10s; Mrs M'C., Kilhill, per Miss M., 10s; Mrs M. M., London, per T. B., 5s; Mrs W. W., Denniston, £1; from Cupar, with John xiv. 27, and xvi. 26, £1; G. S., Coatbridge, £5—this friend, though not gaining in business, feels constrained to help the Lord's work; collected at Children's Services in connection with Crosshill Y.M.C.A., per J. B., jun., £2 7s; "a Smoking Flax," 3s 6d; J. P., Tillicoultry, £20; Mrs D. P., Largs, 10s; T. C., do., 10s; Mrs M'M., do., 5s; D. J., do., 5s; Mrs B., do., £1; Miss E., do., 10s—the above sums from Largs were collected by Miss E.; G. B. and A. C. B., Aberdeen, 130 yards wincey; Miss B., do., six pairs stockings. The following donations have been sent in during last fortnight for City Home, Refuge, and Mission Work:—M. A. T., Jedburgh, 10s;

R. L., Aberdeen, 2s 6d; W. J., Langbank, 10s; Mrs M., Prestonkirk, 10s; J. H. N. G., £5; Miss M. D. A., Edinburgh, per A. M., £5; J. R. W., Bellingham, 10s; Tollcross Free Church Sabbath School, per D. S. R., 5s; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 12s 10d; Mrs H., parcel of clothing; Mr S., a jacket; A. P., 10lbs tea; a Friend at Noon Meeting, £1; Stonehouse Sabbath School, per W. S., £2; J. B., Irvine, £1; Evangelical Union Sabbath School, Leith, per J. S., £3 10s 6d; Miss H., Edinburgh, to help poor girls and other needy ones, £10; Mrs C., Ibrox, £1; Mrs R., Lenzie, £5; a Friend, 5s; a Friend, parcel of clothing; W. R. M., Stratford, Canada, four cheeses; J. B. A., £40; Mrs M., parcel of clothing; Canning Street Baptist Church S.S., per J. W., £1; a Working Man, £2; "Fruit from the Parkhill Gardens," Aberdeen, £4; R. H., Kirkcaldy, £3; G. M. C., Edinburgh, parcel of clothing; J. S., Leith, suit of clothes; collected by children during the year at Cottage Homes to help needy cases at City Home, £4 19s. The following donations have been sent in for Orphan Homes of Scotland Building Fund:—F. C., Largs, £5; G. M., £100; G. L., Meigle, £5; "To help to get water for the children," £1.

October 11.—B. Brothers, 10s; from Three Sisters, per R. A. B., six pairs knitted stockings; C. A. R., £10; R. & Son, £1 18s; A. C., Grangemouth, £1; Miss T., Hamilton, per Miss M., 4 pairs knitted stockings; Miss K., Hillhead, 10s; Mrs M., 10s; Mrs S., Melrose, £1; Miss B., Dennistoun, 10s; for the poor orphans, with the words "hitherto hath the Lord helped us," £1; Mrs C., Kinross, text bedmat; Mrs G., Largs, £5; Mrs and Miss M., Dumfries, £5; a Friend, Hillhead, 10s; Dr C., Kelso, 2s 3d; C. M., and W. D.'s pence, Largs; "to help the little boys and girls," 7s 1d; Miss G., do., 2s 6d; Mrs M., do., 3s; Mrs P. L., do., 2s 6d. The above sums from Largs were collected by Miss M. Tarbolton, for Girls' Home, 2s 6d; J. M., 2s 6d; Mrs M., clothing and boots; Mrs F., Duntocher, two parcels clothing; Mrs F., per Miss M., £1; Mrs M., parcel of clothing; from Wigtown, £1; a Friend, Milngavie, £1, per E. H.; E. T., Swansea, 10s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—"A Preacher's Mite," 10s; Mrs S., for alterations, &c., at City Home, £100; Miss H., Pitlochry, 10s; Miss C. M. A. S., do., 6s; found in Boxes to September 30, and Collections in City Hall, £3 0s 6½d; T. T., £10; Miss M'L., 5s; contents of Janet's and Maggie's mission box, Hamilton, 3s; from two little boys in the country, per J. H., £1; Mrs B., for mission work, £1; a Friend at City Hall, 10s; J. M., jun., for mission work, £4; C. C., Rothesay, £1; R. K., T., £2; H. M., Grangemouth, £2; J. N., £1; Mrs E., Largs, parcel of clothing; D. H., Helensburgh, £2; Miss L., do., 12 pairs stockings; Mrs C., do., 4 pairs stockings; D. S., a coat; from Capt. B., Irvine, £1; Cab Hire, £1; a Poor Preacher, 4s; from St. Andrew's Halls, quantity of tea bread. The following has been sent in for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—A. W., for water pipes, £100.

October 25.—J. E., Bridge-of-Allan, to take ten girls to Canada, £100; R. J., 5s, being first week's wages; A. D., per J. C., £1; A. D., for keep of Cottage Homes, £1; M. and J. C., 10s; Mrs F., Lenzie, £1; Miss M. C. R.'s counter-box, Helensburgh, £1; R. C., Greenock, per R. B., £1; Mrs G., Largs, 3 bedcovers; J. K., do., per Mrs G., 10s; W. C., do., per Mrs G., 5s; Miss M'Q., £1; Miss C., 10s; J. M., Ayr, per Miss F., £1; Mrs M'M., Avonbridge, £1; Miss M'Q., 7s; Mrs T., meat; J. K. S., 12 pairs socks; R. R., 2s; J. C., 8s; L. T., Largs, £1; Mrs S., do., 10s; Mrs W., do., 4s 6d; Miss R., do., 2s 6d; a Friend, do., 2s; Mrs B., do., 1s (the above sums from Largs were collected by Miss E.); Mrs C., Inveraray, 10s; from Children at Victoria Hall Sabbath School, Wishaw, per Mrs W., £1; from Servants' Mantelpiece Box, per Miss E. K., 12s 6d; Mrs G., £5; M. G. G., to take a child to Canada, £10; do., for general expenses, £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—J. M., jun., £4; A. B. K., £10; A. P., £2; Mrs M., Strathaven, £5; Capt. L., £1; Mrs S., Stirling, parcel of clothing; Miss L., do., 5s; Miss A. M'P., for Bibles, £1; W. M., for bread and butter, 10s; Mrs R., 6 chemises, &c.; from Grove Street Sabbath School, £1; A. T., £2; R. M., £5; Mrs I., 7s; a Christian Servant and her Friend, County Cork, 3 chemises, crochet petticoat, and 3 pairs of stockings.

Received to 31st Oct.—Found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £2 0s 6d; Mrs S., Gourcock, £1; Mrs W., do., 10s; Miss M., do., 5s; Mrs A., 30 chemises; L. I. G., 3 dozen pairs socks; J. C. J., Crail, £12 10s; R. M'D., £1 1s; R. R., Hamilton, £5; M. G., Gourcock, for Cottage Homes, 10s; P. M., £25; two workers amongst the little ones as a thank-offering, 15s; First-fruits, 7s 6d; two workers in the Homes, 15s; given and collected by Major L., Madras, £3; a Mother, to help to keep the balance on the right side, £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home, Refuge, and Mission Work:—Mrs A., Edinburgh, £2; Miss J. A., do., £1; J. J., Paisley, 8 boxes corn flour and 1 of oatcakes; Mrs M., £2; R. B., Gourcock, £15; Mr R., Stonehouse, 6 vols. *Illustrated London News*; J. R., Paisley, £1; collections at City Hall and found in boxes at Home to date, £13 7s 10d; Miss J., parcel of clothing; Miss R., 6 pairs of stockings; A. and C., £2; Miss L., 51 pairs stockings; Mr M'F., 15 loaves bread; J. A., Crossford, £1.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND AND DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S EMIGRATION HOMES. Dr. ABSTRACT of CASH TRANSACTIONS for the Year ending 31st October, 1879. Cr.

Oct. 31, 1878.	Oct. 31, 1879.
To Balance at date, being Cash in Bank and on hand,	£501 7 4
To Donations received during year,	£3,427 15 1½
" Found in Boxes at Cottage Homes during year,	33 19 0½
" Rent of Nittingshill Farm and Lodge at Cessnock,	83 15 0
" Sums received from other Institutions for Expenses of Children Emigrated to Canada,	164 10 0
" with Attendant,	4 6 1½
" Proceeds of Gifts, Photographs, and Sundry Articles,	88 5 1
" Wages earned by Boys,	2 16 11
" Interest from Bank,	3,755 7 3½

£3,816 14 7½

* This Sum is specially for Enlargements and Alterations at the Govan Road Homes.

GLASGOW, 12th November, 1879.—I have audited the Books containing the Intrmissions of Mr. Quarrier, in connection with the Orphan Cottage Homes, and Destitute Children's Emigration Homes, compared the relative Vouchers and his various acknowledgments of Donations, &c., and hereby certify that the above is a true abstract thereof, that it is correctly stated and vouched, and closes at 31st October, 1879, with a Balance of Twenty-five Pounds Seventeen Shillings and One Halfpenny on hand, and the Sum of Six Hundred and Ninety-Two Pounds Five Shillings and Fivepence in Bank.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

ORPHAN COTTAGE HOMES—BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Oct. 31, 1878.	Oct. 31, 1878.				
To Cash in City of Glasgow Bank at date,	.. ..	£3,463	6	5	
Oct. 31, 1879.	By Balance due,	.. ..	..	..	£35 18 9
To Donations received during year,	£3,159	17	4	
" Interest from Bank,	11	3	7	
" Balance due,	3,171	0	11	
		6	16	3½	
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		£3,641	3	7½	
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	By Payments to Sundry Tradesmen for work done during year,	£5,229	5	10½
	" Interest paid to Bank for use of Money, the whole	15	0	0
	" Balance being locked up in City of Glasgow Bank,	5,244 6 10½
	" Cash due by City of Glasgow Bank,	1,154 10 5
	" Cash in Union Bank,	206 8 7
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					£6,641 3 7½

GLASGOW, 12th November, 1879.—I beg to certify that the Sums in Bank at the credit of the Building Account of the "Orphan Cottage Homes" amount, as stated above, to One Thousand One Hundred and Fifty-Four Pounds Ten Shillings and Fivepence in City of Glasgow Bank, and Two Hundred and Six Pounds Eight Shillings and Sevenpence in the Union Bank of Scotland as at 31st Oct. 1879, against which there is a Cash Balance at same date of Six Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Threepence Halfpenny.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

CITY ORPHAN HOME, REFUGE, AND MISSION. Dr. ABSTRACT of CASH TRANSACTIONS for the Year ending 31st Oct., 1879. Cr.

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

GLASGOW, 12th November, 1879.—I have audited the Books containing the Intrmissions in connection with the City Orphan Home, Refuge, and Mission, compared the Vouchers thereof, and find all correct, closing with the sum of One Hundred and Sixteen Pounds and Fivepence in Bank, against which there is a Cash Balance due of Eight Pounds Four Shillings and Fourpence Farthing.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

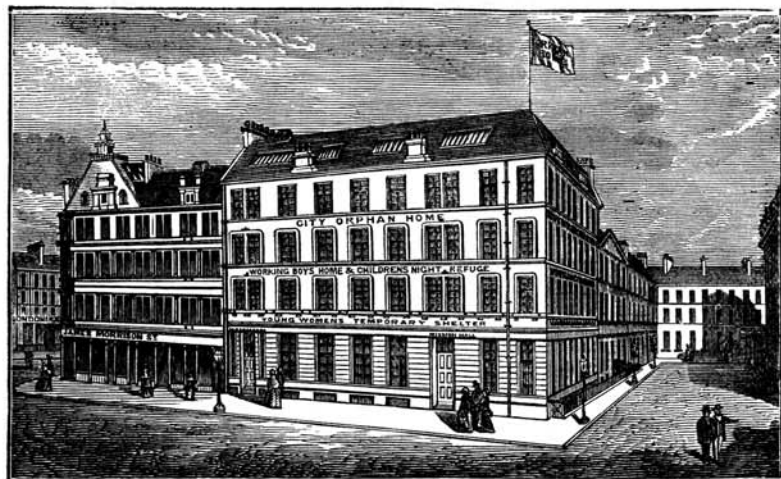
PURCHASE OF GROUND ANNUAL (£3,200) FOR CITY HOME—ACCOUNT.

Oct. 31, 1878.	Oct. 31, 1879.		
To Balance at date, being sum in City Bank,	£112 19 7	By Amount in City Bank on Deposit Receipt, ..	£37 13 3
	.. ..	Do. in Union Bank do., ..	75 6 4
	<u>£112 19 7</u>		<u>£112 19 7</u>

GLASGOW, 12th November, 1879.—This Account is correct, and closes with a balance of One Hundred and Twelve Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Sevenpence in Bank on Deposit Receipt at 31st October, 1879.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

CITY HOME REFUGE AND MISSION WORK.



THE work at the City Home is of such a varied character that were we to enter into anything like details it would extend this narrative to undue bounds. But as it is necessary to give some details of the work done, we will endeavour to condense it, and give as brief an account as possible to enable our fellow-helpers throughout the country to get some idea of what has been accomplished. The City Home work comprises a Working Boys' Home, a Temporary Home for Young Women, Children's Night Refuge, and Evangelistic and Mission work. So many departments of work involve ceaseless mental as well as bodily labour on all the workers connected with it. The class of people who come to us for help being, in the majority of cases, the most destitute, they often try to conceal their previous history and behaviour, and it needs great discernment of character so as to know what and how much help should be given them. The variety of poverty and suffering that comes under our notice, day by day, is so great that we are often at a loss what to do, and while considering these cases we frequently draw upon the promise, "If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." To give help to an impostor never does any good, but a great deal of harm, and, so, till we get an honest statement of facts we never trust them much, and we find we are very seldom imposed upon. Like the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir and Govan Road, this part of the work is dependent on the voluntary donations sent in by friends throughout the country, and if our readers will look at the summary of the year's work and at the balances at the end of each month recorded in other pages, they will see how careful our Heavenly Father has been in supplying our wants from day to day. We thank Him with all our heart, and also the friends whose gifts have enabled us to accomplish so much for His honour and glory.

WORKING BOYS' HOME.

During the year this part of the work has afforded help to not a few destitute lads, a number of whom would otherwise have drifted into the criminal ranks. (See Summary of Year's Work.) When a boy gets over fourteen years of age, and begins to earn a few shillings a week, he thinks he is independent of all outside aid, and, in fact, some of them think they are conferring a favour on us by staying in the Homes. It only needs a little trial, such as the losing of work, to bring such to their senses, and then they are quiet enough. It is no easy task managing them, but we are glad to say that many of the boys are really grateful for what is done for them. When a boy is able for work, we get him a situation, and whatever he earns he gives to the Home; and, in return, he gets 1d. off every shilling for pocket money. We are always willing to help destitute boys, from 14 to 18, who have no one to care for them; and friends knowing of such could help them by recommending them to come to us. A few cases from our History Book will be interesting:—

D. and C. M., 16, 14.—Father died five years ago. Mother a Christian woman, was brought under our notice. When we visited the house we found that she had had to dispose of everything that was moveable, to keep herself and five children. She pled with us to take the boys, as she had a distant relation who would take her, but could do nothing for them.

J. M'L., 17.—Father died twelve years ago. Mother married again, and died three years ago. Step-father, who is a drunkard, put J. out of the house, and would do nothing for him.

R. R., 17.—Father a soldier; died in India. Mother married again, and died also in India. Step-father came home with R., and sent him adrift, to do as he liked. He came to us, begging to be taken in.

TEMPORARY HOME FOR YOUNG WOMEN.

Throughout the year, it has been our privilege to help a large number of young women, from 14 to 25, who were in danger of going wrong, from the temptations besetting them on every hand. Many of these are grateful for what has been done for them, and some of them, we trust, have been brought to know the Saviour, and are now seeking to serve and follow Him in the way. 65 have been placed out in service, which, added to the 133 placed out in three former years, makes a total of 198, who, with few exceptions, are doing well. This part of the work is of itself worth all the money and labour spent on the whole. Any friend wishing us to help destitute girls, from 14 to 25, we will be glad to assist as far as our accommodation will permit. Any one wanting a servant might be suited by applying at the City Home.

A few cases from our History Book:—

M. B., 16.—Father deserted his wife and family nine years ago, and has not since been heard of. Mother is a drunkard, and pawns her children's clothes and puts them out. M. was lodging with a woman of bad character. In a house of two apartments there were three men and their wives and six children, besides this girl and another one. She is now in a situation, and doing well.

J. H.—A woman recommended by a Christian friend. She had been out of work for six months, and a neighbour, a poor woman who lives in a sunk flat, had given her shelter on her earthen floor at nights.

M. B., 14.—Father died five years ago. Mother in a lunatic asylum. Girl destitute. Is now in a good situation.

CHILDREN'S NIGHT REFUGE.

During the year, the Refuge has afforded efficient help to a large number of needy cases. The children are brought to us for a night or

so, and we endeavour to find out their history. Sometimes the stories they tell us turn out to be an entire fabrication of lies, and it is only after much careful examination we are able to find out about them. One can hardly believe that children so young, as some who are brought to us, could make up and tell stories; but the training they receive in the places they are brought up does not teach them any better. We would here state that the Home is open day and night for the reception of any child who may be found sleeping out or begging. As showing the difficulties we have to contend with, in reaching the really deserving, we give a few cases of those who have come to us giving false statements:—

A. C., 13.—Said his parents were both dead, and that he had no friends. On inquiry we found that his father is a well-doing man, but the boy does not like to go to school, and often runs away from home. We restored him to his parents, but he ran away the same night. A few days after we had a letter from Neilston asking us to take in a destitute boy found begging, named A. M.F. The next day A. C.'s father called on us to see if we knew anything of his boy, and we at once suspected that this boy at Neilston would be the same. On going there we found that he was the boy wanted.

M. O. D., 10.—Found sleeping on the stairs of the *Herald* Office and brought to us. Said father died three years ago from a kick from a horse; that her mother deserted her last week, because she was put out of her house. We found out that both her parents are living, and at once restored her to them.

T. M., 15.—Said his father was a colonel in a regiment, and that he had left home because of his stepmother and gone to sea. On inquiry we afterwards found out his father was a tramway guard.

J. R., 7.—For two days he persisted in saying that his parents were both dead, and that he had no friends. One of the workers went with him to try and find out something about him, but after a fruitless search from one place to another he had to be brought back. We tried him by not giving him any breakfast until he told us where he had been living. This had the desired effect; and he told us he had been living at a certain address in Anderston. As this was not enough we still kept his food from him, and he at last acknowledged that his name was J. M.D., and that his parents were living in Coatbridge. We at once restored him to them.

EVANGELISTIC AND MISSION WORK.

For many years past, the Lord has set His seal upon this part of the work in blessing the efforts that have been put forth to bring the Gospel to bear upon the non-church-going portion of our community. We have a Sabbath Forenoon Meeting for young people, at which our average attendance is about 230. A Gospel Meeting each Sabbath evening, with an attendance of from 200 to 500. A Bible Class for young women on Tuesday evening. A Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evening, and a Band of Hope Meeting on Thursday evening. Besides these meetings, four of the large lodging-houses are visited, tracts distributed, and services held in them every Sabbath. We believe God has blessed these services to the salvation of some. Throughout the year we have had eight weeks of special nightly services in the Hall of the Home, and five Sabbath nights in the City Hall, so that tens of thousands have been brought under the sound of the Gospel, and had we space and time at our disposal we could tell of many triumphs of our King in bringing His enemies into submission, as well as in quickening His own children. A hundred thousand tracts have been distributed and some Bibles given away, besides many visits made to the poor in the district by our band of voluntary workers, so that, by all these instrumentalities, we have sought, in season and out of season, to bring men and women to trust Him who "came to seek and to save that which was lost." Although

the Lord has blessed us so much in the past, we are anxious to do more, and are looking to Him to send us £1000, so that we might have a staff of tried and qualified evangelists to send wherever the Lord opens up a place for them, whether in towns, villages, churches, or halls, whose sole aim would be to win souls for Christ, without having respect to any denomination. We think some such agency as this would have the Lord's smile upon it, and we believe it is needed. Who will have the honour of giving the £1000 to make a beginning?

EXTRACTS FROM OUR HISTORY BOOK.

R. and J. J., 8 and 6. Father dead. Mother in prison for drunkenness. Is a woman of bad character.

C. S., 15. Father a drunkard, with no fixed residence. Worked in a tobacco work, but previously sold *Citizens* in the streets for five years.

U. M., 12. A little tramp, covered with sores, sent to us by a missionary in Edinburgh.

R. G., 13. Gave us a wrong name, and said his mother was dead, but some weeks after both father and mother came to us to see if we knew anything of their boy, and on seeing R. they at once knew him. He had left home three weeks before.

W. H. Said his father was dead, but we afterwards found out he was living in Greenock, and sent the boy home.

H. and E. B., 7 and 6. Father and mother dead. The aunt is unable to keep the children, so they are left destitute.

J. H., 10. Father died four years ago. Mother has two children, and is not able to support this one. She is houseless, and has been sleeping on stairs for five nights past.

D. and C. M., 16, 14. Father died five years ago. Mother is utterly destitute, and not able to support the boys. There was no furniture at all in the house, not even a stool to sit on.

M. R., 11. Father died nine years ago. Mother destitute and houseless, and unable to keep M.

M. B., 16. Father left his family nine years ago, and has not since been heard of. Mother a drunkard, and put her children out of the house. Was living in an improper house.

J. B., 13. Father was sentenced to penal servitude for life last December. Mother houseless and destitute.

J. S., 14. Father died two years ago. Mother is entirely destitute, and quite unable to support the boy.

J. C., 9. Father not known. Mother died seven weeks ago. Stepfather a drunkard, and when under the influence of drink put both mother and boy out at night.

J. and J. D., 6 and 4. Father died four years ago. Mother has another child to support, and is unable to keep the two.

M. F., 15. Mother died four years ago. Father at sea.

A. and J. W.—Father died seven months ago. Mother married again, and is at present in prison awaiting trial for assault.

C. W., 12.—Father died some years ago. Mother died last week. The girl has now no home.

A. O., 10.—An orphan. Was living with grandmother, but she died nine weeks ago. Has no one able to keep him.

R. M., 10.—Parents both dead. Stayed with an uncle, but he is a drunkard, and the boy has been sleeping out at night.

W. R., 5.—Father died four years ago. Mother a fortnight since.

E. D., 14.—Mother died two years ago. Father a drunkard, and the boy does not want to have anything to do with him. Has been selling papers on the streets.

A. J., 8.—Father died when A. was four days old. Mother destitute, has been out of work, and had nothing in the house when we visited her.

W. and J. S., 10 and 7.—Father when drunk was drowned in the Kelvin about three years ago. Mother since then has tried to support 4 children, but she has fallen into bad health. There was nothing in the house. Got her taken to the Infirmary where she died.

R. R., 6.—Father deserted mother and child some years ago. Mother an invalid.

J. Y., 7.—Father a sailor, left for Sydney four years ago and has not since been heard of. Mother leading an immoral life. Grandmother who has brought up J. is now unable to keep him.

SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S WORK.

THE COTTAGE HOMES, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR.—The year commenced with 37 children; 73 new cases have been taken in, which, added to above, makes 110 in all. They are accounted for as follows:—Sent to Canada, 18 (these had to be sent to the Cottage Homes for training, from want of room in the Govan Road Homes); died, 2; sent to work, 1; adopted by friends, 3; returned to friends, 3; leaving at present in the Homes, 83.

CESSNOCK AND NEWSTEAD HOMES.—The year commenced with 74 children; 113 new cases have been taken in—making in all 187. They are accounted for as follows:—Sent to Canada, 72 (these, with 18 from the Cottage Home and 13 from City Home, make the total of 103 sent to Canada this year); to Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir, 9; returned to friends, 14; left the Home, 10; 1 died, leaving at present in the Homes 81.

CITY ORPHAN HOME.—The year commenced with 90 children—60 boys and 30 girls. During the year we have taken in 222 boys and 183 girls, making a total of 495 cases, and a total of nights' shelter of 32,854, or an average of 90 each night during the year. The 495 cases of young persons of both sexes are accounted for in the following:—

I. BOYS.—83 have been sent to Cessnock and Newstead, Govan Road; 32 to Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir; 3 to Canada; 41 restored to parents and friends; 6 left at their own request; 5 ran off; 6 were placed in farm service; 6 in the Cumberland Training Ship (6 from ditto paid us a visit and were returned); 1 was sent to Antwerp; 2 to New York; 18 were sent to relatives in various towns, viz.:—1 to Dublin; 2 to Belfast; 1 to Londonderry; 1 to Stonebridge; 1 to Sunderland; 1 to London; 1 to Dundee; 1 to Musselburgh; 3 to Ayr; 3 to Greenock; 1 to Dumbarton; 1 to Strathaven; 1 to Kirkintilloch; 2 were imprisoned by their employers for theft; 7 working lads have gone to lodgings; 13 were dismissed for bad conduct; 7 absconded with clothing and wages; 2 went to sea; 1 little fellow of 2 years was adopted; 1 placed in the Royal Navy. On 1st inst. there were 46 boys and young men in the City Home.

II. GIRLS.—23 were sent to Girls' Home, Govan Road; 32 to Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir; 65 young women were placed in service, who, with few exceptions, are doing well (a number of those placed out in former years are still in their first situations, and giving satisfaction); 18 were restored to their parents and friends; 10 were sent to Canada; 2 to New York; 1 to Boston, U.S.; 1 to Craigie School, Perth, en route for South Africa; 2 ran away; 2 dismissed for bad conduct; 1 went to lodgings; 3 left of their own accord; 14 were sent to their various towns and places of residence, viz.:—2 to Ireland via Belfast; 1 to Dublin; 1 to Edinburgh; 1 to Dundee; 1 to Dalkeith; 1 to Dunoon; 1 to Helensburgh; 1 to Greenock; 3 to Whitburn; 2 to Coatbridge; 2 were removed by death; 37 remain in the Home. In all, we have received 213 girls and young women—which, added to 282 boys, gives a total of 495.

During the year we have permanently helped, or put in the way to help themselves, 424 children and young people, and in the same time temporary shelter has been given to 189, which added to the above gives a total of 613 who have passed through the Homes. 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 1500 men, women, and children, in different stages of destitution and distress, have during the past year received advice or assistance at the City Home. For many of these we have been indebted to friends for

lines of admission to the Royal and Western Infirmaries, 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, and many widows have had assistance to pay rent, and been otherwise helped. In addition to the above there is an Evangelistic and Mission work, which, in answer to prayer, has been owned of God in blessing to hundreds of souls.

The amount received during the year, in answer to prayer, for the General Fund, which includes the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir, Cessnock, and Newstead, including earnings of boys, has been £3590 17s. 3½d.; for City Home Refuge and Mission work, including earnings of boys, £1993 3s. 5½d.; and for Orphan Cottage Home Building Fund, £3159 17s. 4d. Total amount received this year for all purposes, £8743 18s. 0¾d. We may well say, What hath God wrought? Still we are looking to Him to do more in the year that is to come. Is there not a need for it? Will our partners pray to God that more may be done by "the name of His holy child Jesus?" £2000 will be needed for keep of the Govan Road Homes this year. 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. Many people express their astonishment that we receive so much money without any one being called on, forgetting that God holds the hearts of all men in His hands, and can say to one "Go, and he goeth, and to His servant, Do this, and he doeth it." To those who know God's interest, as revealed in His Word, in the orphan, the fatherless, and the destitute, it will not seem strange that He should provide so liberally as He does. "The fathers ought to provide for the children," and so God provides material as well as spiritual blessings for His little ones. Whilst grateful for and rejoicing in what has come into our hand, our wonder is that there is not more sent by those who delight to give, and that freely, of their substance to the Lord's work. We are desirous that this work should stand out as a testimony to the sceptic, that God does hear and answer prayer, and that His children act from motives different to the world. The privilege of giving of our substance to the work of the Lord, we believe, is as acceptable to Him as the preaching of the Gospel or any other piece of personal work. The motive we have in giving is what we should keep in view, that whatsoever we do, we should "do it heartily as unto the Lord and not unto men."

We have long had the desire to be able to rescue permanently one child every day, which would be three hundred and sixty-five in the year, besides the number we might have in the Homes. Of course we would require more cottages and increased means to keep them, but we believe the Lord will send this in due time. We would also like to extend the evangelistic work, and we are looking for £1000 for this purpose. We do bless God for all the generous practical sympathy of our fellow-helpers in the past, and pray that He may supply all their own needs "out of his infinite fulness by Christ Jesus, to whom be glory for ever. Amen."

CONCLUSION.

The times in which we live are marked by an increased interest in prayer, and as a result of this, an increase of power diffused over the whole Church of Christ. It is true that some scientific men seek to lay down tests to prove that God never moves from His fixed laws, and therefore, they say, it is vain to pray to God for material or other blessings we may need. They imagine they are independent of the God of heaven, and of course they are ignorant of the laws He has made for the guidance of His own children in all their concerns. The least of God's children knows that God directs the steps of those who acknowledge Him in all their ways, and many a faithful minister and worker have proved from happy experiences that when they take hold of God's promises, and plead them, He bends His ear unto them, and hears their cry. Has He not said, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it?" and will He fail to keep His word? Wherever there is a felt need and a living trust in Him "who giveth us all things richly to enjoy," there is sure to be an answer to our prayers. It may come while we are speaking with God, or it may be years before He sees fit to grant our request, or we are prepared to receive it; but it will come in His good time. The Lord is not only the hearer of prayer, but the preparer of the heart. "Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble; thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear" (Psalm x. 17). In giving a few instances of how God has answered prayer in the past year in our own experience, we do so that our readers may be led to trust Him more with their concerns. Whilst the whole work from the beginning till now is a testimony to God's faithfulness in answering prayer, we have had many instances of special prayer answered. In the healthiness of the children, the spiritual blessing bestowed upon the evangelistic work, the supply of the daily needs of such a large family, and in the unworthiness of the instruments He has chosen to do this work for Him we see God working in answer to the many prayers that ascend to Him day by day on our behalf. In the beginning of the year we prayed that God would enable us to rescue 100 more children this year than in previous ones, and that He would send the means to keep them. This God has done in a most abundant way, and we bless Him for it. We also asked for £1000 for emigration expenses, and that it might be sent in before the day the children would sail. We believed God would give us this although things around would have led us to doubt, and so three days before the day of sailing every penny of the £1000, which is about £500 more than we needed in past years, had been sent in. To God be all the praise.

For many years we have been burdened for want of accommodation in the Govan Road Homes, and eighteen months ago we began to pray in earnest about it, that God would send us £500 to enlarge and make alterations. On November 23rd we received £10 towards this special object, and we took it as an earnest from the Lord that He would send the £500. Day after day we kept looking for it until, in the middle of September, a friend from Edinburgh said it had been laid upon her

heart to give £500 for the extension of the emigration work. Our hearts rejoiced before the Lord for His answer to our request for this special object, and we believe the dear friend who gave the amount will also rejoice that so many more poor children will be helped by her generous gift. Many other instances might be given, but these will suffice to shew that God does hear prayer for special needs, even of a material kind, and answers in His own time and way. We are looking into the unknown future, in the confident expectation that God will bless us more than He has done, and will supply the £5000 for the General and City Home work, money for more buildings at the Cottage Homes, and the £1000 for new evangelistic efforts. Will our fellow-helpers pray for us, that our faith fail not, but that we may go from strength to strength, realizing more and more, day by day, that the everlasting God is with us, and that He has said, "Fear thou not, I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

In bringing this Narrative to a close, there are many things we could say that would awaken the deepest sympathies of even the most careless, and in all likelihood lead them to give, but as our object is, as we said at the beginning, to glorify God and to edify His children, we refrain from doing so. We have only given a touch here and there of the suffering we have had to deal with, so that our readers may get a glimpse of their own obligations to their Master who has done so much for them. At one time we would have rejoiced more in being able to help ten children than we do to-day in the 424 we have permanently helped in the year just closed, besides the hundreds of others casually in the same time. The more we help the more we see needing help, and while we rejoice in what the Lord has permitted us to do for Him, our hearts are filled with sorrow when we see so much destitution amongst the little ones, and think of how much might be done. There are at present 250 children in the Homes to provide daily bread for, besides the other responsibilities of the work, and we are looking forward to rescue 200 more in this coming year. We will need £2000 for the keep of the City Home, and for the Cottage Homes and the Govan Road Homes, £3000—in all £5000. It takes four tons of bread every month for our large family, besides all the other provisions, so that our weekly expense is about £100. We will need hundreds of dresses, underclothing, and boots and shoes for girls and young women; hundreds of suits of clothes, stockings, and boots for boys. Old or new clothing will be acceptable, as in most cases the things the children enter with are so filthy they have to be destroyed. In specifying the above articles wanted, we do so that friends may know what will be most useful to us. £100 will be the means of rescuing ten children and placing them in good homes in Canada, £50 will rescue five, and £10 will rescue one. We feel sure that God will supply all our needs through His stewards. Many of the friends could give the £5000 for the year's, and others might give £100 for a week's expenses; but whether it come in thousands, hundreds, fifties, tens, half-crowns, or shillings, we believe the Lord "will supply all our need, according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." We

would like to see more cottages added to the group, as the one which is nearly finished will not be long in being filled with children. Our desire is to have others ready when the Lord sends the little ones to be taken care of. £1300 is the cost for a cottage to house 30. The £500 sent in to increase the accommodation for emigration cases has enabled us to take a larger house, which will make room for twenty more girls, and also to make improvements in Cessnock. The Girls' Home will in future be at Elmpark, Govan Road. What a privilege the Lord affords us to care for Him in helping His little ones! Has He not said, "Whoso receiveth one such little child in my name receiveth me"? "Brethren, pray for us."

The daily work is of such a laborious character (see Summary of the Year) that we could not accomplish it were it not for the daily grace the Lord bestows upon us, and for the efficient help given by our assistants in the various Homes. Besides my own time, which is fully occupied, as well as that of my family, we have many voluntary helpers who give of their spare time. Amongst these is our fellow-helper, Mr. R. H. Hunter, who has from the first given us his valuable assistance, and who took my place during our absence in Canada; Mr. Wm. J. Stewart, who has all along taken a great interest in the evangelistic and mission work, and whose labours have been instrumental in the conversion of many; the band of about fifty workers from various churches who visit the low lodging-houses, distribute tracts, assist at Sabbath morning meeting, and otherwise help in the work of the mission. We rejoice in the practical sympathy and help of the ministers of the various churches in the city and throughout the country, whose kindness and cheering words have stimulated us many a time when we were ready to faint. We have been much helped by ladies sending clothing for our little ones, and assisting us with sewing. We have also been greatly cheered during the year by the gifts from Sabbath scholars and teachers; and 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 indebted for the professional services of Mr. James Hutton, who has audited our books since the beginning; Dr. Aitken, Govan; Drs. Henderson and Laidlaw, Glasgow; Dr. Syme, Kilmalcolm; &c.; also to Mr. Davidson, who provides 'buses for our *children* on special occasions. We are under obligation 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."

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.

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.

CLASSES OF CHILDREN ADMITTED INTO THE HOMES.

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

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

CITY HOME AND REFUGE, JAMES MORRISON STREET.—Children, 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 Elmpark 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 the Bridge-of-Weir Station by sending a post card to Mr. Alexander, carriage hirer, who will convey friends to and from the Homes, waiting an hour there, for 2s. for two, and 1s for each person additional.

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.

Those who carefully read through this Narrative will rejoice to see how much has been accomplished, and that, too, at so small a cost. 424 children have been permanently helped, about 150 of whom will be no further burden on our funds. Were we to keep at home all the children rescued, there would be an increase of expenditure and a filling up of the houses that would prevent us helping anything like the number we now do. In addition to these, 189 have been temporarily helped in the Home, and there is also the evangelistic and mission work. While we rejoice in all that is being done for children by other agencies, we know of none that accomplishes so much good at so small an outlay as our own. There are some who believe that work such as ours should be done by the Government, but we feel sure the majority of Christians share in the conviction we have, that the less it has to do with the work of the Church of Christ the better for the spiritual life of the community. God gives freely, and He delights in all voluntary work for Him, and in the freewill offerings of His people.

Some friends have been kind enough to mention the Homes in their wills; and, as others may do so, we 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., may be sent to City Home, James Morrison Street, or if a post-card is sent, a messenger will call for any parcel.

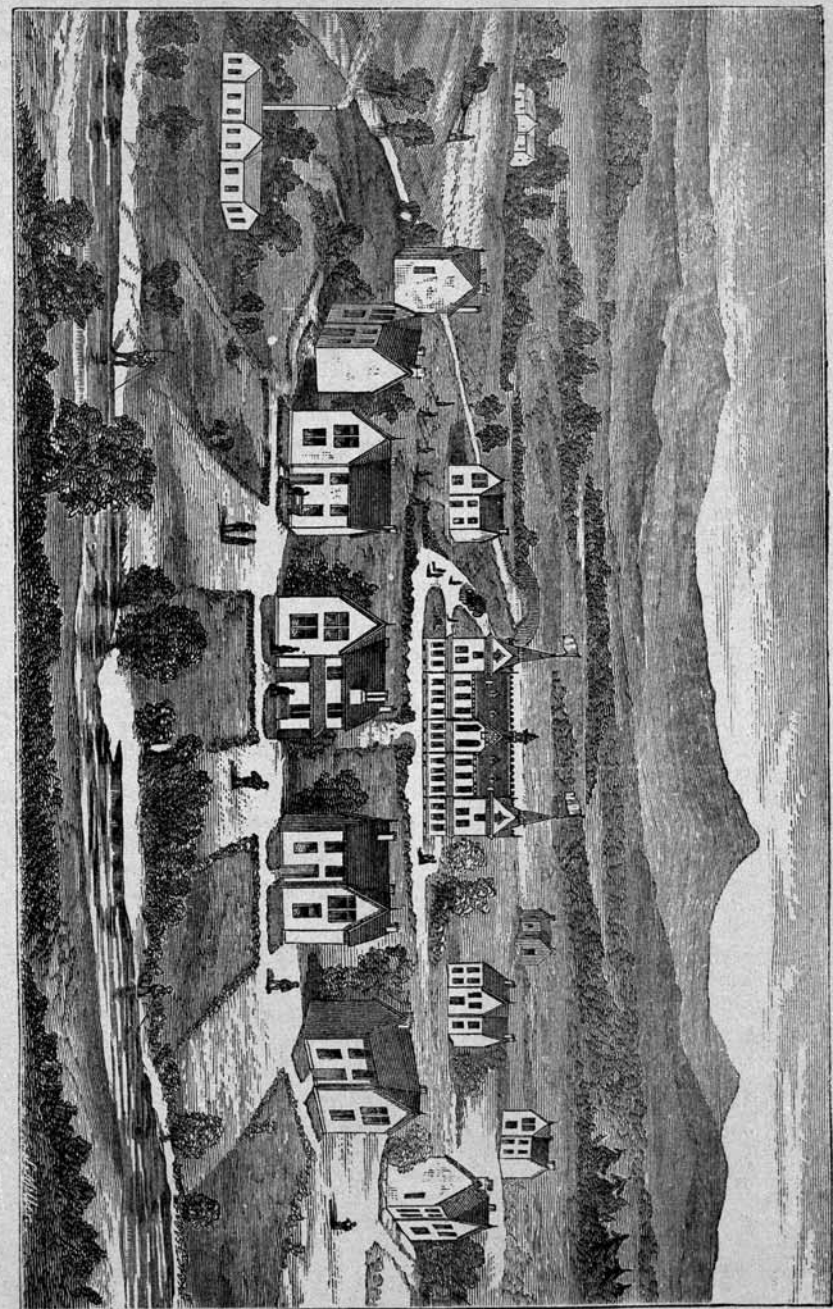
Donors sending money can have it placed to whatever part of the work they name, either to the General Fund, which includes the keep of the Orphans at the Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir, Cessnock and Elmpark Homes, Govan Road, or to the City Home, Refuge and Mission Work, or to the Orphan Cottage Homes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

WM. QUARRIER.

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3. No. 2 COTTAGE, named "Glasgow Home."
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