

"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 ELEVENTH YEAR, ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1882.
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.

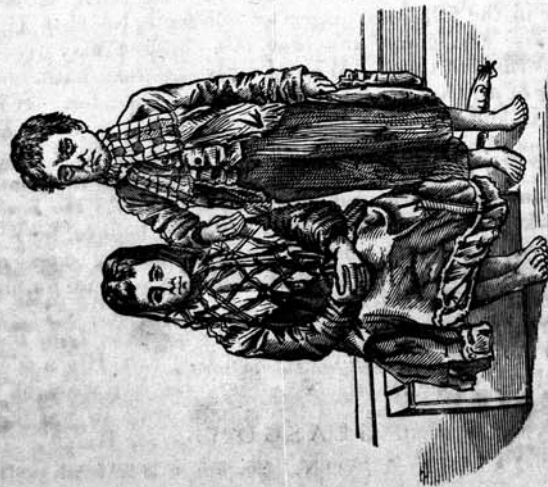
GIRLS' HOME,
ELMPARK,
GOVAN ROAD.

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

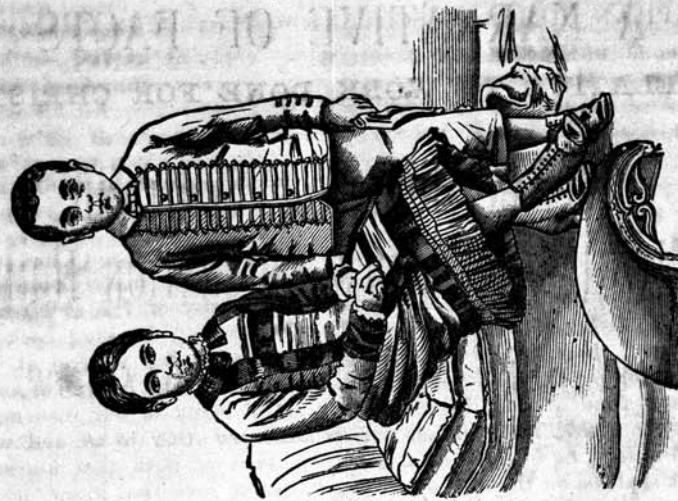
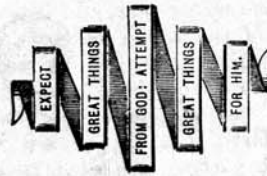
"Naked, and ye clothed me."

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

PRICE THREEPENCE.



B. & J. H. as taken in. Father died in Hospital two years ago; Mother houseless and sleeping out.



B. & J. H. as sent to Canada. Now in good Homes there, and doing well.

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

NARRATIVE OF FACTS,
1882.

MY DEAR FELLOW-HELPERS,—Another year of the work has passed, and we are once more privileged to record the marvellous loving-kindness of our God and the generous sympathy of His children who have contributed towards the results of the year. Looking back upon the way, there are so many points of interest that we feel at a loss in beginning to speak of them, as the size of the Narrative and the limited time at our disposal, and that of many of our readers, prevent us giving many details which are interesting to us, and would, we feel sure, be so to them also. In a work of faith that knows not what shall be on the morrow, and a labour of love that knows no limit in spending that the objects of its solicitude may be helped, there is almost every day sufficient fresh material to write a book as large as is at our disposal for the whole year, and it is in condensing matters so as to retain the union of the whole and give a faithful outline, that we feel straitened in beginning to give an account of the eleventh year of our trust in the Lord, and the eighteenth of our work among poor children. None of us could have told at the beginning what the year would bring forth, nor the blessed results that would be accomplished. On our part we were led to expect greater things than in former years, and were able to have faith in God that it would be even so. How He has honoured this trust it shall be our endeavour in the following pages to tell forth, so that He may have all the praise and glory, and that His children may receive blessing from the perusal of them. We can truly say there hath not failed one good thing of all that He had caused us to hope for. It is not there have been no difficulties or doubts by the way, for there has been no lack of these; but the Lord's promise has been realized throughout the whole year, and has enabled us to triumph in tribulation and to rejoice, although sometimes with trembling, in the blessings He has vouchsafed to the work. The spiritual results have, we believe, been more than in former years, the number of needy, perishing ones rescued and helped has been greater, the amount of money sent in for maintenance larger, so that we have good reason to call upon our helpers and all who shall read this record to join in ascribing to the Lord the glory and the honour and the power, for they are His, and His alone. He has wrought all our works in us; nay, more, He has wrought us for the self-same thing that we should bring forth fruit in waiting, working, giving, praying, or whatever He calls us to do for Him.

From last year's cash statement it would be seen that there was little over a week's provision on hand to begin the year with, and our needs for maintenance were £20 a day—£140 a week. Day by day the Lord

has sent in through His children in different parts of the country the necessary supplies—as will be seen from the following extracts from our diary—and at the close of the year we stand as at the beginning, owing no man anything, but with increased responsibilities to face. The amount sent in for all purposes during the year has been £12,613 17s., and in the same time 818 children and young people have passed through the Homes. Thousands of poor people have received temporary assistance, and the gospel has been preached to thousands more.

November 1, 1881.—On this the first day of our 11th year we have received along with other gifts £5 from an old helper “to be used in the good works in which you are engaged, and heartily wishing you all success and happiness, and that the Master whom you serve may continue to smile upon you.” We heartily join with our friend in the prayer for the Master’s smile. Without it how fruitless would be our work!

November 9.—From Dumfriesshire £10, and from a S.S. £5. For the last few days very little has come in, and we were a little downcast, remembering our responsibilities, but to-day an unknown friend left two twenty pound notes in an envelope in the letter-box, and it supplies the lack of the days past—the Lord reward the giver. We took in a brother and sister, twins, whose father was killed on the railway. The poor mother is houseless, and was in the poorhouse, but rather than have her children brought up there she willingly handed them over to us. She told us she had prayed we might be inclined to take them. A boy of 16, whose appearance proved the truth of his statement, that he had been sleeping on stairs for the last three weeks, was also taken in. A poor widow who buried her three daughters within two years, and is now nursing the sick child of one of them, was helped with a month’s rent.

November 10.—A friend sent us £50 for the rent of Girls’ Home. We took in two sisters and a brother orphans. The father died two years ago, and the mother last week. They were not what they should have been, and it is a blessing for the children that they have been removed. Also a boy of 12 years whose father died 10 years ago, and the mother is in the poorhouse, paralyzed and quite helpless. The boy was found on the street at midnight, and brought to us by a Sabbath-school teacher.

November 14.—From Macduff £2 2s. reached us to-day, along with £1, “as the Lord has blessed the sale of knitting, &c., and as a thank-offering for special mercies,” and £3 3s. from an old helper. In our extending work the gifts of old helpers lead us to believe God will in the future supply all our needs by enabling them to give more largely, as well as by raising up new givers. Two children of 9 and 11 were taken in. The father is dead and the mother, although once in comfortable circumstances, is now very destitute. Also, three little boys of 6, 9, and 11. The father is in an asylum hopelessly insane. The mother died a few weeks ago, leaving the children without a friend able to care for them. God careth for the fatherless and the orphan, and we do praise Him for the privilege of being instruments in His hand to gather in the outcast. We paid a young woman’s fare to Alexandria and helped other needy ones. So many are applying for help we wonder what is to be done with them in the coming winter.

November 17.—A legacy of £1000 (less £100 of legacy duty) left by the late Miss Gordon of Paisley, reached us to-day. We are not aware of ever having met this friend, but believe she at one time visited the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir and was greatly delighted with what the Lord was doing. Her gift is most opportune, and comes to us as a reminder of our covenant-keeping God who goes before and prepares our way for us. A friend also sent us £25, and an unknown one a large cheese. In many ways the Lord supplies our needs. Three boys, 7, 9, and 11, were admitted to-day. Father dead, and the mother quite incapable of looking after them. The Poor Inspector says she is bad, pawns the children’s clothes, and drinks all she can lay her hands on. What a blessing for the children to be removed from the influence of such a mother!

November 18.—Yesterday scarlet fever broke out among the children at Bridge-of-Weir, and this morning the sad news reached us that two girls in Glasgow Cottage were down with it. Our eyes are unto the Lord in this time of trouble to bless the means used and to restore the sick ones to health again.

November 19.—Went down to Bridge-of-Weir and found other three girls down with the fever; so separated all the other children in the cottage to central building, and trust with God’s blessing the trouble may not spread further.

November 22.—From Glasgow, £3. From Edinburgh, £5. The following letter from a missionary in Edinburgh also reached us to-day:—

I again appeal for some help, not for the lame boy for whom I asked your advice in October, but for one of his brothers, a lad little over eight years. As I mentioned in my last letter, there are four of a family. This is the oldest, and the mother is very anxious to get him into a home, for she is not able to provide for them; her youngest one is only ten months old. Her husband deserted her more than twelve months ago and has not been heard of since. She provided for them by hawking, but as she is a little given to drink, they are sadly neglected, and she knows it, and is now expressing a desire that the Lord might take some of them to Himself. They are nice children, and if you see your way to take this one in you will greatly oblige.

This is a sad case for the woman who has been deserted, but were we to take in such, the Homes would be full of them and no room left for the orphans and fatherless children, of whom the Lord says, “Leave thy fatherless children, and I will preserve them alive.” We feel sad at having to refuse admission almost every day to such cases. The law of our land is at fault when a man can leave his wife and children to be a burden to others, and it ought to be rectified.

November 25.—£5 came from Helensburgh, two pairs of blankets from Edinburgh, and twelve loaves from Bridgeton; also £3 from London with the following letter:—

Thanks for your Report, which it does my heart good to read. The Lord has done great things for you. Only believe, and you shall see still greater things. May the Lord give larger hearts to His people, and lead them to attempt great things for His work upon earth. Some I know have resolved to be their own executors, and have the happiness of distributing of their substance while living. Such, I think, are wise stewards. I have much pleasure in handing the enclosed for your blessed work.

This friend is one of those who has a right view of his obligations to his Master in disbursing in his own lifetime the means God has given him, leaving the generations to come to do their own share of work. The Lord gives opportunities of giving and working, and there will be sorrow at the end if we fail in taking advantage of them. Yesterday

a Christian widow sent us £1, saying, in her letter, "It comforts the heart of a tender mother, when reading of the misery of thousands of children whom she would fain rescue, but cannot, to know of so many gathered in from the streets, set in a family, laid to rest in warm beds, fed with wholesome, nourishing food, and taught to know Jesus as the Bread of Life." We have to thank God for hundreds thus cared for, and would ask our friends to pray with us that, in the year before us, if the Master tarry, many hundreds more may be snatched from the grasp of the destroyer.

November 28.—The following from Glasgow, along with £17 5s. from other quarters, came in :—

A Report of your work among the outcasts I found upon my table the other day. How it came there I do not know; but it so interested me that I have to ask your kind acceptance of the enclosed £2, as a very small contribution towards your current expenses.

We cannot tell either how the Report reached our friend; but anyway the Lord has moved his heart to give, and we thank Him for it. We took in a cripple boy who wants to learn a trade; also a little boy of 11, from Greenock, whose father was once well off; helped three unfortunate ones, and pointed them to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." We thank God for the opportunities He gives us of speaking to many who are out of the way, and trust His blessing will accompany the words.

December 1.—Amid much to discourage and annoy, the gift of £100, from the neighbourhood of Greenock, with the words: "Make you His service your delight. He'll make your wants His care," greatly cheered us. It was as if God had said, "Fear not; what can man do unto you?" Oh! for more grace, not to lean on earthly props, but on Him who never fails.

December 3.—From Hamilton we received £1 as a thankoffering for recovering mercies. The friend who sends it says: "I received your two Reports. I read the one, and then sent them both on their mission to speak for themselves, with the hope that He who has the hearts of all under His control might open the hearts of those who have the means to give of their abundance towards your scheme for rescuing the poor and destitute." We thank our friend for her practical help, and trust others may "go and do likewise."

December 7.—A Christian friend who has sent frequently to our necessities, to-day sent 3s., with the following letter:—"I was glad to get your two Reports. I rejoice with you at all the Lord's past goodness and mercy, and His own word comes to my mind at the present moment: 'Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him and He shall bring it to pass.' May you and all your co-workers ever be enabled to do this, that you may, with perfect confidence, 'go forward and abound in every good work.' May your own soul be continually replenished and refilled."

December 13.—To-day an old servant, who has for many years given part of her wages to the Lord's work in our hands, gave £5 as part of some money that had been left her. We thank God for laying it on her heart to give as well as for giving her the means. It is one of the many ways in which He supplies our need for the family and work. We took

in two little children of three and six. The mother is dead, and the poor father, a hopeless paralytic, has other two children to look after. We also helped a number of other cases.

December 14.—The following note received to-day encouraged us to go on in our endeavours to rescue the perishing:—

Enclosed you find a cheque for £2, which, please, put to use in what you consider the best way for the benefit of the orphans. Your last note came duly to hand acknowledging receipt of £2 which I sent you. I thank you very much for your kind and prayerful wishes; and, as it seems to strengthen you in your good work, I may mention to you that nineteen years ago I was as badly off as any you have been the means, in the Master's service, of succouring. This also accounts in a great measure for my interest in the orphans.

During the eighteen years of our work we have been the means of rescuing not a few from misery and sin who are now in respectable positions in this and other lands. That they in their turn may be the means of helping others like this friend is our prayer.

December 20.—From Fifeshire the following came to hand to-day :—

Kindly accept the enclosed, being 5s. for your poor children, also 2s. 6d. from a "Christian Servant." Many thanks for your interesting Report. I felt greatly refreshed and stimulated by reading it, and much delighted also to hear such testimony borne to the love and faithfulness of our "covenant-keeping God." "He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

December 30.—£5 from England reached us to-day and the following letter :—

I have long felt much sympathy with your work, and have read with interest your Reports from year to year; but, at the recent conference in Manchester, I had the pleasure, for the first time, of hearing about your rescue work from your own lips. The magnitude of your work at present is a grand testimony to the power of faith. I trust that very many of your well-wishing friends in both England and Scotland will act out your closing appeal at Manchester, and "pray for the worker, that he may be kept in humble dependence." I feel it a privilege to be able to send the enclosed contribution towards the support of your numerous family.

It was with difficulty we were able to leave the work and attend the conference; but, believing it to be the Lord's will that we should go and testify to His faithfulness, we did so, and trust the word spoken may be blessed to His children and to the furtherance of His cause. Many other gifts sent to-day. A Govan joiner sends £1 as interest on money in savings bank; a working woman, 10s. as a thankoffering to the Lord for the countless mercies of the year.

December 31.—From Helensburgh the following came to-day :—

I enclose £1 for your Cottage Homes, collected in the counter box, the freewill offering of friends, and what is rather singular, all the regular contributors are almost, without exception, widows and orphans—a circumstance which came forcibly to my mind the other day, and which I trust will not lessen the value of the offered mites in your eyes. God direct, strengthen, and guide you in your grand and glorious work!

These little tokens of interest dropped into our friend's counter box are, we feel sure, as acceptable to the Master as the widow's mite put into the treasury of the Temple in the days of our Saviour on earth. The sympathy of which they are the expression leads us to take hold of God on behalf of those who sent the gifts and those who are benefitted by them. Thus the year 1881 closes with much to encourage us, and great reason to trust in the unknown future Him who has never failed nor disappointed us.

January 3.—Yesterday the children in the Glasgow Homes were gathered together and enjoyed the special dinner and tea provided through

the kindness of friends for them, as also the Christmas trees; and to-day, the other children at Bridge-of-Weir enjoyed the same. The beautiful hall of the Central Building, decked with little touches of evergreens, looked better than ever, and when the rows of well-covered tables were surrounded with the happy little ones, it was a sight long to be remembered. In the evening, after a hearty tea, the children for hours entertained the friends and each other by well-rendered recitations and singing. It was, to us, a very pleasant time, and led us anew to thank God for the many little ones rescued from misery and sin and placed under the shelter of these Homes. The many gifts friends send specially for the children's treat relieved us from all anxiety, and as we looked on their happy faces and joined in their merriment, we could not but regret that those who had sent of their abundance had not been with us to share the joy it produced.

January 4.—From Keswick, £2; from Argyleshire, £2; from Helensburgh, £4; and from Coatbridge, £5 have come to-day, along with 5s. which a working man put into our hand on the street, saying, "That will help to keep your large family." Thus has the Lord supplied our needs for the opening year, encouraging us to go forward. At the City Home we took in a boy and a girl, and helped a number of others. We had great annoyance from a woman who came demanding back her three children, who have been in the Home for some time. The father died in the poorhouse, and they were starving when she came to us, and she is no better off now. Before admitting them we waited some time to allow her to make up her mind, so that she might have no reflections. It is sad for us to have to return those who have been under our care to want and misery again, but as the Homes were never meant for prisoners, we have to do so, although in many cases we know it will be the ruin of the children. The friends of not a few whom we have returned have come again and again to us expressing their regret that they ever were so foolish as to remove them, as they have found to their sorrow their utter inability to control or make anything of them. To-day we also returned a boy who came to us a week ago, saying his parents were dead. It would have been better for the boy had such been the case. As it is, they are both alive, drunken and miserable—indeed, a worse-looking man than the father we have seldom seen. We did regret to let the boy go with them, and have too good reason to fear that he is another lost case that will one day be up before the Circuit Court, and probably cost the country no small sum. If the Magistrates had power to control the streets, many of this class might be saved independently of the parents who are so unfit to have charge of them.

January 5.—From Belfast £5; from Dumbarton £1; the contents of little one's penny-box, 5s.; and half of a little boy's savings, 4s. 6d., came to hand to-day. It is a pleasure to us to see little ones whom God has favoured sending of their own store to help others who have had a very different experience from them, and we believe that what is early instilled into them will in after days bring forth fruit more abundantly. We took in to-day a little boy of 10 years. "Mother is bad and much given to drink," was the history sent from the Police-Office with him. On inquiry we found out he had been put out of the house eight days

ago by his inhuman mother, and had been sleeping on stairs ever since. The poor child has a weak back and otherwise much in need of care. Another orphan boy who has been singing on the streets here and in other towns also found shelter with us. He is, we trust, another "arab" rescued, if we can by God's grace tame and bring him into a better way of living. We also paid the fare to Belfast of a young woman, and helped and advised many other applicants. We were kept for two hours and a-half at the City Home dealing with them. It is a privilege to be able to shelter and help such as the above, and we continually praise our Father in Heaven for the means He sends to enable us to do it.

January 7.—Late last night a letter came from the Cottage Homes informing us that in the storm yesterday one of the large chimney heads of the central building had fallen through the roof doing considerable damage, but without hurt or loss of life. We are truly thankful for the preserving care of our Father notwithstanding the trouble which calls for patience. At the same time we received £20 from an anonymous friend under the name of "Maggie." Her gifts have encouraged us before, and this one does so again amid the trials of the way, as it will provide for the tea and supper for the street children which we have been waiting on God for. Thus does He send blessing with trial, and trial with blessing. Another friend sends us a parcel with the following note:—"I have forwarded to you to-day 6 jackets which I got from our family draper. Wishing you much prosperity in your own soul, and much success in your effort for the good of others." The prayers of our helpers are to us of great value, and strengthen us to have faith in God for all our need. In answer to prayer, the Lord has been pleased to stay the fever at Bridge-of-Weir, and raise up all who were sick, for which we praise Him.

January 17.—The meeting of 700 street children passed off successfully, and although we had over 50 helpers to give out tea, bread, &c., not a few of the young ones managed to get more than their share. It was a difficult matter to bring home guilt to them, as they could look in our faces and swear they had got nothing. A great many were unable to gain admission; while the pies for supper were being carried from the bakers to the Hall they laid siege and managed to secure two or three dozens, and so deprived some of those inside of their expected supper. The fact that some not so fortunate as they in getting into the Hall had at least got a portion of the good things, although not in an honourable way, was appreciated by the guests. About eight of those present waited at the close to be taken into the Home—one of them a lad whom we have helped several times before, but because of his laziness and bad habits, can do nothing with him. Two orphan children from Greenock were taken in.

January 18.—Our old friends in London sent us £400, which has greatly cheered us, as so little has been received for the last few days. We took in an orphan girl of 6, another of 14, and a boy of 10. The latter has given his old grandmother no small amount of trouble for a considerable time, and not long since he took her month's rent which she had laid past, and spent it with bad companions, besides other acts

of a like kind. She is anxious he should be saved from a life of crime, and we hope with God's blessing to be able to do so.

January 21.—To-day we received £200 from a Scotchman in London to pay for the damages done by the recent storm at Bridge-of-Weir. He says "It may have seemed strange to you that the winds should be permitted to injure a building consecrated to their Master's service. Perhaps the apparent evil was allowed to happen that I might have the pleasure I now enjoy in enclosing a cheque for £200 towards the necessary repairs." Our friend's view of the matter has often suggested itself to me in thinking of God's dealings with men. No doubt there is a vast amount of suffering in the world that to us seems unnecessary, but God permits it that our sympathies may be drawn out towards the suffering, and as much as in us lies to help it, and thereby cause thanks, not only in the heart of the receiver, but in our own hearts.

January 23.—We have only received £6 18s. to-day—£5 of it from France. Our needs are increasing and many are seeking help. We believe our Father will not suffer us to lack any good thing. The needy ones at City Home seeking help were more numerous than they have been for some time. We took in two boys from the north whose father and mother, now dead, were once comfortably off; also, two sisters and a brother. Father died 15 months ago, and the poor mother having 5 children to support has at last had to succumb. The woman who came with her to recommend her case, said: "Oh! sir, if you could only see the house they lived in. There's not an article in it. She has had to pawn everything, and the landlord pulled the grate out the other day and sold it, and turned them out and locked the door, because she was behind with her rent." A neighbour on the stair got a key and opened the door, and for some nights past they have been sleeping on the floor in their rags. The young mother, before her marriage, was an active member in one of our churches, and her husband was kind to her when alive; but their poverty has brought her to seek help from us. Believing her to be deserving, we felt it a privilege to take the three children, hoping she may be able to maintain the other two—one of them a baby, born after the husband's death.

January 26.—Three donations from Sabbath schools came to-day, and 12s., "the money of a little one who has gone home and does not need it any more." The children's gifts greatly cheer our hearts amidst the difficulties, as we believe their being taught to give while they are young will make them more willing to give in after years, and will lessen the selfishness sin has created in our hearts. A friend in London, some time ago, asked us to take in two little crossing-sweepers, and to-day they came to us. They are 10 and 11 years of age, but cannot read a word, and have never been to church or Sabbath school. We also admitted two others of 10 and 13. Father died nine years ago, and the mother has been struggling on ever since. When she went out to work she locked them in the house, but they got out at the windows, and gave her no end of trouble. They have got quite beyond her control, and, with their tattered garments, bare feet, and matted hair, they looked as if they needed some one to take them in hand.

January 30.—A great many cases were dealt with at the City Home

to-day. We took in a little boy of four, sent from a neighbouring town by a police officer. The poor miserable mother begged that the little fellow might be taken from such surroundings as she has brought herself into. She is anxious to lead a different life, and, as she stood before us, with her eye swollen by a blow from the woman whom she says first led her to do wrong, we could but pray that she might be plucked as a brand from the burning. We trust the little fellow may soon forget his past experience, and never know the depth of misery he has been taken from. Another case was that of a decent widow, who for nine years has managed to support three children by her own efforts. Lately she married a Roman Catholic, and the night of the marriage he nearly strangled her eldest boy and injured her. She has had many a beating since from the inhuman wretch, and to-day she begged us to take the boy, and she would leave her husband.

February 2.—Last night the mother of one of the children in the Homes came to me and said the last time she had visited her child at the Home, the girl had pleaded with her to decide for the Lord, and said, "They are all Christians here, mother." From that night she had no peace until she gave herself to the Lord; since she did so she has been happy. May the Lord keep her in the midst of temptations! How often it is the case "a little child shall lead them!" Will our friends keep praying for the work, that all who are engaged in it may be enabled more faithfully to live in Christ, that the children may be won for Him? We have only received £4 2s 6d. to-day—one-fifth of our needs—but He is faithful that hath promised. A boy taken in last week ran off from Cessnock, and sold the boots he had on to a boy in the streets; his mother is a widow, and has to go out to work, so the boy has had his own way, and the result of course is that he resents the constraints of the Home. It is hard to break bad habits, but nothing is impossible with God, and we are looking to Him to subdue even this one.

February 3.—The following sums reached us to-day from different quarters, proving to us that our Father knows and will supply our needs:—From Matlock, 10s. 6d.; Coatbridge, 5s.; the Lord's tenth, 16s.; Newcastle-on-Tyne, 10s.; Belfast, 5s.; Johnstone, £1; Glasgow, £1; in all, £4 6s. 6d., not sufficient for the day's supply. "In Thee, O Lord, do we put our trust, let us never be confounded."

February 8.—There were very few applicants at the City Home to-day. We received £5 from one who has for the first time given to the work, but hopes to give again. New givers are very acceptable, as the old ones are being gathered home, and others are not so able to give. A widow also gave us £6 as her first mite, and £4 came from Kirkealdy. Thus the Lord raises up helpers, and lays it on their hearts to send for the needs of the large family under our care.

February 15.—During the last few days we have only received about £7; but to-day, £20 came from Paisley; £15 2s. 6d. from Largs; £1 from Renfrew; 10s. from Strathaven; and £2 from Fifeshire—£38 2s. 6d. in all, from friends outside of Glasgow. The Lord knew we were needing it. We took in a little boy sent to us from the Police office. His step-mother turned him out and would have nothing to do with him. Also

a girl from the country, brought up by a respectable, but poor woman, who died lately, leaving the girl friendless.

February 16.—To-day, £50 came from Edinburgh for the City Home Refuge Mission work. Amongst the many branches of our work, that is not the least important. It holds out a helping hand to many who are ready to perish, and money given to it is well spent. We sometimes wonder why Glasgow contributes so little, compared with the benefits she derives from what is done, but have no doubt God has His purpose in this, in leading us to look away from those we would naturally have looked to, to Him who has the heart of all in His hands. Just before receiving the above, we had written to a friend in Edinburgh, agreeing to take in two destitute little ones, so this money, which will more than provide for them, has come first—thus it will be seen that the Lord often goes before to open the way.

February 20.—We have only received 5s. to-day, and have been asked to help more than usual. We took in two sisters, of 11 and 7, from Paisley, recommended by members of the School Board there, as very needful of help. Theirs is a sad history. The mother is dead, and the father a worthless, ill-doing man. They came up before us some time ago, but we did not see our way to take them, the father being alive. The poor girls have been very much neglected, and have great need of moral restraint as well as physical care; so we have taken them now to save them from the future which would inevitably be theirs. We also took in two boys of 11 and 9, but theirs has been a different upbringing from the other two, and they are more hopeful. We gave a line to a poor sick one for the Convalescent Home; and two to lads for the Model Lodging-house; paid fare of another to Greenock; advised a working man who came with his wayward boy to get him into an Industrial School; and helped a number of others. The amount of misery and suffering in a large city like Glasgow is something appalling, and we are many times at a loss what to do with those who come before us. We are glad of the opportunity of speaking to them of the One "mighty to save," and we constantly pray that the words spoken to the weary ones may not fall to the ground.

February 21.—We have received £10 from an anonymous friend, Cambuslang, and £1000 from the friends who previously gave £2000 to build the Invalids' Home, to enlarge it so as to have a separate place in case of any infectious disease. This will be a welcome addition, and will enable us to isolate if there should be need.

February 23.—An aged friend sent us the following:—"Please accept of this mite (two pounds) for the use of the orphan children, the small gift of an aged friend, and may the Lord be pleased to pour out His Spirit very abundantly upon them all, so that they may be like a well-watered garden, and like a field which the Lord delights to bless." May her prayers for the children be answered!

February 28.—From Glasgow £8 has come to-day, in three different sums. We are looking to the Lord to send us more in His own good time. He sometimes sees fit to withhold for a time; but never have we lacked what was necessary.

March 4.—To-day "A Farmer" sent us £50 "to help in carrying on

the Master's work in which you are engaged, and to be used therein as you think best; and may the Lord crown all your efforts in His service with yet more abundant success!" Unless He does so, all our efforts will be in vain. It is our constant prayer that He may use and bless this work and all engaged in it. The following from England also came to hand to-day:—

Some years ago the Lord led me to send you a donation of £5 for His work, since which you have regularly sent me the Report of your great and good work in Glasgow. This year you sent me two Reports, and as I sat reading one evening the interesting account, the very same word that the Lord gave me when I forwarded to you the last donation was given with power to my mind this time as I was reading. The words are these, "The barrel of meal wasteth not, and the cruise of oil faileth not." That promise decided me the first time, and now as the words came again with such wonderful power, I said to the Lord in my heart, "I should so like to send £5 when I get that money, in January" (a small legacy that I was expecting at that particular time), and so it was quite settled. I did not receive my legacy until yesterday, and the same day your little paper, sent by post, was put into my hand, just a loving reminder from "Himself," so now with joy I to-day enclose you £5 to use as our loving Father guides you.

It has encouraged us to know how the Lord influenced this friend to send for our needs, and the words she quotes come with fresh power to us, and lead us to renew our trust in Elijah's God.

March 6.—From Glasgow £10 and £5, and from Edinburgh £2, made up almost our supply to-day. In addition to helping other cases, we took in three boys—5, 7, and 11—the children of a poor widow who has just been turned out of her house, the landlord keeping what little there was to pay the rent. Her husband died some time ago, leaving her with four children. Now she is going into a situation, and will try to keep one, while we take the three, for whom there was no other place but the poorhouse. A boy of 12, who has been singing through the country for two years, was also taken in, and an orphan girl, in rags and dirt, who had been left in charge of a woman who has allowed her to go about as she liked. Thus five destitute ones have found shelter with us in one day. The variety of suffering that daily comes under our notice makes us feel overpowered at times, and the sin in it grieves us beyond expression. May the Lord give increase of faith to expect greater things, and strength to attempt more!

March 9.—To-day the following reached us from far-off Winnipeg:—"If I mistake not, it takes £10 to fit out and pay the passage of one of the orphan children. In anticipation of your annual spring despatch, enclosed please find cheque for above amount. I hope the Lord is blessing you more greatly than ever in every way."

March 16.—To-day we took in two boys who were in the Home before for two years, but, four months ago, were taken out by the mother, very much against their wishes and ours. She thought she would make something out of them, but she has had nothing but trouble. The boys have been to us several times, begging us to take them back, but we could not do so without the mother's permission. Now she gives that, and the boys are once more under our care, to their unbounded delight, and to the joy of their old companions. When brought to us they were in a ragged, dirty, miserable condition, and didn't look as if they had ever been under civilizing influences. The house they lived in we found almost without an article of furniture, and certainly without a rag to cover the bed.

March 17.—From Johnstone £10, "to be spent where you see the greatest need. May He who holds the waters in the hollow of His hand go with your little band, and abide with them in the homes to which they go, never leaving them until He has brought them safely to the everlasting Home above! May all-needed grace be given yourself for your own share in the work!" As the time draws near for the departure of our little emigrants with all the anxieties and responsibilities connected therewith, we have much need of the prayers of our helpers.

March 20 will long be remembered in the work. For many years we have been praying for money to be sent in one sum to pay the ground annual of the City Home, which has been an annual burden on the funds of the mission, and to-day our prayer has been answered. We have received from friends £3363 5s. 8d. sent through another to pay it, requesting that it should not be spoken about nor acknowledged. The Lord knew we were burdened about this, and has sent it just when our faith was about to fail. We rejoice before Him and praise Him for it, although we are prevented from personally thanking the giver. It is a noble gift, and another testimony to the fact that God hears and answers prayer.

March 26.—To-day our first detachment sailed by the *S.S. Waldensian*. Our prayers go with them that He who has thus opened up an outlet for them may bless and preserve them to His heavenly kingdom.

March 30.—To-day we received £5 from Bristol; £2 from Aberdeen; and £8 5s. from Glasgow, and took in two young boys out of work and much in need of a friend.

April 3.—We received £10 from Glasgow, and £2 from Sabbath schools, about half of what we need for to-day. We were extra busy at the City Home for three hours dealing with the needy ones. Took in six children—two orphan boys, whose sister thinking she would be able to keep them, took them out of the poorhouse, but now cannot manage the elder one; an orphan boy of 6; another boy of 8, mother dead, father and a little sister dying of consumption; a girl who was adopted by a woman now dead, and a young woman homeless; besides helping and advising a number of others. What a privilege the Lord bestows upon us; we do magnify the riches of His grace, and praise Him for the strength and wisdom to carry on the work.

April 4.—Only £5 3s. has come in to-day. Five children were taken in, four of them orphans from a northern town. Father neglected them, and was to have been taken up for it, but death came and he was called to a higher tribunal. Mother died last week, and the children were left without a friend able to keep them. The Lord has enabled us to stretch forth a helping hand not only to those in the city, but others also throughout the country.

April 11.—£1 from an old helper came to hand with the words, "I read your reports with great pleasure. You are setting your trust upon the Lord and doing good, and delighting yourself in Him, and He is giving you the desires of your heart in seeing so many brought to the Saviour and cared for. You need fear nothing; Jesus Himself is with you." Also, £20 and £10, and some small sums which have led us

to rejoice to-day, notwithstanding the attack of the priest who at this time wickedly assailed the work. In times of special trial it is blessed to realise that so many throughout this and other lands are holding up our hands by prayer. We believe we shall be more than conquerors over all the assaults of the enemy. A great many applicants, needing different kinds of help, were dealt with at the City Home. We got a little girl adopted by a respectable couple; advised a man, who wanted us to take in his two children for payment, to try somewhere else; paid lodgings for a young woman till inquiry is made; supplied a man out of work with some clothes; gave assistance to several seeking for work, and arranged with two to take in their children. The need of wisdom in dealing with such cases is very great, and we trust our friends will continually remember us.

April 14.—£28 3s sent to-day more than supplies our need, and leads us to praise God for His providing care. We took in two boys of 10 and 8. Father died a year ago leaving the widow with five children. These two have got beyond her control, and she fears the consequences if they are left to run about longer.

April 21.—No money has come to-day, and only a few small sums yesterday. We took in a boy of 14, brought by a policeman, who found him sleeping on a stair in King Street. We disposed of quite a number of applicants. Gave a line for Infirmary to a young woman; another for the Convalescent Home to a young man. Several others wanting work, &c., were helped.

April 24.—From Tillicoultry £1; from Kilmarnock 10s; Maybole 2s; Langholm £2 12s. 4½d., and from Glasgow £1 have come to-day, along with £10 from one who wishes to be unknown. The unknown friends, whose gifts help forward the work, are known to Him who seeth in secret and will reward openly. We took in two orphan boys 12 and 9, whose grandfather finds himself unable to keep them since his wife's death, two or three months ago. Also, two little ones of 6 and 3. Mother died fifteen months ago, and the father, a Christian man, but an invalid, has no house of his own, and is dependent on the charity of friends who have done more for him than they were well able to do. The gratitude of the poor father greatly touched us.

May 2.—Took in two children; parents both dead. A little boy sent us £2 and a Sabbath morning meeting 16s. 7½d., which will help to provide for those taken in. The following letter from one of the boys sent to Canada in March is interesting:—

DEAR FRIEND,—I write you these few lines to let you know that I am quite well, hoping you and Mrs. Quarrier and the rest of the family are keeping well at present. We had a rough time of it after you left us, and were all sick, but we soon got over it, and on the whole we had fine fun. We landed on Good Friday, and were in Belleville on Monday following, and on Wednesday night I was in my home. I like my home splendid, and the country as well. Please when you go to Bridge-of-Weir tell Mr. and Mrs. Paterson and the boys that I love to be in Canada. I am indebted to you and the rest of the workers, and to Mr. and Mrs. McConnel and Mr. and Mrs. Paterson; and above all I am indebted to God, for the blood of Jesus cleanseth me from my sin. The only way I can show my indebtedness to you is to do what I am told by my mistress and not to go from my place, and with God's help I will do what I am told. I have no more to say at present.—This leaves me to be yours truly, A—E—

May 9.—For the last week very little money has come in, and the gift of £25 from an old friend and some other smaller sums has relieved

our anxieties to-day. Verily God hath heard us. "He hath attended to the voice of our prayer." The following letter came at the same time:—

MR. QUARRIER—DEAR SIR,—It is with the greatest of pleasure that I take my pen to let you know that I am in good health, hoping this will find you in the same. I am still living in the place that I went to when I first came out. God has been very good to me in the land of my adoption. I have never wanted for anything since I have been in this country. I have not had a single day's sickness since I came out. Give my respects to all the family, Mr. and Mrs. Halliwell, Mr. Campbell, and to all the boys in the Homes, and tell them what a happy country this is. If I could tell them the large place we have here, and the freedom with which we can enjoy ourselves; and all this comes from God. He who feeds the young ravens has not forgotten to take care of the orphans also. We have a great deal of frost this spring, which has put us from getting our seed in, but the warm weather is coming now. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Hoping that God will prosper the orphan's friend, accept of my heartfelt thanks.—From yours ever, in Jesus,
J—S—

Had J— remained at home, he would, in all probability, have been still on the streets. Now where he is he is respected, and has good prospects of beginning on his own account soon.

May 11.—£6 10s. has come to-day, and only 3s. yesterday. The Lord knows what things we have need of. We took in a girl of 11. Father died in poorhouse, and the mother was left with eight children. Her sons are going all wrong, partly through her own example, and the girl was likely to follow, as she had little chance at home. Also a boy of eight. Father dead. Mother a Christian woman, but not able to keep her boy.

May 12.—We received sufficient for our needs. Took in a little orphan boy. Mother died two years ago, and father last month.

May 16.—To-day £100 from one friend and £10 from another gladdened our hearts. Our God is faithful, and He never suffers us to be tempted above what we are able to bear. To Him be the praise. The following letter from one of our earlier boys sent to Canada came to-day also. He has recently been brought to the Saviour, and we trust will be a bright witness for Him.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I was very glad to receive your letter of 11th April, with your kind wishes and prayers for my spiritual and earthly welfare. I feel greatly indebted to you for your loving-kindness to me, nearly seven years ago, when I first came under your protection, which has been the means of bringing me to trust the Lord Jesus. I earnestly pray that God will supply all your wants and enlarge your means of doing His work as in these years gone by. Though you do not see the fruit of all your work just now, eternity will show it, when you will see hundreds of your boys on the Lord's side, wearing the crown of life. It fills me with joy unspeakable when I think of Jesus' love to me. I have been a very bad boy, breaking God's day and disliking to go to church, but now I find a great difference—it is just the reverse, I love the Lord's day. Before I found Jesus I used to be praying for God to have mercy on my soul, but I could find no peace. It seemed as if my whole desire was to be Christ's, and His only, still I could not see the way till my eyes were opened, and then I saw the cause—trusting too much to self. Oh! that my brother and sisters were trusting in the same hope as I am; it would lift a great load off my heart. I trust God that He will bring them into His fold. If you are ever near to them or hear from them, tell them of the dear Saviour.—My warmest love to you and yours.
A—R—

May 18.—Our old friend "Give and it shall be given unto you" to-day sent us £1 1s. 7d. We feel sure he will be all the more prosperous for thus obeying the command of the Lord. May His blessing, which alone can bring prosperity, rest more abundantly upon all who give to forward the work, so that all may be done for His glory. At the City Home we took in two boys of 10 and 6. Father dead, and mother

married again to a drunken, worthless man, who ill-uses her and the children. Gave a line to model lodging-house to a young man just out of the infirmary, who will need to go to the poorhouse to-morrow.

May 23.—A mission school in Dunfermline sent us a parcel of knitted goods; a Sabbath school in Paisley, £1; and a Bible class, £1. The gifts from Sabbath schools and classes throughout the year amount to a considerable sum, and show what can be accomplished by littles. "An unprofitable servant" sent us £1. May he have the reward of the "faithful" one.

May 26.—To-day our second party sailed for Canada, accompanied by the prayers and good wishes of many friends.

May 29.—A school of young ladies sent us £6, and other friends £5 5s. We took in a little girl of 3 years. Mother died four months ago, and the father left before the child's birth, and has not been heard of since. Also three others of 10, 7, and 3. Father was killed by the falling in of a pit in which he was working, and the mother has a child of 5 and a baby of 15 months besides these. A Bible-woman called about a little invalid child, whom we promised to take; and a poor old man about his boy, whom he cannot provide for longer.

May 30.—Another of our regular contributors to-day sent us £1 17s. 10d. for emigration. The following letter from a little boy who, with his two brothers, was sent to Canada in March, reached us to-day; and, although it is addressed to the boys in the Cottage at Bridge-of-Weir, in which they were, it will not be out of place to give it here:—

DEAR BOYS IN NO. 6 COTTAGE.—I am quite well, hoping that you are the same. We had a very rough voyage coming across the Atlantic Ocean; but for all that we had a happy time of it. We had a concert on board, and temperance meetings. We were all sick coming between Galway and Moville, and were wishing we were home. We saw four whales and flying-fishes. We got safely to Halifax and got in the train, and a kind gentleman gave us our supper that night and breakfast in the morning and dinner too. We started for Belleville Home, and got there and got our supper, and after supper we had a bath. On Wednesday I got to my place. I like it very well. I have got a calf of my own, and a pet lamb which I call Nellie, and a horse called Dan, which I take to the factory in the mornings. We make sugar out of trees, and molasses, too, and we have plenty to eat and good clothes. Alexander I— stays two miles down by, and Archie is ten miles away back. I hope the captain of your cricket club is well, and also Robert G—. I hope that you have started your football club. I have no more to say at present.—Yours,
D—G—

June 1.—1s. in stamps, 2s. 6d. from a Friend, and £1 14s. from a Sabbath school in Aberdeen came to-day. Although the sums are small they show to us that the Lord's children are remembering our needs, and they lead us to give thanks to God on their behalf. At the City Home there were many seeking help—a man whose wife died some months ago wanting us to take his two children; but, as he is able to work, we had to refuse; a poor woman, with her boy of three, for whom the father has never done anything; and others. We took in a little boy of 9, whom we found up a lamp-post in Argyle Street singing, and managed to get brought to the Home. We sent for the mother, who lives with a man as worthless as herself. She said Jamie rebelled against her in the street, and gave her all sorts of chat; that he came in at all hours of the night up to 2 and 4 A.M., and spent money she gave him for school fees on sweets, and altogether was unmanageable. The man said Jamie had been a hundred times in the Police Office for unscrewing handles,

stealing, &c., and was once brought home by the police at 4 A.M. We wonder what the boy's future will be with such training, but trust, with God's help, to be able to subdue the wild nature, and make a useful man of him; but, above all, we pray he may become a follower of the Lord Jesus.

June 9.—From Wigtown, £1; from a Bible-class, 10s.; from another, £1; from a friend, 10s., came to-day. Took in two children of 14 and 5. Father dead, and mother had to go out and work. Also two girls of 11 and 9. Father supposed to have been drowned, and mother dying. Helped a poor widow with a child of 2½ years, who has been sleeping out for some nights; and another who is behind with her rent.

June 12.—5s., a reward for finding a lost watch, found its way to us; with 1s. from a servant, 10s. from a poor woman, 3s. from another, and some other sums. The Lord has His stewards in every station in life, and so He supplies our needs. Took in two boys, 8 and 7. Father died 2½ years ago, and the mother, who has had to give up her house, has a child of 5 still to keep off her very small earnings, so that she was quite unable to keep these two. Also a boy of 13. Father dead, and mother, who goes out to work, has lost all control over him, and a little boy of 3. Besides these, we advised a working man whose boy of 14 is going wrong on the streets, to get him into the Training Ship. A woman who wanted us to take her children for two years, we could not help, as in all probability the two years' training would be lost by their return to old surroundings.

June 20.—We took in a little girl of 3. Mother is in bad health; the father left her two years ago and went to Australia, after selling off everything. Also a boy of 8, and two others of 7 and 5. Father died four years ago, and mother is not well-doing. The friends who came to us about them were very anxious they should be removed from the atmosphere of sin they have been living in. We also returned a boy to his mother, from whom he had run away the night before; and dealt with others applying for help for themselves and children. Some days our time is taken up advising or giving temporary help to those whom we cannot admit to the shelter of the Homes. A great many respectable people with wayward children have come to us during the year, and others with drunken or ill-doing fathers. These we cannot take in, as if we did so, the Homes would be crowded out, but it is very hard for us to refuse. Coming daily in contact with suffering, misery, and sin, we are many a time at a loss what to do. Will our friends keep praying for us?

June 22.—We have to-day received £1 from "Nemo"; £1 from Aberystwith; and from a boy's box kept for odd coppers, 4s. We took in a working lad, a boy of 5, whose grandmother is unable to keep him; also a boy of 9 brought by grandmother, who has kept him 5 years, and he is now going all wrong, and staying out till midnight. Another of 6, adopted when six months old by a man and his wife, but he died lately, leaving her without a house of her own. Gave a poor widow a line to the Model Lodging-house, and promised help to a young man wanting into the Navy.

June 26.—All that has come to-day is £3 16s. 6d., and only 27s. the

day before. Many are seeking our help, and we are crying to the Lord for means. Among the applicants at the City Home were a young woman wanting work; a woman going into the Infirmary wanting us to take her two children; a woman with her grandchild, whose mother has just died, and the father a month before. Promised to get a young woman in failing health into the Infirmary; paid fare of a boy wanting back to Ireland. None were admitted to the Homes, but not a few received advice and temporary assistance.

June 27.—The gifts to-day amount to £29 8s., more than sufficient for the day's supply. A girl of 16 was taken in, parents are dead, and the poor girl was in a fearful state of filth and sores, and, we believe, the taking of her now will be the saving of her life. Gave a line for the Infirmary to a young woman ill with consumption; paid lodging for another who missed the last train home; and promised to help a woman with two boys whom she cannot keep, as she has other two girls.

June 28.—All that has come to-day is £5, but the letter accompanying it has led us to trust more for the future. Our friend says:—

As our balance draws on, and I find myself in still some unexhausted funds, your noble Christian work comes up before my mind's eye. Please accept the enclosed £5 with the earnest hope that our glorious Master may bless you more abundantly in the future than even in the past. No one but yourself will know how full of blessing the past has been, but I feel persuaded that for all of us the future shall be even better. Please say that you got enclosed in safety.

June 30.—No money to-day; but £100 sent yesterday will meet the need. Surely God is mindful of us. Took in a boy of 9, whose father died some years ago, and mother is in bad health; also a young woman.

July 4.—Yesterday an old friend sent us £50. To-day the following letter from a little boy in Canada has encouraged us:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I now take the pleasure of writing these few lines to you, hoping they will find you all quite well as it leaves me the same, thank God for it. I like Canada first-rate. I have a good home and I like my parents well. I go to day-school. There is no Sunday-school here but I read my Bible every Sunday. Mr. Lloyd brought me to my new home in Snowdon. I am living in the backwoods. I thought it was a funny-looking place to what Scotland is. Father owns one hundred acres of land. We have two horses, four milk cows, and six more head of cattle. I am getting so that I can drive the horses, and I like it fine. I guess I will be a farmer yet. I must fetch this letter to a close. Remember me to Mr. Kelly, and Mrs. Duncan, and Mrs. Halliwell, and all of the boys that were at the Home when I left. So good-bye, and God bless you all.

J—M'K—

It is very pleasing to us when the children remember to write to their old friends, and the letters many a time lift us up when we are down-cast because of the trials by the way.

July 5.—To-day a little fellow of 2 years, in a miserable state with rags and dirt, was brought to us by his mother, who, since her husband's death, seems to have a hard time of it. £4 have come from Lenzie, Wigtown, and Dumbarton.

July 8.—A friend writes to-day:—"I beg to enclose you £1 as a thank-offering to God for a special blessing, to be applied as you consider best towards the needs of your work. I wish it were more, for I am sure your needs are increasing, but He who has increased them will also give the necessary support. 'Distrust thyself, but trust His love.'" It is blessed to trust Him who has said, "Be careful for nothing;" and although sometimes, in the face of seeming difficulties and obstacles, it

is hard to do so, we have to praise Him for grace given to roll our burden over on Him.

July 10.—A cheque for £130 from London gladdened our hearts to-day. It is sent by a friend who, a short time ago, visited the Homes, and now desires in this way to express the pleasure he derived from the visit. He was present at the City Home while we were dealing with applicants, and wished part of the money to be expended in the keep of two girls taken in while he was there.

July 11.—To-day we received £4 from Lochgoilhead, Glasgow, Wick, and Inverness—all different quarters, telling of the widespread interest in the work. May the Lord reward the givers. The following letter, from a little girl in Canada, came to-day. Her history is a sad one, and, had the child been left longer with her relations, who are ill-doing and worthless, she would very likely have followed her sister to the streets, driven there by the state of things at home. She says:—

DEAR FRIENDS,—I received your kind letter. I am visiting with some of my aunts, and am spending a good time. I get a lot of good things, and feel very happy. I was glad to hear that Isabella had got a good home, and if you please tell me the lady's name that took little Bella, and where she lives. It is the holidays now, but after them I am going to school. Mama and us all are well, and when you write to me write to A—. I send these few verses to you—"Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." I am now going to tell you what I feel. I feel like singing all the time. My tears are wiped away, for Jesus is a friend of mine, and I serve Him night and day. No more to say at present,—From your loving little friend,
M— C—, now MAGGIE D—.

It is truly gratifying to us to receive such letters, and we feel sure our friends will rejoice with us in reading them.

July 18.—To-day £3 14s. came from Edinburgh, the proceeds of a small private sale of work done by young ladies attending school in their spare time from lessons.

July 19.—No money to-day, but some bread from a friend, who frequently helps in the same way.

July 20.—Only 2s. to-day. Took in a girl of 12; mother a widow, and the girl has got quite unmanageable, and is recommended as a very needful case.

July 21.—£1 from Gatehouse; all to-day. Took in a boy of 9 in a frightful state of rags and filth, and a young woman out of work.

July 22.—No money to-day.

July 24.—To-day received from a Sabbath school, £1 4s. 3d.; from a cobbler, 5s.; and from St. Bees other 5s. Among the applicants at the City Home were a man enquiring after his son, who had run away; a widow with an orphan boy of 11, whom she has kept since he was a week old; a young woman seeking work; a woman wanting us to take her children for payment, which we never do; another about a girl of 14, whom, from failing health, she cannot keep longer; a boy over from Ireland seeking work; gave a line to Model Lodging-house and fare;—these and a great many others were disposed of, each needing special wisdom to deal with.

July 25.—No money to-day; but the following letter from an old boy now settled down in Canada:—

KIND FRIEND,—I have taken great privilege in writing to you to let you know how

I am getting along. I was very happy to see your two daughters at the Marchmont Home, to hear how the kind friends were getting along in the Home. I thought it my duty to thank you for the nice present which you left at the Marchmont Home for me as a token of your loving-kindness towards me. I think it my duty to let you know of my settling down in Canada with my dear, beloved wife. I wish you all happiness and prosperity with your work among the children in Glasgow. I am still working a farm. I expect to work 50 acres of land this fall for three or five years, if God spares me in health and strength. I want to be able to send three or four barrels of nice apples another year if I take the land to work, which I expect to do. Give my best respects to all the dear friends at the Home, and also to yourself and dear wife and family. I would like very much if you would send me one of your pictures, as I never have had one to remember you by, as a token of your loving-kindness to me.—No more at present, but remain your obedient servant,
A— S—.

July 27.—£1 sent to-day. Took in two young women out of work and in need of training, and a working lad, to give him a chance of learning a trade.

July 28.—Ten shillings from a friend visiting the Homes and 12 loaves have come to-day. We have still sufficient for our needs, and owe no man anything, and although very little has come in for the last few days, our faith has not failed. The work is God's, and He will supply for the glory of His name. Took in a little boy of 3, and three others (twins) of 8, and the other 6 years of age; mother died 18 months ago, and the father, who was in his last situation for nine years, died this year. The relatives are unable to keep them, and there was no place but the poorhouse for them.

August 2.—There was no money yesterday, but to-day £5 from Hawick—£1 as a thank-offering, and two cheeses and a bag of meal will help to feed the bairns. Took in a girl of 12, who has got beyond her mother's control, behaving in a way that speaks ill for her future.

August 5.—£20 from Alloa supplies our need for to-day.

August 7.—A friend sent the following to-day:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I see that the devil is seeking to distract your attention from the good work in which you are engaged in connection with the orphans. I hope, however, you may soon get quit of his toils. The reference to a possible "stampede of your subscriptions" has led me to look how I stand in that respect, and, unfortunately, it seems I have not paid you aught since October, 1880, so, lest you should be led to class me as a *stampeder*, I hasten to enclose two years' subscriptions, as the second year's will soon be due at any rate—say £1 a year, or £2 in all.

Truly "God's ways are not our ways," and He maketh even the wrath of men to praise Him. We took in a girl of 10, both parents are dead, and the rest of the family are struggling for their own support. Also another of 12. Father was found dead in bed last month, and the poor child, whose street life has done her no good, was left without a friend who would help her.

August 10.—From Tobermory, 12s. 6d.; from Hamilton, 2s. 6d., and from Glasgow, £1, reached us to-day. There were many applying for help—men wanting work, women the same. A man asked us to take his three children of 7, 5, and 3, and others.

August 17.—There has been little sent in for some time past, so £25 and £20 were very acceptable to-day. We took in a young woman and two little boys of 7 and 5, whose father, a canal boatman, was thrown out of the boat and killed, and mother is unable to keep them.

August 22.—From Kirriemuir, £1; from Nairn, 10s.; and from Glasgow, £1, to-day. Took in two boys of 12 and 7. Father died

three years ago, and the mother having a weak arm is unable to keep them. Her eldest son is in prison, and she fears lest these two should follow his example.

August 26.—The following, from a new and unknown friend in New Zealand, reached us to-day. How true that while we "are yet calling God answers":—

Having seen some accounts from time to time of the good work you are carrying on amongst the young, I resolved to try and do a little to assist you. I laid past all the coppers I received in change during the year, also the price of a clutch of chickens, which I forward to you by Post Office Order, and hope the Lord will more abundantly bless you in your labour of love for His sake, and that many poor orphans may find a home and refuge for their souls in the Lord Jesus through your instrumentality.

September 1.—£10 from a friend with the prayer "That the Homes will continue to prosper, and be the birth-place for heaven of many a weary little waif." We thank God for such in the past, and pray that many more may be given.

September 4.—£50 reached us to-day as a birth-day thank-offering. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord.

September 5.—Our Thanksgiving Day. How much we have to praise the Lord for. Last night was as stormy and wild a night as we have had for a long time, but we were able amid it all to trust our Father for the answer to our prayer for a good day and He has heard us.

September 7.—The following letter from a boy sent out to Canada eight years ago came to-day. It is a matter of great thankfulness to us as we hear of one and another of those we have cared and prayed for trusting in the Saviour, and in their sphere seeking to bring others to Him, and thus spreading the influence. Continual prayer goes up for all who have been and are in the Home, and God answers our prayers in His own time:—

MR. QUARRIER—DEAR SIR,—It is a long time since I have heard from you, so I thought I would write again. If it would not be any trouble to you to see either my sister or cousin—if you would get their address or give them my address—I would be obliged to you, for I would like to hear from my sister.

Now, sir, I am still striving to follow Jesus. We have a young people's prayer meeting every Sunday night about five miles from here. It is at Moscow, where I used to live, and the young men take turns in leading it. It is my turn next Sabbath evening. We have a season of prayer, and then a short fellowship meeting, and I can tell you we are greatly blest. It does not seem any walk at all for me to walk there of a Sabbath. I can tell you I am very thankful to you for teaching me to sing. I find it is a great help to our meetings. I do the most of the leading in singing, and I suppose you will remember I took the first prize in the Home at Cessnock for singing. I don't forget those old times, and good old times they were. I hope the boys and girls in the Homes are happy. I don't suppose I know any of them; but you can tell those who are coming out to Canada to be ambitious, and not to be afraid of work, and they will surely find friends, and get along splendid (for a lazy lad will not find any friends at all), and Canada is a splendid country. There is lots of work, it is a healthy country, and there is lots of fruit grows here—every little garden in the villages is full of fruit trees. And I know the old country boys are fond of fishing. There are lots of fish here, and lots of game too; but I have got so big that my day for those sports are gone. Now it is work, and I am not sorry, for I like work.

Now, sir, I think I will have to bring my letter to a close, for it is getting very late and I have another letter to write to-night yet. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain, one of the boys who was befriended by you. J—W—W—

September 13.—The gifts to-day have come from Paisley, Greenock, Montrose, Edinburgh, and Partick, and amount to £6 15s., not sufficient for the day, but we have an unfailing source, and He knows our need. A boy of 13, whose father died six years ago, leaving the mother with six children to struggle with, was taken in.

September 20.—£10, £3, and a few small sums have come to-day. Took in two boys—8 and 11. Father disappeared four years ago and has not since been heard of, and left mother with four children. Also two others of 10 and 6. Father dead and mother and children have been sleeping out and in great want. Also a working lad.

September 27.—From the far north £1 came, from a friend who says:—

DEAR SIR,—I send you herewith enclosed £1 as a donation toward the funds of the Lord's work in your hands. By God's goodness I have been prospered so that I am able to send a little occasionally, not only to you, but to several others engaged in the Master's service. My wife and I carefully put by one-third of our earnings for the Lord's work, and we find no difficulty in living on the remainder ourselves. We would by no means make a boast of this, *far otherwise*, but we think that almost every Christian might devote some *small* portion of their earnings to the cause of Christ, and be the better of it in more ways than one.

God honours such giving, and we trust the number will soon be increased of those who give systematically to the Lord's work. "Freely ye have received, freely give" is the command. Too many give what costs them nothing, forgetting God's unspeakable Gift to them.

October 5.—To-day we took in the first invalid girl—an orphan 8 years of age, with very bad hip-joint disease. She has been much neglected, but we hope soon to see her greatly improved.

October 6.—To-day £9 7s. 2½d. was handed to us from the children in the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir, their voluntary offerings to help others in less favoured circumstances. The children are encouraged, but in no way forced to give, and it is pleasing to us to see the willingness with which they would part with even their all for any special object. We took a little cripple girl, another inmate for the Invalids' Home. Her mother, who was an invalid for years, died lately, and as the child was her nurse, she has been very much neglected. £20 came from a friend with the prayer, "May you be used as God's instrument of rescuing and blessing many more in days to come," and £2 5s. which a girl of 12 on her death-bed said was to be given to us for the poor children—a dying girl's legacy.

October 7.—To-day the two hundred children at Bridge-of-Weir had an excursion to the hills. The carriage was packed with the little ones not able to walk so far, and those a little bigger got rides on the donkeys. It was a great treat to them all, as were also the sweets, nuts, &c., provided through the kindness of a friend.

October 9.—An old friend sent us £3, and another £100, leading us to praise God anew for His remembrance of our needs.

October 10.—Took in two girls, one of 13, whose parents are dead. A friend has been keeping her, but she has got beyond her control and persists in going out at night to penny shows. These have done more to lower the morals of the young people of our city than can be told. The other girl is 11 years of age. Mother a hawker and with no permanent home, and the girl can neither read nor write. The School Board has failed to get a hold of her because of the habits of the mother.

October 11.—To-day a large parcel of clothing came from a Young Women's Christian Association, the members of which were not able to do much; but, through the kindness of some ladies who provided cloth and superintended the making, they have been able to send quite a

number of useful articles. Thus our wants are supplied in different ways; and we are indebted to many who have sent in like manner during the year. Three boys, who were found last night sleeping in a close, were brought to us by a friend, who said all the door-mats had been stolen by the boys and sold for food. The boys said they had neither father nor mother; but, on inquiry, we found they had both, and so returned one to his father to-day. The other two have a miserable home, and are unmanageable by the parents, because they cannot manage themselves. The eldest is only 11, and yet has committed several acts of theft. Both parents drink, and the mother often goes off and leaves the four children, while the father gets drunk, and is (so the neighbours say) like a demon. Is it any wonder the children are bad with such surroundings?

October 12.—Received £4 5s. from Aberdeen and £2 2s. from Glasgow. Took in a boy of 10. Mother dead, and father dying of cancer; also a young woman from the country, who was found crying on the streets, without means to keep herself. She, like many others, had come to the city in search of work, and, failing to find it, she was in great need. How many such there are who, for want of a friendly hand, drift into the sea of crime, and are lost, body and soul. We thank God for having used us to save not a few in years past. We heard to-day of the removal of our old helper and friend Mr. George Martin of Auchendennan. We shall miss his presence and kindly help, as his friends will, whom we trust the Lord will sustain in this hour of sorrow.

October 16.—£4 10s. towards the supply of our needs. We were unusually busy at the City Home. Took in a little boy of four, whose widowed mother, having to go out to work, cannot manage to keep him and another one. Young as he is, she has no control over him. Got a little one adopted by a Christian woman who lost her youngest child some time ago. Helped a mother with three children deserted by her husband four years ago. Tried to deal with three boys, tramps from Edinburgh; but, as they would not be separated, we felt sure their story was not true, so paid a night's lodgings and gave them some food. Took in other two boys, but found they had made false statements, and returned them to their friends. A number of other applicants were disposed of.

October 17.—The following letter from a doctor in one of the towns in Canada speaks favourably of the work on the other side, and shows how it is looked upon there:—

DEAR BROTHER QUARRIER.—I have only recently received your last Report, or "Narrative of Facts," and find that the perusal of it has been so refreshing and strengthening to one's faith that I must write you a few lines. "What hath God wrought?" we are often led to say in view of something vast or wonderful which at once challenges our admiration; but how little heed do we give to the mighty works which are wrought through the Spirit unto faith! "All things are possible to him that believeth;" but how weak is the faith! Oh, my dear brother, I do thank our Heavenly Father for your *work of faith and labour of love*. May your faith and love grow exceedingly unto the praise of our God and the honour of the Saviour's name.

Your children in this section of Canada, of whom there are now a goodly number, are all, without exception, doing well. They are happy and contented in comfortable homes, with good prospects in life. No doubt many of them, if not all, will be required to work hard; that, however, is not an evil, but a good thing, in this country. I have abundant opportunities, as I travel about the country, of seeing and hearing about the children, and,

as I take a deep interest in their welfare, I always enquire about them, and seldom do I hear complaints. Of course, I do not mean to imply that everything is perfect; far from that. But it is wonderful, when we consider the antecedents and former history of the children, to find them turning out so well; *ninety-five per cent.* is, as far as my observation goes, warranted by the results. We remember your former visit to this place with much pleasure, although to you there must be a reminiscence of pain—*physical* pain. We look forward, if the Lord will, to greet you yet again. I enclose a small amount in aid of the Lord's work, as you may think best. I will be happy in being able to put a "brick" or a "stone" into the building.—Yours in Him,
J—D—K—

October 20.—£1 came from a friend in Paisley, with an encouraging letter regretting he had not been able to send for some time, and telling how part of this money was found laid past in a drawer; and, as it had never been missed, he took it as God's will that it should be sent to us, and so made it up to 20s., and forwarded it. The Lord reward him for it.

October 23.—This morning on going out we were feeling downcast, as no money had come, when a friend came up and gave us £1, which had just been returned to him, as he had given it by mistake in paying an account yesterday. It reminded us of our Father's ability to supply all, and led to renewed praise. A great many needy ones were at the City Home, and we took in four—a young woman who had to sleep on stairs; a little boy of nine, who has not had much, if any, advantage of the School Board Act; and another of 12, who has never been to school at all; also, a working lad, who was wayward, and left the Home before, but now promises to redeem his character, and, on the recommendation of a minister, is taken back.

October 24.—A friend in Edinburgh sent us £6 to-day, and asking for a girl in whom she is interested. She says, "I cannot help feeling what a weight of care you have when one or two boys or girls are sometimes such a trouble to me." The Lord knows all about the care and anxiety, and even in disappointments He leads us to rejoice in Him.

October 30.—To-day, the second last of our financial year, we have only received £1. It is small, compared with our daily need; but it comes to us as a reminder of our Father's interest, and causes thanksgiving to ascend to Him. We took in three children of a widow, whose husband died nine months ago. Since then she has taken to drink, and for nine weeks has scarcely been sober. She begged us to take the children, and she would get away from her old associates and try to break the chains that bound her. It is heartrending to hear such sad histories almost every day of women drinking—respectable tradesmen and others beseeching us to take their children away from the influence of drunken mothers. It is high time women were more alive to the terrible need for something being done. Can nothing more be done to stay the curse that is blighting so many homes? Sisters, the work is yours, and God calls you to it. "See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh."

October 31.—Received from a valued friend visiting the Homes 10s., and £1 for a treat for the children. Took in two girls of 6 and 9, deserted by their mother four years ago, and the grandmother, who brought them, was under the influence of drink. The poor children were barefooted, ragged, and filthy—indeed, we have seldom seen their equal for dirtiness.

During the course of the year we have been called upon to mourn the removal, by death, of some of those whose sympathy and help in past years have contributed to further the work and bring it to its present magnitude. We sorrow at the loss for ourselves—the gain is theirs—for we have every reason to believe that they have gone before. Their part of the battle has been fought, and well fought, and now they rest from their labours. One of these, Mr. A. F. Stoddard, of Port-Glasgow, with his wife, first called to speak to us of building a cottage. Theirs was the privilege of giving the first of the group in memory of a beloved son. His interest in the work was seen in many other ways, and his useful Christian life is known in other departments of the cause of Christ. In the death of Mr. James Paton, of Tillicoultry, we lost another friend. He it was who gave the money to build the fifth cottage, which brought up the amount received to £20,000, what we first thought of as necessary to complete the group. He also gave the name to it “Ebenezer,” which many a time has cheered and encouraged us when cast down by the difficulties of the way. His generosity and his Christian example are too well known all over the country to need to be spoken of here. He truly lived as seeing Him who is invisible, and acted the part of the good steward, and his gifts accomplished much in the furtherance of the kingdom of the Master, whose honoured servant he was. Mr. George Martin, of Auchendennan, who has also been called home, was one of the earlier friends of the work. He was led to give money to build the fourth cottage, which he wanted to call the “Quarrier Home.” Whilst highly appreciating his kindness, we declined to call it by that name, and submitted to him that it might be called the “Dumbartonshire,” to which he acquiesced, although he would rather it had been as indicated. He was always ready to help forward deserving works of philanthropy, and there are many throughout the land who will miss his timely help. Mrs. Harvey, of Craigfoyle, Ardentinny, was another of our helpers, and she too has been called hence. Almost at the beginning of our work she sent for us to see how she could best help it forward. That day we had received from a working-woman a sum of money she had collected, and were led to tell Mrs. Harvey of it, when she at once said, “Could not I do as much.” Every year since she collected as much as paid for the keep of two children in the Homes for a year. In her last letter to us sent with £24 (on 18th January) she said, “I am getting very blind and frail, and fear I will not be able to collect for you long, but I trust some others will be raised up to take my place. I got 5s. from some little children; so we may hope that in after years they may, when grown-up, be a seed to help the Homes.” “She hath done what she could” may truly be said of her. Among such a large circle of contributors there may be many others called away we know not of. We miss the friends who have thus been removed, but how much more must those feel the loss to whom it comes most closely home. We can but pray that they may have the comfort of the God of all comfort whose grace is sufficient even in the darkest hour of trial.

PERSONAL

Eighteen years ago, when I began to labour among poor children, I devoted eight hours a day to that work, and found it increased on my hands. Six years afterwards, while considering whether I could give more time to it, the Lord in answer to prayer sent £2000 to commence the Homes, and so decided the question for me. At that time I resolved that no family nor personal interests should interfere with the carrying forward of the works of the Homes. I soon found that they required more personal attention than my former efforts, and that meant less time to my business, which had been carried on by me for twenty years, and was one of the largest and most successful of its kind in the city. In 1875 I gave up one-third of it, at a considerable loss of means and lessening of income, hoping to be able to do the work of the Homes and manage the other two branches. After four years the pressure of the work necessitated giving up my second place of business at a still further loss of means and income. From the beginning of the Homes I may say that my whole time, 17 hours a day, has been taken up in the work connected therewith, with the exception of one hour devoted to my own business. The increasing demands of the work will not even permit of that now, and I have resolved to give up the remaining branch of business—my only source of income. For the last four years it has been carried on at a loss by the necessity of having to pay others to do my share, so as to leave me free for the Homes. I believe now that it was the Lord's will years ago that I should do what I have now done. Work of such magnitude as He has called us to needs constant supervision, and that I have given, so that my whole time as well as that of my wife and family have been occupied in it. Three years ago a friend sent me £10 for my own use, which I felt was a call to trust the Lord, but, not seeing my way clearly at that time, I used it for the Homes. Another sent me £5; and a short time ago two gentlemen called with £77 10s. they had received from friends for my own personal use and expenses, and as they insisted that I should take it, I did so. I feel grateful to the friends for their kindness and cannot but thank God on their behalf. At the same time, those who brought it recommended that I should give up all connection with business. They said I had faith in God to provide for the hundreds of children and the work under my care, and why not trust Him for my own personal needs? I had nothing to say against their argument, for I believe God will supply, and so have decided to depend on Him in the time to come for all that I require for myself and family. This explanation is necessary, as some are under the impression that I have money invested, and that I live partly off the Homes. Such is not the case. I have no invested capital, nor have I ever at any time lived off the Homes. The opposite is the fact, as a considerable portion of my own means has been given and spent in the interests of the work. For the future I have resolved to continue in the same course, i.e., not to touch anything belonging to the Homes, but to depend entirely on the Lord to send what I require for myself and family. I do not say that everyone should do as I have done, but if they are led by the Lord in the same way as I have been there is no other course left open to them.

DEPARTURE OF OUR ELEVENTH ANNUAL BAND OF CHILDREN TO CANADA.

The experience gained in past years in this department does not seem to lessen the labour inseparable from sending out each new band. In the most of things practice makes them easier, but in dealing with human nature there are so many phases of character and surroundings, and each one needing to be dealt with personally, that with every new lot we have new difficulties to overcome. Many of the children would like to go whose physical condition would be against them succeeding in the new land; others again whom it would be desirable to send because of their surroundings at home, the relations will not allow them to go, so a great difficulty comes in in deciding as to who shall go and who shall stay. From the voluntary character of our work, it is one of our principles that we don't send a child against his will, but endeavour in all cases to satisfy the relatives, and carry them along with us in our efforts for the good of the children. It has been wonderful how the Lord has led us through in the past eleven years in dealing with this class. The money necessary for passage and outfits was in hand before the time, and so we were relieved from anxiety as to that part of the undertaking, although we had not much in hand for the general and building accounts. The faithfulness of God, and the generous sympathy and practical help of friends in the past, led us to hope for the future that we should lack no good thing. The preparation of outfits is begun long before the day of sailing approaches, and even while we write the Ladies' Sewing Meeting gathers weekly to help, and other friends throughout the country are busy making up the necessary garments to send out our little emigrants comfortably provided for next year. When the time draws nearer each child gets a box, and his or her complement of clothing, books, &c., is packed into it, and the whole of them are piled up one on the other, so that any one visiting the Home about the day of sailing would be inclined to say we should need a ship for ourselves. However, the capabilities of some of the steamships of the Allan Line are such that they would carry the inhabitants of a good-sized town, baggage and all.

The parting meeting to commend the children going to Canada to the care of our Heavenly Father was held in the Hall of the City Home, on Tuesday, March 21st, at three o'clock. Ex-Provost Lyle, of Greenock, presided, and there were present on the platform—Rev. Drs. Logan Aikman, Elder Cumming, Culross; and Revs. R. Howie, G. L. Carstairs, John Salmon; Captain McLean, Bailie Dickson; Messrs. Thomas Coats, Paisley; John Roberston, G. Brown, Aberdeen; W. Maitland, T. Jenkins, T. Train, W. Paterson, &c. Apologies for absence were intimated from Sir Wm. Collins, Principal Douglas, Rev. Dr. Marshall Lang, and Mr. J. C. White. There was a large gathering of other friends whose presence and sympathy encouraged us. These special meetings not only call attention to the work, but strengthen us to carry it forward more vigorously in the future. Ex-Provost Lyle, in addressing the meeting, spoke of the advantages of emigrating, in taking the children away from old surroundings. He was followed by Dr.

Culross, who, in a hearty sympathetic way, gave the children some good advice, which we trust they will follow out. As the ship was to sail at 12.30 on Wednesday morning, all was bustle and stir at an early hour at Cessnock House. Before leaving the House prayer was engaged in with the boys, and then they got into the 'bus which conveyed them to the wharf, where they got on board the ship amid the good wishes of a large concourse of friends who had come to say, "God be with you." The party consisted of 73 boys, under the charge of the Rev. John Salmon and his wife, who were returning to Canada, and our second daughter. As the ship was to touch at Moville and Galway in Ireland, we went with the party as far as the former place, and saw them settled on board in comfortable quarters provided for them by the Messrs. Allan. We reached Moville on Thursday morning, and there left them and returned home.

THE SECOND BAND OF CHILDREN TO CANADA THIS YEAR

consisted of 42 girls and 9 little boys from our own Homes, and 14 girls and little boys from Mrs. Blaikie's Home, Edinburgh; in all, 65, which, with 73 boys before, gives a total of 138 sent out this year. The news of the arrival and placing out of the first party greatly encouraged us while preparing the second, which sailed on 26th May, in S.S. *Hanoverian*, under the care of Mr. H. L. Hastings, Editor of *The Christian*, Boston, our eldest daughter, and Mrs. Gilchrist. There is no piece of philanthropic work in behalf of destitute children that accomplishes so much good at so little cost as does the emigration. To our minds it comes nearest to God's arrangement of things in placing children in families, and, if one may judge from results, it is better than keeping the children at home, even under the advantageous circumstances we are able to place them in in the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir. "A home, however poor—nay, however miserable it may be, provided only it is honest, has something which no other public or private institution can supply." That is our opinion about the matter, and, in placing the children in good homes in Canada, we seek to carry it out, and thus many hundreds of little ones have found in the new land what was denied them in the old—a home. Of course, emigration without supervision would be a failure, but, under the efficient management of Miss Bilbrough, whose experience and constant residence at the Marchmont Home, Belleville, Canada, have so well qualified her for the work, it has become one of the greatest successes of the age in placing in circumstances likely to be conducive to their future well-being the waifs and strays of our large cities. In addition to the advantages derived from separating the children from old associations and giving them a chance among new, in many cases the change has been the means, under God, of giving health and strength to weakened constitutions. Out of over one thousand now scattered over the Province of Ontario, we had only two deaths last year—those of George Wilson, 14 years of age, and Sarah Kelly, 14; the former of consumption, and the latter of paralysis of the brain. In the case of both of them, we "sorrow not as those who have no hope."

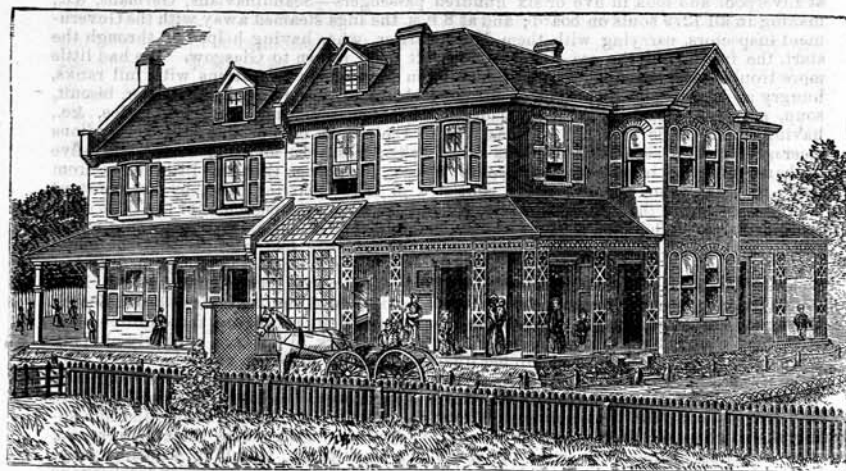
All the children sent out by us proceed direct to the Home at Belleville, where applications—each accompanied by a recommendation from a minister, doctor, or other responsible person in the district the applicant lives in—are received for them during the winter. On their arrival, parties within a reasonable distance of the Home are invited to call and see them. When they fix on a child, an agreement is signed, binding those taking a boy (or girl, as the case may be) to bring him up in a Christian manner, reserving to us the power to remove him if we think the agreement is not carried out, and giving them power to return him if unsuitable. There is no premium given, nor is one received by the Home for any child. This voluntary principle runs through the whole work, and the success of the work is, in a great measure, owing to it. Miss Bilbrough is in communication with a great many of the ministers of the Province and many others, who correspond with her as to the welfare of those placed out in their districts. Then there is the regular visitations by our helpers and our own visits to hundreds of the homes, which have satisfied us that everything is done for the good of the children, so that it is hardly possible for a child to be ill-used without Miss Bilbrough hearing of it at once, when, of course, she removes him.

The following interesting account of the voyage of the second party, sent to the *North British Daily Mail* by Mr. H. L. Hastings, editor of *The Christian*, Boston, U.S.A., is worthy of a place here:—

The many readers of the *Mail* who interest themselves in "The Orphan Homes of Scotland" may be glad of a brief account of the voyage of the little emigrants who have just left old Scotia to seek their fortunes in that greater Britain which lies beyond the seas. Descended on my mother's side from the Knoxes and the Hamiltons of Ayr, who formed a part of an earlier emigration when the United States were but British Colonies, and who originally named the Massachusetts town, where I was born, New Glasgow, I could hardly fail to feel an interest in my "kin beyond the sea;" nor could I regard with indifference this effort to transplant some of the little ones from the midst of untoward surroundings to broader and more fertile fields, where bread is not so dear, nor flesh and blood so cheap, as in the densely populated cities of the old world; and so, after a winter spent amid the smoke and fog of London, I was little loath to accept Mr. Quarrier's invitation to return to Boston via Quebec, and accompany a party of orphans, and make myself generally useful to the "weans" on the voyage. At 5.30 A.M. on Friday, May 26, we embarked amid the cheers of friends and the Cessnock boys, who were drawn up on the wharf, and who waved their farewells as the good ship *Hanoverian* glided from her moorings and started down the Clyde. The first morning was all hurry and confusion, but breakfast came at last, and the children, who had lunched early, felicitated themselves on having "two breakfasts the day." We passed the ordeal at Greenock, the rosy cheeks and bright eyes of the children making little work for the inspectors, and about 3 P.M. we were on our way to Liverpool. Night came down upon us in the Irish Channel, which sustained its reputation for restlessness; and early on Saturday morning, as something went wrong with the steering gear, the vessel, dropping into the trough of the sea, tossed things about in a manner more lively than agreeable. Our poor little sailors got their first and only fright there, and began to cry, some to the Lord, and some for Mr. Quarrier, who was soon out of his berth and ready to reassure the frightened voyagers. The trouble was soon over, and morning came with sunshine and calm weather, which continued nearly all the way. Saturday morning, instead of "two breakfasts," the children got none, and the fishes came in for a fair share of what they had eaten the night

before. We were so glad to have this part of the programme attended to while Mr. Quarrier was with us, and we consoled ourselves with the thought that if it were to be done, it were well that it were done at once and over with. At four in the afternoon we were at Liverpool and took in five or six hundred passengers—Scandinavians, Germans, &c., making in all 1279 souls on board; and at 8 P.M. the tugs steamed away with the Government inspectors, carrying with them Mr. Quarrier, who, having helped us through the start, the fright, and the sea-sickness, now left us to return to Glasgow. We had little more trouble with sea-sickness, and the children soon fell in for rations with full ranks, hungry as hawks, and disposing of unreportable quantities of bread and butter, biscuit, soup, porridge, treacle, jam, marmalade, hotch-potch, plumduff, rice, tea, coffee, &c., having their meals served by themselves in their own comfortable and commodious steerage, entirely separated from the other passengers. In addition to the sixty-five orphans, ranging in age from three to fifteen, including thirteen little boys from three to eight years old, our party consisted of Miss Quarrier, who, by her constant watchfulness over the "mitherless weans," and her adroit management of the little ones, reminded one of Solomon's "four things," which, though little, "are exceeding wise," and whose watchful diligence clearly indicated that she had no idea that she could make a pleasure-trip of crossing the Atlantic with sixty-five children except as duty is a pleasure to loving and generous hearts. Accompanying Miss Quarrier was Mrs. Gilchrist, just returned from a mission to the soldiers at Gibraltar, whose broad Scotch "brogue" and strong Scotch sense were equally useful in managing the children, over whom she watched with loving care. The addition of Mrs. M'Ewan, a motherly old lady whom Mr. Quarrier got to take up her quarters with the children, and who looked after them night and day, completed the party; while the writer picked up the odds and ends of service, and tried to be as helpful as circumstances would permit. The children were as happy as larks, and were universal favourites, their little red riding-hoods distinguishing them wherever they went. The quarter-deck was assigned as their playground, where they spent their time swinging, singing, rope-skipping, marching, knitting, playing, and romping; watching for whales, and seeing the porpoises and ships and icebergs as they appeared on the horizon, and then vanished out of sight; and then, in less pleasant weather, going to their quarters below, where they sang—"The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want," "Be present at our table, Lord," "We are out on an ocean sailing;" also their own "Ocean Hymn," and various sacred songs and solos, not forgetting "Two little eyes," "A little cock-sparrow," "Be kind to auld grannie," and such other hymns and choruses as their repertoire afforded. Sixty-five more healthy, happy, and well-behaved children it would be hard to find on sea or shore, and they won the hearts and the commendations of passengers, officers, and crew. Aside from regular morning and evening worship, the orphans, with their songs of thanksgiving before and after meals, there were usually two or three religious services held daily on the decks, brief addresses being given by Mr. Macfarlane, Mrs. Gilchrist, Mr. McDonald, of Dundee, and the writer, there being also a Swedish service, conducted by Mr. N. J. Rönberg. On Sunday, June 4, there was held at the same hour, in different parts of the vessel, a children's service, an English service, and another in Swedish for the Scandinavian passengers. Tracts and papers were also distributed, and general order and quiet prevailed. At four P.M. the decks were packed with a living mass, assembled to witness the burial of a little Norwegian child, who had died of inflammation of the lungs. Solemn hymns were devoutly sung by the sad-faced emigrants, whose voices blended in the sweet minor strains of Scandinavian psalmody; words of hope and comfort were said, and the coffin was gently slid into that vast cemetery which has neither monument nor inscription, but which shall hold its treasure safely until the sea gives up the dead that are therein, to stand in the presence of the Judge before the great white Throne. Saturday night we were feeling our way along amid fog and icebergs, of which about a dozen were visible at one time; but we came through safely, and on Tuesday morning, June 6th, we saw the snow-flecked shores of Newfoundland, and shortly were sailing on the glassy surface of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, whence we soon found our way into the turbid waters of the river and on Thursday, June 8th, at noon, we found ourselves safe at the landing. The voyage was without accident, with the exception of the falling of the main gaff, which came crashing down when they were hauling taut the main-sail, through the straightening out of the hook of the peak halyard block, which was made of worthless iron. If the man who put it in had been under it at that moment, instead of the sailors and two or three passengers who were picked up bruised and bleeding, he would have had a taste of his own work, and might have found a sore spot in his head if there was none in his conscience. It was a mercy that no lives were lost, and that the casualties were not more serious. From Quebec the rest of the journey is by rail, and we trust that the same kind of providence which has guided us thus far will still protect us to the journey's end.

MISS BILBROUGH'S HOME, CANADA.



Marchmont Home, Belleville, 19th October, 1882.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—The return of our "fall" month, October, reminds me that it is getting time to send you our annual greetings, and to let you know how the Lord has prospered us during the past year.

It has been one of continual blessing, and though occasional clouds have passed over the sun, yet "the light of the morning" seemed all the brighter by the "clear shining after the rain." Occasional disappointments are good for us, and mould and discipline the character for future usefulness.

We had a quietly busy winter, sending all our young people (of whose addresses we were sure) a parcel of books, tracts, and Christmas cards. Here we can send $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. for 1d., and these rolls of papers, &c., gave joy in many a country-house, showing the children we still remember and care for them. Then came the registering of the applications for children, and answering numerous letters.

There has been a great demand this year for labour, and our supply is totally inadequate to the demand, especially for girls. One reason for this is the early marriages that take place among them.

Towards the end of January I received a letter from M— J— (who had come out a child in 1871 with her twin-brother H—, well connected in Liverpool, their father failed, and little remained for the boy and girl). All these years she had done well in Canada; being placed with a family of Friends she adopted their views, and now wrote me most pressingly to be present at her marriage. "I have no mother, and you have always been one to me." So I made an effort and went some 200 miles to the quiet little village of Norwich. I had never been at a Quaker wedding, so it was all the more interesting to me. As the hour approached buggies and democrats appeared from all directions, and the large front parlour was rapidly filled with guests. Four chairs were placed conspicuously at the end of the room, and when the company were assembled the bride and bridegroom, attended by bridesmaid and groom, took their seats amid complete silence. This remained unbroken for some minutes, till a female voice behind me said, "Let us pray." After prayer the patriarch of the family got up, and in a short address, stated that

Henry and Margaret S— had agreed to become husband and wife. After another silence they rose, took hold of each other's hands, and mutually promised one another to be faithful and true until death did them part. A Friend in the company then delivered an earnest and scriptural address to the young couple. Again silence, when the old man rose and unfolded a beautifully illuminated parchment document, containing a declaration and certificate of the marriage.

After the ceremony was over the wedding presents were exhibited and admired, and shortly we were soon moved to an elaborate repast, for which no pains had been spared. The usual wedding speeches and good wishes were made, and ere long the young couple took their departure.

The following letter is from a married girl. She was united some years ago to one of our boys, so that I am in a sense related to both of them. Her two sisters have recently married respectable tradesmen and are doing well.

P—, 18th September, 1882.

MY DEAR MISS BILBROUGH,—I am beginning to think you have forgotten us altogether, as I have written to you and received no answer. Selina was telling me how you had written to her, and was asking how Arthur and I were. Arthur and Maud are quite well. He often says how he would like to come and see you all, but it seems as if we could not get away. I suppose you are very busy with your little ones, as I know I can find lots to do with just one. Maud is growing a nice big girl. I wish you could see her. We would be glad to see you in our little home. We are very comfortable and happy. I suppose S— told you that she and C— were married. I made a nice wedding tea for them, and we had a very nice time. I believe they have both got good husbands. I often see them since they have got married. I think I will have to fetch these few lines to a close. Arthur joins with me in sending best wishes to you all. Hoping you are all well,—I remain, yours sincerely, A— B—.

Another letter from L— B— shows how very comfortable and happy these children become in homes of their own, with "3½ acres of land and house, all paid for—no debt."

ONTARIO, 17th March, 1882.

DEAR MISS BILBROUGH,—It is so long since you have heard from me that you will be very much surprised when you receive this. We are all enjoying good health at present, and hope you are the same. I have had a visit from A— O— this winter. I can't tell you how pleased I was to see her. She only stayed ten days, but I was very lonesome when she went away. The children were very fond of auntie, as they call her, and my little boy says, "Auntie's gone away to chop wood on the cars." I don't know whatever put such an idea in his head. She was so willing to wait on them, so they kept her busy all the time. You would hardly know the children now they have grown so fast. Ada has started to piece a quilt; she sews very nicely for a little girl not five years old. I met Mrs. P— last fall in Trenton; she had a very nice little daughter of her own; they were quite well. I heard S— M— was married and living in Belleville. Do you know her name now? I should like to know how she is. Remember me to all the girls, and when you write to me tell me as much as you can about them. L— S— is still living in Belleville I suppose; I hope she and her family are well. Dear Miss Bilbrough, we have bought a little place of our own here—about three and a half acres. We have built a new house and are living in it, but it is not finished yet; it will be very nice when it is all done. Mr. B— is very handy, he does most of the work himself. He intends to have a very flourishing garden. Our neighbours want him to go into the garden business, because they have not the land fit for gardening, and besides it takes so much time attending to it. Our little home is all paid for. My husband does not like going in debt for anything. We are in such a nice place to raise fowls that I am going to try and raise geese this year. If they turn out well a fat goose will find its way to Marchmont. I must conclude for the present. Remember us most respectfully to all the ladies and gentlemen,—From yours respectfully, L— B—.

Is not this better than leaving them to grow up uncared for and untrained, fit only to be a curse, and not a blessing to others.

In April we welcomed our dear friend and fellow-worker, your daughter Agnes, and Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Salmon, and George Lloyd, with their large party of strong, well-behaved boys, and the following days saw us very busy placing them in homes. When this was accomplished we began preparing for our girls' party, beginning of June, and looked forward to another busy time.

"*L'homme propose, mais Dieu dispose.*" I was taken ill with inflammatory rheumatism, and laid aside for some weeks. The Lord mercifully raised up efficient helpers, sending the Rev. C. W. and Mrs. Watch, who most efficiently took my place, and with the help of your useful daughters the work went on as usual. I need not say how thankful I am to be restored and able for my loved work again. The adjointed report from Mr. Watch of his visits among the children will, I am sure, be read with deep interest. It is so pleasant to find the children fully recognise the Lord's hand in thus providing for them.

B—H— writes:—

2nd July, 1882.

DEAR MISS BILBROUGH.—I received your letter and I was very glad to hear from you, and I was also very proud of your photograph, and I also hope you are quite well, as I am myself at present; and would also like to know if Mrs. Quarrier is in Canada, for I would like to have her photograph, and I would like some one to come and see me this summer. It is a large farm; there are five cows and four horses, and a lot of hens and chicks, and a lot of sheep and pigs—three big and two little ones—and also a little cat; and I thank the Lord for having got me into such a good home, and you also, dear Miss Bilbrough; and I also ask the Lord to keep me from all harm, and my love to you, dear Miss Bilbrough, and to dear Miss Agnes Quarrier, and to all that are in the Home. "The Son of God loved me and gave Himself for me, for even Christ pleased not Himself." Write soon.—I remain your true friend,

B—H—

We feel strongly that these children are the subject of many prayers, and will yet be brought into the kingdom. To-day two young men walked in from the country. J—P— has been an earnest working Christian for years, married, living on his wife's farm; four little children, the two youngest twins. So Lewis and Harriet Ann had both to receive the usual present of a Bible from their father's old friend. The other young man had gone out as a boy from the Home, and though occasionally visited had never returned to see us. "Well," he said, "for some years I know I did not lead the life you would wish me to. I got into bad company, and though I earned money easily, it goes just as fast; but I am resolved to do better, and I want you to take charge of my money for me and keep it safe, so I can't spend it." We had an earnest word about the necessity of being changed and trusting to Christ alone for the needed strength. J— has one of this year's boys D—C—. He says he "needs patience, but then I think of myself and what I was once, and it makes me more lenient to him. I have several appointments as a local preacher. Could you give me any books, Miss Bilbrough, that would help me with my sermons? also, books and tracts to give away." So we went into the book-room and made up a suitable parcel. "Have you any of Spurgeon's sermons; those are my favourites, and I would be so pleased, Miss Bilbrough, if you would order the 'Sword and the Trowel' for me, and those new 'Addresses to Farmers'."

Is it not blessed to think of these lads in their turn telling the good news of the Kingdom, and fitting themselves for future usefulness in Christ's service? F—H— has been for years working on a farm, has saved money, and now goes to C— to get on with education, hoping eventually to enter the ministry. His letter will, I am sure, interest you.

C—, 13th October, 1882.

DEAR FRIEND.—It affords me a great deal of pleasure to find time enough to write to you again, also I have the pleasure of saying that I am quite well at present, hoping to hear that you have quite recovered from the serious illness which you were suffering from when I was at the Marchmont a few weeks ago.

I find that I am kept very busy with my studies at school; so much so, that I do not find time to write to you very often. I had an examination yesterday, and one the day before. I have five or six next week, and four the week after, so that you see I shall be very busy for a while. But with all the hard work there is in study, I must confess that I love it very much. I like school in C— very well. The teachers are very kind, and willing to spend all the time we wish on anything we don't understand. I find also that upon getting acquainted with the students of the school there are some noble young men, and I am glad to tell you that I have made the acquaintance of some with whom I shall be labouring in after life if God see fit to spare our lives and prosper our

labours. I have been led to wish lately that I had the means to go on now, without stopping to teach. I would then take up my classics at once, and try and get up my matriculation work in one year, and get into the college the next year. But I am glad that I have not the shaping of my own paths, for God knows what is best for me, and I have learned to trust Him whatever befalls me or whatever comes. Please write and let me know how you are getting along with your grand work of caring for God's loved ones.—Hoping to be at the Marchmont Home on Christmas, I remain still a true Marchmont boy,

F—H—

But I must not omit to give you some of the children's letters. Here is one from a little boy out this year, who is so well liked that his parents want a little girl also:—

M—, 13th August, 1882.

DEAR MISS BILBROUGH.—I write these few lines to let you know that I am quite well, hoping to find you the same. I have got my holidays at school. I am building hay and helping to move it away, and I like my place as well as ever. Mr. Black is very kind to me. Alick Irvine was up to see me and told me you were sick, but I hope you are getting better now. We are commencing to our grain. There are plenty of apples here. I think I like Canada as well as Scotland now. I have been learning to rake with a horse-rake this summer. That was a nice little book you gave me. This is all I have to say at present.—I am, yours truly,

D—M. G—

God has been very good to us during the past year, not only in opening up homes for the children, but in supplying our needs, and sometimes from the most unexpected sources. For instance, the new province of Manitoba has kindly sent once and again to our necessities. One donor was a young man who had for a season been a teacher in our Home, now in a good school in Manitoba—yet not forgetting early friends—cheered our hearts by sending us 15 dols. from his earnings. The other donors were the young ladies from St. John's Ladies' School, Winnipeg. The lady principal writes:—

MY DEAR MISS BILBROUGH.—I know you like to stir up an interest in your work wherever you can. I must tell you what the girls are doing for you. Am I not right in saying that? Ever since I first brought your work before them they have contributed over twenty dollars annually—enough to pay the passage of an orphan from home. We have an off-rtory the first Wednesday of each month at morning prayers. February amounted to 6 dols. 20 cents, and March to 6 dols. 40 cents. Would you send us a few leaflets and little books about your orphans that I might give away among the pupils, and still further interest them in caring for some particular child?—Ever yours affectionately,

E—C—

Lately, since my health has been fully restored, I have been visiting the children in the neighbourhood of Arnprior—our kind friend Mrs. Bates placing her pony and phaeton at my service, and driving round with me to see the many children she has found homes for. Everywhere we were received with a hearty welcome. Time and space would fail me to tell of all we saw and did in a few days, but little K—M'E—'s home is worthy of a passing notice—a large, comfortable, well-furnished house. We were shown into the drawing-room by the only daughter, pressed to "lay off" our things and remain for dinner, which we were nothing loath to do. All was so clean and tidy, with an air of refinement pervading everywhere. Presently our hostess walked in, followed by a demure little maiden, with large blue eyes, and rosebud mouth, having seen some three summers in our changing world. Katie was evidently receiving great care and good training. Had forgotten all about her Scotch home and friends, though not the hymns they had taught her, which she sang most beautifully to us. She seemed glad to get away from our notice and stayed fast by her adopted mother's side. Within a stone's throw were two other four-year-olds, happy and contented as the day is long.

En route to Belleville I stayed over with our good friend Dr. B—, and saw several more children. J. Clarke is fast learning to be useful, a good steady little fellow, takes great interest in the forty hives of bees, in the culture of the grapes, both under glass and in the open air. We drove to see Alick and Jane I—, both together in an excellent home, and giving satisfaction to their employers.

I often, often wish some of the Scotch friends could accompany us and see

for themselves the sights we see every day, and which seem so much more real in daily life than they appear in pen and ink.

I need hardly say how eagerly we have received the good reports from Scotland, especially the answer to prayer in giving the last five homes. May the work continue to grow and prosper till no uncared-for destitute child need ever find itself compelled to seek a refuge in the poorhouse while Christian homes remain open to gather in and care for such.

Yours in work for the Master,

ELLEN AGNES BILBROUGH.

REV. C. W. WATCH'S REPORT.

"Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks, for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare." The past five months have been to us months of mingled joy and sorrow. We have passed under the cloud; we have enjoyed the beautiful sunshine; we experienced the hour of trial, but with it came the precious bow of promise.

On 7th June the remains of one of last year's lads who had come back to the Home and died was borne away to the cemetery by the bay. The solemn service was scarcely over when it was whispered through the Home that Miss Bilbrough was obliged to retire to her room. We little knew then what that meant. It is so kind of our Father only to teach us by the moment and the hour. The cloud tarried long, and just at the time when we needed most her counsel. It was strange to us, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord."

On 9th June we welcomed the party of girls under the care of Miss Quarrier and Mrs. Gilchrist. These were busy, and yet they were precious days. God was good; we treasured up His promises, and their value was felt in the sick room. How sweet the "Surely I will be with thee"!

The 26th day of August was like unto a day of triumph with us; it was a day of sunshine; Miss B—— came home from the Caledonia Springs, whither she and Mrs. W—— had gone to recruit. She was home again and in her old place; it was a day of thanksgiving. We all then knew better the meaning of Psalm xci. 14-16.

These are times of missionary enterprise—days of philanthropy—when the Spirit of God and the grace of Christ fill the hearts of some of His children that they seek the good of others. It is a time when nearly all workers from various positions and in different ways are reaching out towards the young; and yet sin is abroad, many are suffering, and more could be helped. Why is not the heart of all Christendom moved with love and zeal? why is not the treasury overflowing? How sad should the curse rest on any! (Judges v. 23.) We wish all the friends could see what we see and know what we know; they would rejoice and not murmur when they see the lad once helpless in the midst of temptation and danger, now in a Christian home and respected by the Christian community. The other day I went to preach the word in a village near by. In the choir was a respectable young man singing sweetly among God's people. He was a Glasgow lad. That night he was among the anxious for salvation and found peace in believing. I asked a gentlemanly young lad if he was pardoned; he rejoiced to tell me of his rest in Jesus. He was one of the orphan boys. I called at a respectable shop in the village and had a word or two with the owner and master. He was one of the earlier boys, a converted man, respected by all who know him. At another service of a similar kind, held at a little distance, the preacher of Christ at that meeting was "one of the boys."

On a beautiful summer day in August we were called to attend a solemn service in the Friends' Meeting-house. The house was full; the neighbourhood had come out to show their respect for the one whose remains we were about to commit to the dust. We wondered if Annie under her old associations

would have gained such love and respect. Best of all she passed away to be with Jesus.

On August 31st I left home for a tour among the children. For a few days I was entertained at the home of a good friend of the work, Mr. B—— of Admaston. He has a large heart, and is a true friend of the children. He has three of the children in his own house. I said to the younger, M—— L——, a five-year-old of last year, "What is your name?" "Miss B——," said she with an air of pride. I have seldom seen a happier little thing. On the Lord's-day I met with six of the little ones in the Sabbath school, each getting a Sabbath-school paper, and each repeating the texts. One of the teachers closed the meeting with prayer, when Lizzie C——, whom I had taken with me, asked if that gentleman was to be her "pa." I did not know at the time, neither did she, but the next morning I left her with this family in a Christian farm home, comfortably off. I met a young man who was not ashamed to take his Bible into the timber shanty and read it openly to the lumber men. This needs courage, zeal, and faith. I heard of another who, in the great North-West, had become fairly well off. He is a Christian. In a nice home little Aggie T——, of this year, came and sang the hymns she had learnt at Elmpark. In the village of Douglas an old lady, whose partner in life had been taken from her, said, "I am so thankful I did not return D—— and L—— as I intended. Miss Bilbrough's advice was good to me. I am old now, and D—— has a good business, and L—— has learned the dressmaking, and they keep me comfortably. What little I ever did has come back in blessing on myself."

On 7th September I was in a part of the country where the farmers were busy. No stages going, no conveyances to hire, and yet some children to be reached; so I started on foot. I was glad I did. In the clergyman I met I found a friend of our work. All the lads were happy. In this neighbourhood I met four young men recently converted, and some of these I met in the church in which I spoke in the evening. I spent a delightful Sabbath day speaking three times at Appleton and Carleton Places. The Rev. Mr. Simpson was very kind, driving me around for two days visiting the children. I found it necessary here to move one girl to another home. I saw Minnie M'G——, an Edinburgh girl, robust and happy, and learning to play the old hymn tunes upon the organ. On 13th and 14th September I had a profitable time in the vicinity of South March, where Rev. Mr. Fleming has been instrumental in placing out ten of our boys in good homes. We found one wayward boy among them. The rest are happy, we saw their homes, heard their praises, and also saw many of them in their schools. Near Perth, a this year's lad said: "I am so thankful for such a good home I am learning all I can." Another said, "We ought to be so thankful to those at home who take and train us, and for the homes we get here," and with a gleam of joy on his face said, "It is so good, Mr. Watch, to have friends." We heard of one keeping at the head of the class in the High School, and preparing to be a music teacher. At Balderson two of the children were away at a Sabbath-school picnic. In one home, where the girl was away on a visit, her master said, "Lizzie is such a bright Christian girl." I wish the dear friends and helpers in Scotland and neighbourhood could take just one tour with us. True there are boys and girls who need words of warning and firm treatment. There are some homes where an occasional child may be sent through some misrepresentation. In visiting we find this out, and always exercise our right in removing the child whenever we judge it in the child's best interests. Some say, "Why be so enthusiastic in this work?" We say, "Because we cannot be otherwise." Pray for us, that in our dealings with the children we may be so full of the love and grace of Jesus that they may see no harm in us.

Yours in the Lord Jesus,

CHARLES WM. WATCH.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR.

The original design of giving to our country National Homes is now a fact, in the completion of the ten houses at Bridge-of-Weir to house 300 children, with workshops and Central Building, and the Invalids' Home over and above—Thirteen buildings in all set apart for orphans deprived of both parents, and as the doors are open to receive such from any part of the country without subscriber's line or voting paper, the Homes may well be called national. In past years we have only been able to take in healthy children, but now with the Invalids' Home we can take in diseased, who are so often more in need of help and care than the others. This might fitly be called a jubilee year, but it is certainly one of thanksgiving, and calls for renewed praise to God for His great kindness. Each house now erected is the gift of one individual, with the exception of the Central Building. All the money given for has been expended on these, so that the purchase and formation of ground, alterations, &c., have had to be defrayed by the gifts of others who have thus contributed toward the completion of the whole. But for one or two special donations received this year we should have been compelled to stop some of our operations, and in that way there would have been failure. God who knows the end from the beginning, and has gone before us in the years of the past is still our "Provider," and we cannot but see His hand moving the hearts of the givers to set aside money for the work so that it should be accomplished in good time without too heavy a strain on the instrument. Had the legacy of £500 left by the late Miss Gordon of Paisley for this fund not come when it did, we would have been unable to go forward. It is true God would have sent it through others, but coming as it did shews us clearly that He had chosen her as the one to minister to our necessities in this matter. It will be remembered that at the failure of the City of Glasgow Bank in 1878 all the money for the Homes, principally that for the Building Fund for which contracts were out, was lodged there. When the news of the stoppage reached us God's message came with it, "Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines, the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord," and upon that we went forward and were enabled to meet the obligations of the year then just closing. God has continued the supplies since in such a way that our tradesmen never have to wait for their accounts, and we have been able to wait until the bank could pay back every penny of the money and interest on the same. God's ruling is seen by us in this, as but for the payment this year of a dividend and £200 of interest, we would have been deficient in the Building Fund. With it we shall be able to pay all that is owing, although when the contracts are finished we shall have nothing on hand for further alterations, &c., but will stand as needy as the first day we began to trust God. At present we are in want of increased filtering power for our water supply, for which an outlay of £300 will be necessary, and in our printer's shop we require a steam press and a larger quantity of type to enable us to do work to advantage and profit, and for this other £300 at least will be needed. God is able to supply these as well as all our other needs. At present we owe no man anything but love, and we are truly grateful to our Heavenly Father for His love and for the sympathy of friends which has followed us all through the work. The funds for the maintenance of the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir and those on the Govan Road are one and the same, and the cost of the keep of the children in these places this year has been £12 5s. 9d. per head for every expense. The system of having separate houses necessitates a greater outlay, but the advantages gained in the training of the children for their future life in the world are more than worth the extra expense, and notwithstanding it we have

been able to accomplish the work at a cost lower than in many larger establishments where hundreds are gathered together. We feel sure our friends will agree with us in this.

During this year these Homes have grown not only in increase of buildings but in usefulness, and many of those who visited the place a year or two ago would be surprised to see the difference in the surroundings and in the children themselves now. Those who have seen them in school, or at play, or in church have been loud in their praises, and have remarked again and again that they certainly reflect great credit on the fathers and mothers who have charge of the Homes, and on the teachers. Being at a distance from any church necessitates us having services in our own hall on Sabbaths. These are addressed by ministers and friends from Glasgow and the neighbourhood. In July Mr. W. D. Dunn conducted three weeks' special services there which have been owned of God to the salvation of many of the children and others in the surrounding district and to the refreshing and upbuilding of the workers. Besides these meetings there have been many special gatherings when friends who were visiting the Homes addressed the children. We take advantage of every opportunity of letting them hear of the Saviour who died for them, looking to God to give the increase of blessing.

At the beginning of the year we had 161 children in these Homes, and since then 78 others have been admitted, making a total of 239 who have been benefited by them during the year. (See Summary of year's work as to disposal.) Three have been removed by death; a little boy of six of consumption, another of eight of disease of the heart, and a little girl of seven of paralysis of the brain.

THANKSGIVING-DAY, 5th SEPTEMBER, 1882.

This is one of the days in connection with the work that requires more than a passing notice. Two years ago this month we held our first thanksgiving-day, and at that time six houses were erected on the ground, and the sum of £20,000 had been received and expended. Since then money has come in to build four other Cottages and the Invalids' Home, and it was for the completion of the group that this day was specially set apart for the purpose of thanksgiving. Looked forward to for a long time beforehand with no small interest, it was a matter of great thankfulness to us and to the workers when the day came that things were so far into shape. Those who knew the rough character of the land when we first broke ground will have some idea of the trouble and expense incurred getting it into its present condition. Our own energies and those of the workers were taxed to the utmost, and when the last barrow-load of soil was spread over the levelled rock, we felt as if a great weight had been taken off our shoulders. It would be difficult to give the exact number of barrels of gunpowder used in blasting, and the yards of steel rod in boring the rock, but the undertaking was an arduous one, and would not even now have been accomplished had it not been gone at with a will by the workers as well as by the labourers. We have gained experience in civil engineering and navy work which may be of service to us in the future of the work, and although the difficulties encountered in thus subduing the ground into form and harmony with the whole were not slight, and were only overcome by plodding perseverance, we feel thankful for the patience and experience gained through it.

Thanksgiving-day itself brought to our remembrance some of the way-marks by which the Lord had led us, in bringing us to it—the early difficulties of obtaining ground, the many places we looked at as suitable, and how His hand closed up the way until we came to this place. We remembered the first day we visited it amid pouring rain, and how as we stood on the spot where the Central Building now stands, and surveyed the land, we seemed to hear a voice saying, "This is the place." Then our efforts to buy the land

privately but prevented from doing so, there being so many heirs-at-law, our going into the auction-room after having decided upon the price we would pay for it, hoping no one would compete with us, our disappointment on finding speculators who bid and raised the cost £560, until it was knocked down to us at £3560, and the congratulations of friends on it becoming ours at such a moderate price. After paying for the ground we had just about £2000 in hand, so we had plans prepared for a Central Building to cost £5000, and while they were going on the late Mr. A. F. Stoddard of Port-Glasgow called saying he and his wife intended building a Cottage in memory of their son, and shortly afterwards a lady friend in Glasgow intimated her desire to build one in memory of her mother. Thus we were prepared to go on with the Central Building and two Cottages, but not having enough to complete the Central, we arranged with the contractors that they should stop the work if funds ran short. On 16th of February, 1877, the first stone was laid, and the builders pushed forward as rapidly as possible. Money came in slowly for the balance until May, 1878, when we were almost at a standstill. However we believed that God would send the money, and it did come from a source we did not look for it. A friend who had meant to build a Cottage stepped forward and gave £1400. Thus were the difficulties removed, and as we called them to remembrance we did the more praise Him who had made the way smooth.

The following, taken from the Glasgow daily papers, gives a very good account of the day's proceedings. Professor Calderwood's remarks were well chosen for the work and the occasion, as were also those of Mr. Corbett, and were appreciated by all present.

A thanksgiving meeting was held yesterday in the Orphan Homes of Scotland, situated midway between Bridge-of-Weir and Kilmalcolm. A special train from St. Enoch's Station at half-past twelve o'clock conveyed a numerous company of ladies and gentlemen to Bridge-of-Weir, whence they proceeded per omnibus and other vehicles to the Homes. After they had gone over the institution they met in the large hall—Mr. Thomas Coats, of Ferguslie, presiding. On the platform were the Rev. Drs. Elder Cumming, Calderwood, Thomson (Paisley), Culross, and Ogilvie (Falkirk); Rev. Messrs. Thornton, Howie, Andrew, E. Hall Renfrew, Carstairs, J. B. Smith (Greenock), J. H. Wylie, A. Henderson (Paisley); Provost Campbell and ex-Provost Lyle, of Greenock; Dr. Young of Kelly, Dr. Henderson, Mr. A. C. Corbett, London; Bailies Farquharson and Dickson, ex-Bailie Burt, ex-Provost Dick; Messrs. W. J. Sloman, J. Brown, John Robertson, W. Maitland, R. Kerr (Paisley), W. Quarrier, A. Langlands, Carmichael, R. A. Bryden, and R. H. Hunter.

The proceedings having been begun with praise and prayer, Mr. Maitland intimated letters of apology from—Dr. Charles Cameron, M.P.; Chas. Tennant, Esq., M.P.; Hon. W. E. Gladstone, Hon. A. F. Kinnaird, Sir Wm. Collins; Rev. Drs. A. N. Somerville, Joseph Brown, Black, A. Bonar, Donald Macleod, Marshall Lang, Hutcheon (Paisley), W. G. Blaikie, Edinburgh, Principal Douglas, Dr. Boardman, London; Rev. C. A. Salmon; Messrs. George Martin, of Auchendennan; James White, Overtoun; J. C. White, Jas. Gordon Oswald, David Paton, of Alloa; Stewart Turnbull, of Renton; Jas. Templeton, Alexander Allan, Peter Denny, W. A. Campbell, T. Livingstone Learmonth, of Polmont; R. C. Morgan, A. B. Kirkpatrick, and William Borland. Amongst those letters was the following:—

"10 Downing Street, Whitehall,
9th August, 1882.

"Sir,—Mr. Gladstone has received your letter of the 29th ult., and he desires me to say in reply that he regrets that his engagements will not permit him to meet your wishes to be present on the 5th of next month at the opening of your new Home for Incurable Children.—I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

"WM. QUARRIER."

"HORACE SEYMOUR."

The CHAIRMAN said—At the request of Mr. Quarrier, the originator and founder of the Orphan Homes of Scotland, I have the honour of taking the chair to-day. We are now met to dedicate the Invalid Orphan Homes, and render thanks to God Almighty for His goodness in prospering the work commenced eighteen years ago, and carried on in humble dependence on God, who has ever been present to aid in the hour of greatest need, and to whom Mr. Quarrier still looks for a blessing on his endeavours to further extend the benefits of these Orphan Homes, which have rescued thousands of poor

neglected children from vice, want, and misery, and also procuring for many of them happy homes away from the evil influences of their former lives, with the prospect of their becoming good and useful members of society. At my request Mr. Quarrier furnished me with notes narrating the progress of his philanthropic work from its commencement, which I have now pleasure in communicating:—"Eighteen years ago I began work among the street children of Glasgow by the formation of the Shoeblack Brigade, which helped hundreds of poor boys. Twelve years ago the Lord led us to extend the work, and we began the Orphan Homes in entire dependence upon Him. The first £2000 was sent in answer to prayer, and we rented an old workshop in the city, which very soon became too small for us, and we removed to two old mansion-houses on the Govan Road. In April, 1876, we bought the estate of Nittingshill, Bridge-of-Weir, and paid for it £3560, which left us with little on hand. We resolved to erect a central building, and shortly after friends in Port-Glasgow gave the first cottage. On the 10th of February, 1877, the first stone was laid. In September, 1878, the central building and two cottages were opened. In September, 1880, our last thanksgiving-day, there were eight houses erected and paid for—the central building and offices, and six cottages. Since then four more cottages have been given, and the Invalid Children's Home, which completes the original design. On an average, from 100 to 200 children have been rescued every year since the beginning, making a total of 2000, with an equal number of casuals, besides the other branches, mission work, &c. The money has just come in as it has been needed, and although we have been reduced to our last pound, we have never wanted. Since we first began to trust the Lord for everything, we have received about £80,000 for buildings and maintenance." (Applause.)

Professor CALDERWOOD said he had great satisfaction in being allowed to be present and say a few words expressive of the admiration he felt for the work accomplished, and gratitude to God in view of what had been done. They could not more fitly begin the proceedings than by praise and prayer. He was sure they all called to mind the words of our Saviour impressing upon them an obligation—"The poor ye have always with you." These words were uttered by the Master when He Himself was receiving a special token of kindness, and of value so great that some reflection was passed upon it on account of its pecuniary worth. In such an institution they were recognising the permanency of the demand upon the Christian Church, which he believed was owing that demand and accounting it among one of the tokens of God's goodness to them that as He was the great giver, they were to be constantly giving. They did not wish to see the end of that work, as they certainly could not grudge it. No doubt there must be a habitual disposition to reflect a little upon such efforts on account of the possibility of their rendering help where help should not be given. But the tendency of the Christian Church was rather to run the risk of error in its liberality than that it should be greatly restrained on account of caution. What they wanted to own was that there were special advantages in benevolent effort for the good of others to those who were to be benefitted, and special advantages to those who took part in it. He had been led to draw a contrast between legal provision and benevolent provision for the needy. It might be said that there was large legal provision, and that all legal provision must have a restraining influence. There were cases where one parent had been removed and another could not render help. Such cases came before them with peculiarly strong claims. When he was chairman of the Edinburgh School Board there was nothing so distressing as the sight of wretchedness and misery which was unearthed in the city by the first application of the Educational Act. One single illustration would suffice. Two of the ladies, members of the School Board, visited homes to get children to attend the school. At one house they could not find admission, the door being barred and the key left with a neighbour. The mother had to go out and work to get bread for her children. When the door was opened three little ones perfectly naked were discovered in the house. When asked how it was with them as to food, they said they had got something the night before, and that when their mother returned they expected more. Now, if there was Christian love in the earth at all they must look at these things and deal with them. They had assembled that day to render thanks that God had helped them, and that throughout Scotland they could look to these Homes as meeting such cases, with this assurance, that so long as there was space there would be provision for the orphans of the land really in want. It had sometimes been alleged that this benevolent effort tended to encourage improvidence. The cases provided for were certainly doing anything but encouraging improvidence. No doubt it was the duty of Government to suppress the tendency to rest upon legal provision for relief, because there were many undeserving cases; but whatever was done, let the children be saved. In these Homes they were guarding against improvidence, because they were training the children to be provident, and certainly when they rose to become members of society they would appreciate the value of the training of such Homes. It was acknowledged with gratitude that the whole system of training was a wise and Christian one. He had come early in the morning, so that he might judge for himself, and he had seen those who had directed the affairs of the institution, and he was satisfied

that they were wisely selected. He had also examined the children, and was delighted at the progress they had made in many ways, and at the happy influence to which they were subjected. They did not wish to have their children to be trained as a regiment and drilled to be sent away as a great body. They rather wanted them to live in a quiet way and to learn a spirit of helpfulness. This was the case in these Homes; and when he also looked at what was being done for the suffering children, he thought how wisely and well the whole arrangement was. Then, again, with the home influence it was necessary to have a christianising influence. He had always felt that our Poor Law Boards had made a great advance by the boarding-out system, and he bowed to the fact that it was necessary to apply the test of the houses in the case of many who asked relief; but it was well, surely, when the children were taken out of the poorhouse—when they were not pauperised, when the brand of pauperism was not placed upon them and left burning there—that they should be sent hither and thither into the houses of the people to become members of families. One thing which struck him in travelling through Canada was to see how well treated the children were in the houses in which they were received, and how surely they were on the road to prosperity. If these children had been left at home they might have been doing harm. Then they could not look at the entire aspect of the effort in which Mr. Quarrier was engaged without feeling that they were divinely guided. After their heads were laid to rest, and they were gone to the unseen world, the fruits of their labours might not perhaps be apparent, but they would be seen by the Master. In the midst of their work let them say that by God's help they would go on in faith and gratitude. His last words were—Let the blessing of the Almighty abound there, and touch every child dwelling in these Homes. (Applause.)

Mr. A. C. CORBETT, of London, said that he was brought up by his father, the late Thomas Corbett—(applause)—to feel an earnest sympathy in the work done in these Homes. His father took a great interest in many charities, but there was none which lay so near his heart as the work carried on by Mr. Quarrier. That work was of a complete character. It took no half measures. It brought the children out of the most unhealthy condition in which they could be found, and placed them into conditions most healthful, moral, and physical. Such Homes would be more generously supported if we cultivated more fully the Christian virtue of entering into the feelings of those who were altogether differently situated from ourselves. The virtue which Christianity brought permanently into the work was a sympathy and a desire to bear the burden of others. It was very easy to sympathise with a neighbour who had fallen from our own rank in life, but it was more difficult to feel the real brotherhood of humanity. He considered it as one of the results of such a charity that it must necessarily influence the spirit of our Government charities. We could not have a large number of people feeling a deep interest in a movement of this kind—we could not have an example given of the success of humanising treatment—without influencing the treatment of all those confined in our reformatories and other institutions. He thought Mr. Quarrier an exceptional man, because there was no other institution which was conducted with the same absolute purity and faultlessness. There were many institutions which were looked upon with sympathy, but in which we found faults. But here in these Homes he could find no fault at all. He believed the system of Mr. Quarrier would have beneficial results upon the work of public institutions, and that the example he had given would tend to bring about a kindly tone in the efforts of all those who were trying to do good to the poor children of our land. (Applause.)

Mr. QUARRIER, after thanking the company for their attendance, referred to the Invalids' Home, which was a new branch of the work of the Orphan Homes of Scotland. His early struggles with poverty led him to think of others when he grew up to be a man, and the result was, under Providence, these Homes. (Applause.) He felt when he was a boy the need of help just as those boys did whom he had helped, and he vowed that if ever he was in the position to help such boys he should do so. God had enabled him to carry out this desire in a way which he did not at first expect, but it had been done in the best possible way, for God had allowed the friends before him to become workers with him.

Miss M'PHERSON, of London, gave an interesting statement as to the Homes in Canada, and also as to the jealous care which was manifested by the farmers in Canada that the children sent thither should be well used.

Provost CAMPBELL, of Greenock, and Mr. A. C. BARKER, of Aberdeen, afterwards addressed the meeting, and prayers were offered up by the following ministers in dedicating the different new Homes:—Rev. G. L. Carstairs for the "Anderston" Home; Rev. T. Somerville for the "Greenock" Home; Rev. J. Carruthers for the "Aberdeen" Home; Rev. A. Henderson for the "Paisley" Home, and the Rev. Dr. Elder Cumming for the Invalids' Home.

At the close of the meetings the visitors inspected the different houses. The fire apparatus was tested, and the children gathered on the lawn sang some of their hymns. A pleasant tea meeting with the children concluded the day's proceedings.

A GREAT AND NOBLE WORK.

Under the above heading the following leading article appeared in *N. B. Daily Mail* of 6th September. Whoever the writer may be he has touched the underlying principles of the work in such a way that we think it worthy of a place in our Narrative.

We would think it impossible for any stranger travelling between Kilmaccolm and Bridge-of-Weir, and catching a glimpse of the neat little array of cottages nestling beside the Gryffe at Nittingshill, to forbear asking what had caused the erection of such places in such a spot—they present, socially, such a contrast to the bleak hillsides on either hand, dotted with solitary farm steadings at long intervals. Such a traveller would be told that these are Mr. Quarrier's Orphan Homes, and it might be added that the idea of neighbourliness which they suggest in contrast to the isolated farmhouses but faintly indicates the present comfort of the inmates in comparison with the life of desolation and loneliness from which they have been rescued.

The Thanksgiving which was held yesterday marks the completion of an era in the history of the Orphan Homes. The original design of their founder has been accomplished, and twelve cottages are now open for the reception of orphans and outcasts. These cottages are now occupied by some hundreds of city arabs whom Mr. Quarrier has saved from lives of crime and misery and is bringing up in respectability and comfort. So far as the children themselves are concerned, that is a great matter, but it does not exhaust the value of the work that is being done. An attack of this kind upon the recruiting ground of crime is a public benefaction which it is difficult to estimate too highly—transforming those who would otherwise grow up to be public pests and sources of public expense into valuable members of society. But all this has not been done and is not being carried on without money.

Years ago, when Mr. Quarrier first ventured into this special field of benevolence, it was in a very modest way. He ventured upon no more than he was equal to single-handed. Practically the great business of the Homes is his, single-handed, still. The work gradually grew upon him; he did not refuse to take it up; and the means for its accomplishment came with it in a manner as remarkable as the system which Mr. Quarrier adopts. The buildings which have been erected have cost many thousands of pounds; the annual cost for the upkeep of the various establishments under his direction is no less than £6000, and yet he never calls on anyone personally for a subscription! All along he has simply made known his wants from fortnight to fortnight through the columns of the *Mail*, and the necessary amount of money has been poured in from all quarters. But still there, in their terrible reality, were the hundreds of young mouths to be filled every day, and the steady facing of this day by day, and the taking up of fresh work as it came to hand, without doubt or misgiving, deserve the highest recognition from those who value courageous Christian benevolence. The ability with which Mr. Quarrier has administered the funds coming to his hand in this fashion cannot have been inconsiderable. He would be the last to claim that those who waste or are careless of what comes to them as his funds do have a right to expect more, and it goes without saying that had there not been all along a shrewd prudence presiding over the expenditure of his various establishments they would have come to grief ere this. Mr. Quarrier's Homes are at this moment, as they have always been, solvent; beyond this he does not seek to place them. He was indeed offered a handsome endowment for one of them not long ago, but he refused to accept it, such a thing being against the principle upon which he had begun and carried on his work.

And that brings us to the point where any controversy exists in the estimate of his mode of procedure. He conducts the great business in his own way, and entirely independent of outside or indeed any control or responsible counsel. There are those who pretend to see all manner of dangers in this. Most of these belong to the class who have never in their lives moved even a little finger to help a single walf similar to those whom Mr. Quarrier is making men of. The Homes are open to public inspection at all times; as a property they are vested not in Mr. Quarrier but in trustees, and the accounts are audited and published annually; but in the daily discipline and management the founder of the Homes claims to be paramount and independent. We believe that, instead of being a defect in his system, this personal feature has been its main element of strength.

It is time, that the truth should be both recognised and acknowledged, that we have amongst us an exceptional man, doing an exceptional work of great national importance in a way that has never been attempted before, and with a success that has no parallel in the history of Scotland. He has done and is still doing a great and noble work, without fee or reward, which we would with great heartiness, as we can with every confidence, commend to those who are able to give a practical shape to their benevolent inclinations.

DONATIONS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

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

November 5.—Mrs T., 6 pairs stockings; H. C., for Hallowe'en, 8s 6d; a Friend, per Mrs H., for do., 3s 6d; Mrs B., Largs, for emigration, £1; Whip Money, 2s; Mrs and Miss M., Dumfries, £5; J. C. W., £10; found in Boxes at Cottage Homes in October, £2 18s 2d; a Friend, £1; Girls attending Mrs M.'s Sabbath Class, U.P. Church, Bridge-of-Allan, 8 pairs stockings; Sandyford Parish Church Sabbath school, £1; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 12s 6d; Miss S. C. J., Croydon, pinafores and hood; W. J. S., a barrel of apples. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—A Friend, to help those in need, £1; Mrs S., Dumfries, a barrel of apples; A. W., Jedburgh, box of apples; R. M., £5; Mrs M., cotton and stockings.

November 19.—Mrs B., Kilmalcolm, £1; Mr. T., Ceylon, £1; Miss L., Helensburgh, 12 dozen pairs stockings, clothing, &c.; Mrs M., a cap and 3s; Mrs A., 18 dresses, 12 petticoats, 42 chemises; balance of social meeting, per M. and M., 17s; Miss M., 5 pairs stockings and socks; Mrs M., Glencairn, £10; collected in Morton Parish S.S., Thornhill, per J. R. W., £2 18s; left in letter-box at house, for Orphan Homes of Scotland, £40; Mrs F., Lenzie, £1 10s and 2 parcels clothing; Misses L., Lenzie, parcel of clothing; Anonymous, Dunoon post mark, 2s 6d in stamps; a Friend, £2 to buy young trees for Cottage Homes; Mrs A., for rent of Girls' Home, £50; Renfield St. U.P. Church Forenoon Meeting, per W. H. W., £2 8s 4d; Sabbath Morning Bible Class, per C. D., 10s; "As the Lord's Steward," 5s; "A Country Friend," per Mrs. H. Macduff, 10s 6d; "Little Willie," per do., 10s 6d; John, do., 10s 6d; Elsa, do., 5s; two Friends, do., 5s 6d; Mrs M., £3; "As the Lord has prospered the sale of knitting, and as a thank-offering for special mercies," £1; a Friend, articles of furniture; Children's Missionary Box, Dunoon, 5s; M. P., Greenock, £1; for the Orphans, from Cupar-Fife, with Acts xx. 35, £1; F. M. R., Motherwell, "for increased mercies and blessing during past year," £2; Mrs C., Annan, £3; legacy by the late Miss Gordon, Paisley, per R. & T. Russel, writers, £1000, less £100 of Legacy Duty, divided as follows:—£500 to Building Fund and £400 to this; Mrs S., 8 pairs stockings; Mr W., 12 pairs stockings; J. J., Rothesay, 12 shirts, 4 petticoats, and 9 pairs stockings. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—R. R., Hamilton, £5; J. F., 10s; Mrs W., Gourrock, per Mrs S., 10s; Mrs W., £1; Mrs L., 10s; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 18s 2d; "Nemo," Dunoon, £1; Mrs K., Paisley, 14 pairs stockings, &c.; a Friend, Liverpool, per W. M., parcel of clothing; W. L., 10s; J. D., Greenock, £1; Friends, Aberdeen, 5s; S. K., a cheese; A. B. K., £25; Mrs W., Dowanhill, parcel of clothing; Auchterarder Free Church Bible Class, per W. E. W. B., 16s; Camphill U.P. Church, per G. B. H., £10; a Friend from the Upper Ward, 2 parcels blankets. The following has been sent in for Orphan Homes of Scotland Building Fund:—Legacy by the late Miss Gordon (£1000, less £100 of Legacy Duty, £400 to General Fund); £500 per R. & T. Russel, writers, Paisley.

December 3.—A Friend, 5s; a Friend, a doll; Dr M., Kirriemuir, £1; a Friend, 4 pairs stockings; K., £1; Miss K., underclothing and cravats; Mrs M., Portobello, £2; a Friend, per do., 5s; A. D., per J. C., for Cottage Homes, £2; Miss M. B., Bochartle, 6 pairs stockings; Misses R., Biggar, £1; Mrs L., Edinburgh, £3; R. L., Aberdeen, 4s; from a Christian Widow, Helensburgh, £1; J. S., Aberdeen, £2; A. B., £35; J. F., £1 10s; Miss S., Montrose, parcel of magazines for Canada; Miss G., scrap books and pinafores; Mrs M. C., Caitlock, £1; J. G., Hampstead, £3; Miss S., Hillhead, for Bridge-of-Weir Homes, £2; Roslyn, 5s; Mrs S., Helensburgh, £5; J. M. K., Langbank, £1; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £1 11s 11d; collected by Miss N. in Moffat, £7; D. H. J., £2; Misses M., Paisley, £2; Miss B., £1; a Friend at Noon Meeting, 5s; collected by Boys and Girls Sabbath Forenoon Meeting, Gourrock, per Miss H., 14s 9d; W. E., £10; G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, 10s; Mrs M. E., Dowanhill, £1; I. D., Aberdeen, 4s; Mrs W., fish and cocoa; Miss M. F., Comrie, £1; a Friend, Stirling post mark, £1; Miss L., Crosshill, piece of cotton; Misses A., Tighnabruich, 10s; J. A., do., 10s; W. S., Dundee, £5; M. S., in the name of Jesus, for poor boys and girls, from a little girl, 5s; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 6s 5d; a Friend in the neighbourhood of Greenock, to be used as Mr Quarrier thinks best, £100; A. J., New Deer, £1; Mrs J., Lamash, 10s; Miss M. Y., per Mrs R., Hamilton, 2s; Mrs C., per do., 2s; Mrs R., Hamilton, a thank-offering for recovering mercies, £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—H. L., £20; Miss W., Edinburgh, £1; Mrs M., do., £1;

Mrs L., 5s; Mrs B., £2; a Friend at Annual Meeting, £1; "Hebrides," £10; a Friend at Annual Meeting, £1; Miss G., £1; A. D., per J. C., for City Home, £1; J. J., Edinburgh, £5; J. O., Greenock, 2 parcels of clothing; Mrs L., Edinburgh, for Children's Night Refuge, 10s; Miss S., parcel of clothing and 5s; A. M., £2; R. H., 12 loaves as a thank-offering for bringing Richard Weaver to Glasgow; Mrs M., lot of clothing; Mr S., lot of periodicals, &c.; Mrs S., Edinburgh, 2 pairs blankets; Mrs M., Strathaven, £5; Miss M., do., £1; Miss W., 8 petticoats; W. M., hand-sewing machine; Miss M. F., Comrie, to help needy ones, £1; Miss W., Sandbank, lot of clothes; a Friend, Blantyre, parcel of socks and 10s; from J. & R., Gourrock, 2 parcels clothing; a Friend, per Mrs W., Crosshill, 5s; Miss S., Gourrock, 12 pairs stockings; G. M. K., £5; W. J. G., £10; J. R., £5 5s; found in boxes at City Home in November, and collections on Sabbaths at halls, £43 4s 10d; J. C., Inveraray, 10s; collected by A. A., per J. H. W., 7s.

December 17.—R. D. M., Dunlop, parcel of clothing; A. S., 12 volumes *Good Words* for Cottage Homes Library; "In Memoriam," £1 5s; J. B., jun., £1; Miss J. L. S., Bridge of Weir, for Cottage Homes, £1; J. H., Kilwinning, two boxes sweets for Cottage Homes; A. A., Johnstone, one box pears for Cottage Homes; collected by Helensburgh Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, per A. G., £1 10s; Mrs J. D., Perth, £1; M. S., Edinburgh, 10s; a Widow, 2s; Mrs S., Bridge of Allan, 10s; J. W., Kilmearn, per W. C. M., £2; W. M., Markinch, £1; Mrs M., £1; Mrs A., parcel of clothing; from J. and M. C.'s mission box, Hamilton, 2s 6d; A. D., £10; G. M. F., £2 2s; Miss C. R., Cupar-Fife, 3s; Miss M. C., £1; J. B., Paisley, £1; E. P., Dunoon, 10s; Miss M. P., for Bibles, £1; a Friend, Whiteside, five pairs socks; Mrs M., 10s; A. G., Johnstone, £10; from Elderslie S.S., per W. A., £1 10s; a Friend, C. Kinross, 5s in stamps; B., Falkirk, 10s; Mrs J. G. P., Hamilton, £1; Mrs D. B., Falkirk, 10s; P. S., 4s; Bishop Street S.S., in connection with St. Vincent Street U.P. Church, 12s 6d; an Invalid, Cowdards, 10s; J. H. N. G., £5; a Friend, 3 pairs socks; J. B., Helensburgh, £5; Mrs J. C., Kilmalcolm, £3; Mrs A. M., Greenock, £1; Mrs B., £1; "Two Old Workers," £1; "Whip Money," 2s; "The Lord's Tenth," 8s; from Jane, 15s; Miss M., Bonchurch, £2 2s; Mrs S., Newcastle-on-Tyne, £10; Mrs D., Dumbarton, £1; Miss L., Windygates, £1; Miss W., Windygates, 10s; A. S., 6 vols. *Good Words*, &c., for Cottage Home Library; Bath Street U.P. Church Mission S.S., 10s; Pollok Street U.P. Church Mission S.S., per J. H., 14s 8d; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 12s 9d; "Margaret," Greenock, £5; J. J. M. I., 10s; Elgin Place Congregational S.S., per J. N. M., £1; J. O. K., £1 and four pairs stockings; part of money from the "God's box" of a brother gone home, 10s; J. G. T.'s Bible Class, Buckhaven, £1 10s; D. F., Fortwilliam, 10s; W. M., Edinburgh, £1; J. K., £2; Miss S., £1; J. C. J., Craill, £10. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission work:—Mrs S., 4s 6d; Miss L., Brighton, £5; a Friend, parcel of clothing; West Parish S.S., Rutherglen, 10s; Barony F. Church Session-house Female Bible Class, per A. D., 7s 9d; K. H., 12 loaves; a Friend, towards expenses of Mr. Weaver's visit to Glasgow, £1; Mrs L., for New Year's Treat, 4s and set of toy reins; J. M. C., Hillhead, £1; Mrs M., Kirriemuir, 12 pairs socks; A. M. B., 6s; J. G., Stirling, 10s; from a Friend "for mission work," £1; L. C., Renfrewshire, £3; L. C., £1; M. C. and C., per A. S. B., £2 2s; R. T., Corstorphine, £3; "From a Well-wisher," £2; A. W., Dunfermline, £10; M. D., £5 5s; R. C., £1; collected at Claremont Street Wesleyan Church, £5 7s; A. G., in stamps, 5s; J. C., Aberdeen, £1; Miss C., Ibroxholm, £1; from Workers in United Co-operative Baking Society, Kinning Park, per D. S., £1 12s; C. R., Milngavie, £1; W. C., £2; Mrs G., Falkland, £2; "from the Master's treasury," £2; Mrs S., parcel of clothing and 5s; J. W. & T., £3; Mrs A., quantity of toys for New-Year's treat; C. R., Rutherglen, £1, for New-Year's treat.

December 31.—Mrs B., Bridge of Weir, for New-Year's dinner, £1; Mrs A., Irvine, £1; G. L., Edinburgh, £5; Mr and Mrs N., Loanhead, 10s; C. B. and Mrs A., £2; J. F., £4; from Helensburgh, £2; from Eglinton Street U.P. Church Sabbath School, £1 8s 13d; Mrs and Miss M., Johnstone, £5; Miss E., for Cottage Homes, £5; Miss A. M., Ceres, 5s; "A Christian Servant," per do., 2s 6d; J. H., "A Thank-offering for a special mercy," £1; Mrs R. M., 5s; "From Halbeath," per W. H., Dunfermline, 3s 2d; "From Wellwood," per do., 3s 3d; from Minnie, parcel of clothing, &c.; from a Friend, in stamps, 2s 6d; Mrs D., 10s; Hutchesontown U.P. Church Sabbath School, £1; from Laurieston Sabbath School, per J. M. A., £1; Miss G., Strathaven, £1; from Young Ladies attending Claremont Terrace School (for Cottage Homes), per Mr. D., £10; M. S. T., Torrington, £1; Miss K., Partick, quantity of Christmas and New Year cards; J. W., £100; "Deut. xxiii. 12," 5s; Miss A., Bridge of Allan (for Bridge of Weir Homes), £1 1s; J. C., Annan, £5; Mrs T., 10s; Friends, per Mrs I., for Christmas tree, 10s; a Friend in Appin, £1 1s; Mrs J., Irvine, £1; Preston Mission School Box, per G. B., Markinch, 7s; Moiety Family Box, Paisley, 10s; J. B., Tarbolton, 5s; J. M., 5s; Mr S., quantity of evergreens and pictures; Miss H., 26 trimmed hats; Three Friends, per J. B., Irvine, £2; Mrs E., per J. W., 5s; Mrs G., per do., 5s; M. and J. W., Irvine, 12 knitted mufflers; Mrs R. C., Alloa, £1 and a piece of wincey; from a Family, £2 12s 5d

and a parcel of clothing; Ednam Union S.S., per A. M., Kelso, 10s; Mrs R., per Miss R., £1; T. M., for Cottage Homes, 5s; G. G., Aberdeen, £1; Mrs W., parcel of clothing; Savings of Mary and Nettie for Christmas, 5s; Mrs T., £1; from Anonymous Friend, Christmas Gift for Cottage Homes, £100; Mrs D., per J. W., £1; J. G., Edinburgh, £1; J. C., £1; from a Mother, in memory of George's birthday, Christmas Eve, £1; from Kilbogie S.S., per W. H., 10s; G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, a plum pudding and 2s for carriage; S. M., Dunfermline, £1; Mrs M'C., Crosshill, 10s; W. C., £3; from Wanderer, Ayr, 10s; Mrs R., Maybole, per Miss F., 10s; Servants, per do., 8s; Margaret, per do., 2s; Miss F. and Friends, Maybole, quantity of clothing; Mrs F., Kent Road, £2; J. G., £2; J. C., jun., £1; Miss B., £2; First Fruits, Falkirk, £2; Dr. M., £1; E. F., 10s; Mrs S., Melrose, £1; S. C., Sheffield, £3; part proceeds of Christmas tree, per Miss L., for Orphan Cottage Homes, £6; J. A., £1; a small balance for the Orphans, £2; Mrs L., Appin, £1; U.P. Church S.S., Larkhall, per W. M., £2; Mr S., Partick, 5s; Co-operative Society, Kilbarhan, per G. A., £1 1s; a Servant, 10s; A. B., £1; J. D. B., £10; Kent Road U.P. Church Mission, £2 12s 3d; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 11s 8d; Mrs E. and Sister, Melrose, £1; Cowglen S.S., per S. B., 8s 6d; Miss K., Staleybridge, £5; J. M. D., £2 2s; Mrs C., cake, neckties, &c.; a Govan joiner, £1; a Working Woman's thankoffering to the Lord for the countless mercies of the year, Port-Glasgow, 10s; from an aged Servant of the Lord, 2s 6d; R. H., £2; Elmbank Mission S.S., £1 6s 4d; Mrs A. A., Edinburgh, per C. A., 5s; employees of Clyde Paper Mills, per J. B. M., £3; New Kilpatrick U.P. Children's Class, £2; Queen's Park Baptist Church S.S., £3 4s 4d; a Friend, per Mrs L., quantity of sweets; Westmoreland Road S.S., Newcastle-on-Tyne, per A. M., £1; J. G. O., £50; from one who is interested in the work, £1; Mrs W., £2. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Mrs W. B., Girvan, per G. G., £1; Miss C. M'G., per do., 4s; Miss C. Aberfeldy, Christmas offering, £8; Barony Free Church Sabbath School, per Mr. L., £2 12s; collection at Barony Free Church, per Mr. M., £4; L. C., Renfrewshire, evergreens; Miss W., £1; M. J. T., lot of toys, books, &c.; a Friend, dolls for Christmas tree; Miss R., Hamilton, 12 pairs stockings; Mrs T., Torrington, for New-Year's dinner, 2s 6d; J. & A. M., Wishaw, £5; Mrs C., parcel of stockings; J. M'K., Langbank, scarfs, &c.; Miss G., Renfrewshire, evergreens; J. M'C., towards expenses in connection with Mr. Weaver's meetings, £1 1s; from Augustine Free Church, per A. S., £7 19s; J. R., Edinburgh, 5s; a Friend, per do., 2s 6d; a Friend, towards expenses in connection with Richard Weaver's meetings, £2; Miss M., toys for Christmas tree; T. T., towards New Year's treat, £1; T. T., towards expense of Richard Weaver's meetings, £1; A. and C., for mission work, £3; Miss M'C., £1; Mrs H., £3; a Friend, six pairs socks and two shirts; Cambridge Street Baptist Church S.S., £1; L. M. S., for young women's shelter, 10s; R. A. B., for New-Year's treat, £2; Mrs M'P., Eaglesham, dolls, socks, and butter; G. and F., Wishaw, children's clothing, scarfs, toys, &c.; Andrew, lot of string for Mr Q.'s boys to play at horses; J. M'C., Campbelltown, £1; Mrs G., Wishaw, for evangelistic work, 10s; Miss M., for New-Year's treat, £1; Miss M., £1; J. M. G., £5; G. H., per W. M., 10s; A. P., 10lbs. tea; T. F. M., £2 2s; W. B., quantity of books; Miss S., Helensburgh, 3 pairs socks; Mrs C., for New-Year treat, 5s; D. I., Kirkcaldy, for evangelistic and mission work, £4; Mrs M., periodicals and articles for tree; a Friend, 10 dozen currant loaves; Mrs S., Edinburgh, £5; A. B., £1; J. M., £1; D. C. and Son, Leith, for New-Year treat, £2 2s; John Street U.P. Church Juvenile Missionary Society, £3; G. P. B., ties for gifts for boys; Mr and Mrs L., for New-Year treat, 10s; collections on Sabbaths in large halls, and found in boxes, City Home, £75 11s 8½d; Mrs J., £2. The following sums have been sent in towards Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—Mrs S., towards "Aberdeen Home," £5; H. C., for do., 5s; M. S., for do., 2s 6d; E. and R. M., Lochans, for the "Cripple Children's Home," 7s.

January 14.—W. and D. M., £1; W. L. & Co., £2; W. G., £1; Two Workers, £1; Miss B., knitted goods and pinafores; M. C. R.'s counter box, Helensburgh, £1; Miss M., Stornoway, £1; A. D., £3; Mrs A., plum pudding, cake, &c.; Mrs S., for Orphan Cottage Homes, £2 2s; Mrs W. S., Longforgan, a thankoffering, 8s; Crown Terrace Baptist Church S.S., Aberdeen, per A. G., £2; E. H., Sanquhar, 5s; Free St Mary's Ladies' Bible Class, Govan, £1; collected in a family box, per A. S., £3 7s 6d; J. S., Dundee post mark, £1; M., Wishaw, £1; C. B. M., Dollar, £2 10s; Helensburgh Congregational Church S.S., per Miss R. R. L., £3; J. E., Port-Glasgow, £5; Mrs J. and Children, Shandon, £1; A. T., East Kilbride, £1; W. M'K., Elderslie, £5; "Sexton," £1; a Friend, 5s; Parish Church S.S., Gourrock, 15s; Children of First Free Church, S.S., Blairgowrie, per J. M., 10s; Mrs M., Monkton, Ayr, £1; G. S., Coatbridge, £5; a Working Man, 5s; R. L., Aberdeen, 2s 6d; Mrs W., Belfast, £5; Mrs D., Dumbarton, £1; J. R., wheels, axle, springs, &c., for donkey cart; Half of a Little Boy's Savings, per D. G., 4s 6d; Cambridge Hall Forenoon Meetings, £1 17s; contents of Little One's penny box, per A. L., Innellan, 5s; "A penny a week saved by a Young Servant, Glenlue, per Mrs W., 4s; a Fellow-Servant, 1s; Mrs D., Dumbarton, 12 hoods and 6 pairs socks; B. P. B., Croydon, £5; Mission School, Sir Michael Street

U.P. Church, Greenock, per R. L., £1 16s; Mrs K., 5s; J. W., Kilmarnock, 11s; Shamrock Street U.P. Church Advanced Boys' Class, 18s 3d; Miss H., Bristol, for emigration, £100; Mrs M., Hillhead, 10s; Madge, £1; a Thankoffering, £1; part proceeds of admission to Royal Polytechnic Warehouse during holidays, per J. A., £10; Nobody, £200, to take Glasgow Arabs to Canada; Cranstonhill Free Church Bible Class, 8s; Two Little Girls, 5s, for Girls' Home; M. R., £3; M. C., 10s; Miss W., Brechin, £1; Miss M. C. D., Dumbarton, £1; St Andrew's Mission Sabbath School Bible Class, Aberdeen, per J. C., 15s; New Year's offering from U.P. Church Sabbath School, Douglas, 10s; Four Crosshill Children, £1; N. M., jun., Sorbie, £2; New Year's offering by the children of West Barnes Sabbath School, Dunbar, per R. R., £1; S. K., £2; J. W., Haddington, £1; G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, 10s; Miss C., Rispain, per Miss M., 10s; Effie H.'s dying gift, per do., £1; A. J. K., £10; from Kincardine, 10s; J. H. Neilson, £1; Mrs W. W., £1 1s; Cathedral Square U.P. Church S.S., per A.P., £1; Mrs R., 5s; Whip Money, 3s; J. C., Lawmarnock, a cheese; Miss C., 10s; 8 pairs of stockings, the summer's work of an old lady of 95; T. F. R., Paisley, 15s; Mrs R. R., Pollokshields, £1; a Friend, Ryde, Isle of Wight, £10; Mrs W., per Rev. J. S., £1; W. B., 10s. The following have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Fund:—Mrs H., Ardentinny, a sheep "to feed the lambs" and 7 pots jam; Mrs T., for New Year's treat, £1; R. M'D., £1 1s; Mrs C., 2s and pot of jam; a Friend, at Watch-Night Meeting, 10s; Miss D., 10s; C. P., £1; R. W. R., 10s; a member of Augustine Free Church, from a few Friends, 10s 6d; J. B., Greenock, for street children's treat, 5s; Mrs A. A., Keswick, £2; Mrs L., Kirkcaldy, parcel of underclothing; "For the cause which needs assistance," from J. M., Tarbert, £2; Miss H. S. G., Helensburgh, £4; Argyle Hall, quantity of bags of currant bread; Miss S., a sewing machine and a cheese; Miss E., Largs, pieces of wincey, druggot, &c.; Cunningham Free Church, £6; R. M., 5s; Mrs I., £1 and parcel of clothing; Mrs R., parcel of clothing; Mrs T., Bridge-of-Weir, for street children's treat, £1; F. H. S., Croydon, 2s 6d; "Maggie," Coatbridge, £20 (this unknown friend's gift meets the expense for street children's treat); Miss W. Dunlop, 6 jackets; R. C., Greenock, £1; T. B., per do., 10s; A. C., per do., 5s; R. S. C., per do., 2s 6d; Effie Is, Archie Is, Louisa, 6d, per do.; Miss H., Bristol, £20; a Thankoffering for blessing received at meetings, 2s 6d; Auchinleck Y.M.C.A., per R. M'I., £1 17s; "Restaurants," for New-Year's dinner, £10; T. J., quantity of currant bread; Mrs F., clothing; Mrs M'F., quantity of brown bread; W. M., Dunfermline, £20; Baillieston U.P. Church S.S. mission box, per J. M'K., 15s 9d; R. H., 12 loaves; "Kent Road," £1; a Friend, 3s 6d; Mrs W. J., £1 10s; Mrs A., £50; Miss M'C., for street children's treat, 10s; St George's-in-the-Field S.S., per Mr U., £4 4s; Mrs C., Paisley, 6s.

January 28.—Mrs D., £1; Mrs A., Edinburgh, £5; "A Friend and Well-wisher of the Poor," 10s; R. B., £1; J. K. B., Largs, per Miss M., 10s; Mrs W., do., per do., 5s; M. and W. D., do., per do., 3s; E. U.S.S., Galashiels, per E. O., £1; Kelvinside Avenue S.S., in connection with Belhaven U.P. Church S.S. Society, per A. H., £1; "A Thank-offering for the mercies of the past year," 10s; Mrs H., Helensburgh, 12 pairs socks; "A Scotchman in London," £300 for emigration; Mrs C., London, £100; collected by Mrs H., Ardentinny, from friends, including 5s from little children, £24; contributions during past year of Infant Class Grange Free Church S.S., Kilmarnock, £1 6s; Free Church S.S., Fort-William, per J. M., 10s; Miss M., scarfs, socks, and cuffs; Miss M., Bucklyvie, 5s in stamps; Mrs H., Alloa, 10s; Mrs G., Southport, £2; L. I. G., 2 dozen pairs socks and pieces of flannel and wincey; J. M., £2; M. F. T., Helensburgh, 3s; Crown Terrace Baptist Church Ladies' Working Society, Aberdeen, large box of new clothing; Miss M'D., Aberdeen, clothing; G. B., do., pieces of print, flannel, wincey, &c.; from "Wigtown," £1; E. M. D., proceeds of a Child's Christmas Bazaar, £2 2s; Mrs N. and children, Manchester, £5; a Friend, Larbert post mark, 2s 6d in stamps; D. B. and S., £5 5s; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 0s 8d; Mr W. B., London, per Mrs R., Croydon, £5; Sabbath Morning Class, Greenock, per J. M'P., 5s; a Friend, Southport, per Miss S., Bridge of Weir, 10s in stamps; Mrs U., 2s; W. M., Montrose, per Miss M., £2; Miss B.'s collecting-box, per do., £1; Miss G., per do., 5s; Misses S. and D., Laurencekirk, 3 large parcels of dresses, underclothing, scarfs, &c.; A. H., Kilbarhan, 6 pairs stockings; Willie, Daisy, and John's money-box, 10s; Houston Free Church S.S., per J. K., 4s 11d; Barony Parish S. S. Society, £3 2s; Mrs A., £3; Mrs M., £3; Miss R., Edinburgh, 10s; Miss C. R., Cupar-Fife, 2s 6d; Mr R., Kilmalcolm, 10s; Queen's Park U.P. Church S.S., per P. F., £5 6s 6d; Mrs M'K., Renfrew, print and scarfs. The following have been received for City Home Refuge and Mission Fund:—"Give and it shall be given unto you," 15s; a Friend, 10s; Miss W., per Messrs M'K. & A., £1; a Friend, 2s 6d; Mrs B., 5s; Mrs M'N., Kilmelfort, box of clothing and 5s; Victoria Place Baptist Church S.S., Paisley, per W. G., £2 9s 2d; J. G. O., Mentone, £5 for evangelistic work; Mr S., 10s and currant loaves; Mrs H., 5s; Govanhill U.P. Church S.S., per Mr M., £1; Adelaide Place Baptist Church Mission, bags of tea bread; Anderson U.P. Church S.S. Society, per Mr M'C., £3 4s; a Friend, parcel of hats; Mrs G. O., per R. S., £6 9s 4d, for mission work; Mrs. F., £1; a "Sojourner," £1; Mrs T. B., 12

petticoats and 6 pairs stockings; Miss O., £1 5s to help a needy one. The following have been sent in for the Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—D. D., Aberdeen, per Mrs S., for Aberdeen Home, £1; a "Scotchman" in London, to repair damages made by the recent storm at Bridge-of-Weir Homes, £200.

February 11.—Govan Free Church S.S., 10s; teachers and scholars of Glencairn Sunday Schools, per E. M., £2 10s; Cardonald S.S., per J. F., £1 5s; N. P. K. L., 5s; D. S., Fraserburgh, £10 for emigration; Miss M., £1; M. M., Invergarry, £1 and 12 pairs stockings; Mr L.'s S.S. class, Campbeltown, 10s 6d; Troon Children's Church, per J. H., £1; Kilcreggan Y.W.C.A. per Mrs R., £1; Mrs L., Ilfracombe, £5 for emigration; M. and J. C., £1; M. L., Stirling, £20; Misses L., Edinburgh, 7s 6d; C. J., Kirkcudbright, 5s; Dalmauir S.S., per J. G. W., £1; Mrs S., Whiting Bay, 10s; Mrs S., 4 pairs stockings; W. M., Largs, parcel of clothing; Two Sisters, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 10s; Mrs M., Belfast, 1s; Friends, per do., 4s; Free Church S.S., Johnstone, per J. R., £1; J. E., £1; Mrs L., 5 suits for boys; a Friend or two, Laurencekirk, per J. C., 15s; Kirkmuirhill Bible Class, per J. M., £1; Mrs F., £1; Mrs W. B., Dunoon, per J. A. B., Paisley, £20 for emigration; Mauchline Free Church S.S., 10s 9d; Calderhead S.S., per H. L. P., 15s; C.S., £1; Johnstone Parish Church S.S. Association, 13s 10d; Aikenhead S.S., 12s 6d; Dumbarton Parish Church S.S., per D. M. D., £2 14s 6d; Mr and Mrs H., 10s; J. T., Freuchie, 10s; J. H., £5; "A Widow's Mite," £6; Mrs A., 56 shirts; J. W., Airdrie, £15 to send a child to Canada; Miss E. M. W., do., £3; Mrs M'C., Kilhill, per Miss M., £1; a Friend, remnant of cloth to make a dress for one of the girls going to Canada; Mrs C., 2 parcels of clothing; Mrs W. T., Shotts, 6 pairs stockings; "Cupar-Fife," £1; "A Friend C," £2; "A Friend," Wooler, £40; A. B. K., £25. The following have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—A. B., four pairs stockings; J. C. and S., 10 children's suits; R. H., 3 lunch cakes; Mr S., 8s; Blairingone Parish Church S.S., Dollar, per J. W., 10s; Trinity Free Church, per J. P., £5 for mission work; Mrs W., £1; found in boxes and collections at meetings in January, £10 8s 4d; Mr A., currant bread; Mr B., Selkirk, 5 yards tweed; Mrs A., £2; W. B. H., Matlock Bridge, 10s 6d; "The Lord's Tenth," 16s; Mr F., Rothesay, 2 pairs socks; Coatbridge Free East Y.M.C.A., 5s; J. R. W., Bellingham, parcel of clothing; Mrs L., per do., parcel of shirts, &c.; Miss C., Cathcart, parcel of knitted goods; Mrs W. B., Dunoon, per J. A. B., Paisley, £10; W. A., Baggies, Forfar, £1; an Old Herd, a thankoffering for restored health, 10s; a Friend, £2; Mrs M'N., Lamlash, per R. B., 2s 6d; Mrs C., Greenock, box of clothing; R. H., Kirkcaldy, £3; a Lady Friend, per do., £1; Crosshill Y.M.C.A., per F. C., £1 14s; Mrs M'A., Paisley, parcel of clothing, stockings, &c.; A. P., £5; a sorrowing mother, £1 for the little ones; Mrs S., Wishaw, parcel of clothing.

February 23.—A thankoffering from a sincere well-wisher, £2; a Friend, meat, &c.; Duke Street E.U. Church Sabbath School, Leith, per J. C., £2 7s 3d; West U.P. Church Bible Class, Selkirk, per M. L., £1; Mrs S., for emigration, 10s; Mrs H., £1; West U.P. Church Sabbath School, Strathaven, per A. G., 10s; T. G., Paisley, to take a child to Canada, £10; Mrs C., Renfrew, £1; Mr K., Largs, £1; Mrs M., do., £5; Mrs J. C., do., £1; Miss W., do., 10s; Mrs T. C., 10s; Mrs P. M., do., 5s; Mrs K., do., 2s; Mrs M'G., do., 2s 6d; Mrs M., do., 10s; Mrs H. P., do., 2s 6d; Mr J., do., 5s; Mrs J., do., 1s 6d; Miss O., do., 5s; A. Y., do., 5s; Mrs A., do., £1; Misses L., do., £1; Miss K., do., 2s 6d; Mrs C., do., 10s; Miss B., do., 5s; H. C., do., 2s 6d; Mr B., do., £1; Mrs J. C. do., 2s; Miss C., do., 2s; Mrs S., do., 2s; Mrs J. H. M., jun., 2s; W. C., do., 2s 6d; Mrs J. R., do., 2s 6d; M. J. and J. B., do., 6s; a Friend, do., 5s. The above sums from Largs were collected by Miss B. Mrs S., Comrie, parcel of underclothing; Miss F., Cellarsdyke, parcel of dresses, underclothing, &c.; a Friend, Bournemouth, £5; Mrs M., Govan, 3s; C. W., Dalkeith, 4s; from Burntisland, £1; Dr M., parcel of Magazines; Mrs H., Millport, 5s; an Anonymous Member, of Cambuslang U.P. Church, per J. L., £10; Members of the Scotch Girls' Friendly Society, Biggar, per R. S., a box of new clothing; Mrs C., Edinburgh, 36 pairs stockings, 18 pairs socks, and piece of cloth; Mrs T., do., piece of cloth; Hamilton Free Church Sabbath Schools, Port-Glasgow, per R. B. H., £1; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 0s 11d; J. G. P., Hamilton, £1; Mrs D. M., Dundee, £2; George Street Baptist Church S.S., Paisley, per A. M., £2; J. A. B., Paisley, £20; Mrs B., Braemar, 2s 6d; M. S., 1s; G. B., 1s; a Friend, 1s; J. A., 1s; A. M'L., 1s; Miss M'N., 5s; J. H., 1s; T. S., 2s 6d; J. A., 2s 6d; E. M'D., 1s; L. M'L., 1s; R. M'D., 2s; P. G., 1s; J. E., 1s 6d; D. F., 1s; J. G., 1s; A. M'H., 1s; A. M'D., 1s; Mrs M'N., 5s; A. M., 1s; Mrs B., 1s; E. R., 1s; R. L., 1s; J. M'D., 1s; R. M., 1s; J. G., 1s; J. R., 1s; J. M., 2s; Mrs C., 1s; a Friend, 5s; Mrs M., 1s; J. W., 1s; Mrs G. O., 5s; J. N., 1s; Mrs S. C., 2s; W. G., 2s; Mrs M'K., 1s; J. S., 1s; G. H., 2s. The above in small sums from Braemar were collected by T. H. The following have been sent for City Home Refuge Mission:—T. G., Paisley, £10; Mrs J. B., Largs, lot of remnants, wincey cloth, &c.; Mr S., clothing; Mrs S., parcel of clothing; Lochee Baptist S.S., per J. P., £2; Mrs G., Edinburgh, "for City Home Refuge and Mission

Work," £50; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 8s; J. S., 10s; Miss L., Crosshill 15 pairs socks and 3 pairs stockings; Mr A., lot of sandwiches; Baptist S.S., Cupar, per J. D., 10s; Mr M'F., 22 quarter loaves; Sydney Place S.S. Society, per Mr P., £2 13s 6d; Buchanan Court Hall Sewing Meeting, parcel of clothing; J. B., Edinburgh, £2; Friends, Crossford, parcel of clothing; a Friend, parcel of clothing; Miss J. A., Edinburgh, £4; Mrs A., do., £2; an Aged Friend, £2. The following has been received for Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—Friends connected with Glasgow, to complete building of Invalid (Incurable) Children's Home, £1000.

March 11.—St Columba Free Gaelic S.S., 15s; West Free Church S.S., Broughty Ferry, per S. C., £1 7s 2d; Mrs S., Uddingston, £1; J. T., Eskbank, towards keep of two boys, £9 6s; Mr S.'s Bible Class, Kent Road U.P. Church, 8s 6d; Children's Missionary Box, per Mrs A., 6s; Miss M., £1; Mrs T. T., for outfits, £5; Mantelpiece Box, per E. J., 15s; E. J., £15s; J. F., Kirkcaldy, £2; James, Janie, and John, Greenock, 10s; G. M., Leith, 10s; R. L., Aberdeen, 2s 6d in stamps; H. S., Irvine, per J. B., 4 pairs socks, &c.; Mrs E., to take a little girl to Canada, £10; "Amicus," Kilmarnock, £1; Mrs A., 4 dozen dresses, 2 dozen shirts, 18 night dresses, 18 petticoats, 6 chemises; Mrs L., 2 pigeons and box of toys; E. A., Kilmarnock, £1; G. and S. W., 7s 6d; Miss E., Hillhead, for boots and socks for the boys, £2; a Friend from Uddingston, to take a child to Canada, £10; Mrs C., Croydon, for ditto, £10; Miss M. E. P., Grantham, £5; "A Farmer," £30; Kilm U.P. Church S.S., per E. B., £1 1s 4d; J. R. S., for emigration, £10; F. M. K., Airdrie post mark, "for Homes at Bridge-of-Weir, £2; Mrs H., per Miss M., £2; J. J., Edinburgh, £1; Polmadie Boys' and Girls' Forenoon Meeting, per Mr B., 15s; W. A. C., £5; Mrs W., Edinburgh, for emigration, £2; Miss E. C., Camberwell, for emigration, £12; "Wigtown," £1; Miss C. N., Gourrock, £1; Miss M. A. L., Ceres, 5s; Friends, quantity of seeds and plants for Homes at Bridge of Weir; G. L., £2; Mrs L., Ilfracombe, balance of £10 to take a child to Canada, £5; saved pennies of four children in Devon, 1s 6d; J. K., Holytown, £3; Free John Knox's S.S., Aberdeen, per G. G., £1 1s 3d; from Winnipeg to take a boy to Canada, £10; J. and Mrs C., Gatehouse, 10s; a Friend, per do., 3s; P. W., per do., 1s; a Mother, £2; H. R., Edinburgh, £10; Miss R., do., £1; J. M'F., Cheltenham, £2 2s; R. W. H., £2 2s; Mrs H., 13 petticoats; Miss A. P. C., Mansfield, to take a boy to Canada, £10; Mrs H., Perth, £2. The following have been sent in for City Home Refuge, and Mission Fund:—A Friend at City Home meeting, £3; Mr M'M., 2s; Mrs H. M'L., 10s; Mr R., Dennistoun, £10; a Friend, dresses, shirts, &c.; Rockville Mission S.S., per R. L., 10s; from the little ones, Aberdeen, 10s; found in boxes in February, £2 2s 8d; "A Farmer," £20; S. T., Renton, £5; J. H. D., £10; Macleod Parish Children's Church, per A. H., £1; Armadale Reunion, 4s 6d; W. C., £10; P. O. O., "for any purpose Mr Quarrier thinks best," £1; Free Middle Church, S.S., Paisley, for Mission, per J. H. Y., 11s; readers of the *Christian*, per M. and S., £7 2s 6d; a Friend in Helensburgh, 6 pairs stockings; Mrs M'B., parcel of old clothing; Miss L., 12 chemises, stockings, &c.

March 25.—Mrs H., 5 petticoats; Mrs D., Portobello, per Miss F., Maybole, 5s; Miss H., Pitlochry, 9 pairs stockings, 6 chemises, petticoats, &c.; Mrs C., Downhill, £20; Q., Dumbartonshire, £20; B. P. B., Croydon, to take a boy to Canada, £10; B. P. B., do., for household expenses, £2; a Lady, per do., £3; Uddingston F.C. Sabbath School, per R. W., £4 6s 1d; Miss S., parcel of periodicals and 1 pair stockings; Miss W., 6 pair socks; Miss R., 6 pair socks and 2 pair stockings; Mrs R., Kirkintilloch, per Miss R., 5s; Miss B., Stornoway, per do., 10s; Mr B., per do., 5s; C. & C., per do., £2; G. & G., per do., 5s; F. H. M., for emigration, £100; Mr. F., per Miss R., 10s; Mrs D., Perth, £1 10s; Mrs P., per Mrs D., 10s; Mr J. S., £5 and 8 pairs stockings; Queen Anne Street U.P. Church S.S., Dunfermline, per R. M., £2 12s; Kirkmuirhill U.P. Church S.S., per W. M., £1; S. School, Arbuthnott, per Miss B. W., 8s; M. A. H., Coumd, near Shrewsbury, £1; P. D. W., £2; to help on the Lord's work, with 1 Cor. xv. 58, in stamps, 6s 6d; J. R., Pollokshields, £10; Crawfordsburn F.C. S.S., Greenock, per R. F., £1 5s 3d; Dundonald F.C. S.S., 7s; Miss C., 10s; Mrs S. S., Longniddry, a box of books for the little emigrants; Mrs H., 26 wool scarfs and £5; J. P., Stratford, Essex, £3; Mrs M. parcel of clothing, &c.; Mrs K., £2; Mrs A., Lanark, £5; J. F. M., Edinburgh, to take a boy to Canada, £10; Mrs C., perambulator and clothing; Mrs W., 15 pairs stockings; Mrs T., 6 pair stockings and socks; C. F., Cathcart, in stamps, 5s; J. M'N., clothing; a Friend, parcel of clothing; from Friends, Dunoon, 3½ dozen shirts, per Miss F.; M. M. S., Kilmacoll, 2 pairs stockings; Miss J. H. W., Dunlop, a box of useful clothing; L. I. G., box of books, wools, &c.; Mrs M., Wooler, box of clothing, cloth, &c.; Mrs C., Partick, 4 pair socks and 4 pair mitts; Miss W. do., 2 pair socks and 2 pair mitts; Baptist Church, Crown Terrace, Aberdeen, large quantity of clothing, hoods, &c.; W. C. M., £1; Miss C., £5; a Lady Collector, per Miss C., 2s 6d; Miss L., Pollokshaws, per J. C., 10s; J. H. G., £5; a little girl's savings to help, 1s; a Friend, 1s; a Friend, 2s 6d; Mrs D., 4s; a Friend, parcel of periodicals; Miss M., Longniddry, £3; W. C., £2 10s; Mrs A., Portobello, £1; Mrs F., Edinburgh, parcel of underclothing; from a Friend, £1; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 6s 8d.

The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—a Friend, 5s; Q., Dumbartonshire, £20; Mrs and Miss M., Johnstone, £10; D. R., £5; Miss M., £1; a Friend, parcel of stockings; "Part of money collected in Free Church S.S., Fochabers," per J. F. 11s 6d; "Conscience Money," 15s; C. M. B. Irvine, per W. M., £1; W. R. W., "to help poor widows with young children," £4; Wellpark Export Department Benevolent Fund, per H. M'L., £2; "Nullum Nomen," to pay ground annual of City Home, £3363 5s 8d. The following sums have been sent in for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—Miss R., Aberdeen, per Mrs S., for "Aberdeen Home," 10s; Miss S., per do., for do., 5s; from Good Templar Lodge, Huntly, for "Aberdeen Home," per G. B., 4s 3d.

April 8.—"A Mite from Daisy," in stamps, 1s 6d; J. B., Lenzie, in stamps, 2s; to help keep of a boy from Edinburgh, 5s; Milton S.S., by Bowling, 10s; Free Church Bible Class, Garelochhead, per W. J. L., 18s; Mrs H., £20; from Friends, Grange, shirts and socks; R. B., parcel of books and sweets for children going to Canada; Miss R., 6 pairs stockings and £2; Mrs L., Dundee, to help girls to Canada, £2; Portland Road S.S., Kilmarnock, per J. C., £1; Bible Class, do., 10s; J. Y., for "bread for the bairns," £10; Mrs G. R., Portmahomack, £1; Mrs M., parcel of clothing; Miss R., Bristol, £5; a Friend on board ship, 10s; D. D., Aberdeen, £1; a lady Friend, do., 10s; Miss C., £1; "Sissie and her Brothers," Aberdeen, 10s; Miss G., Kirkcubright, 2s 6d; A. J., do., 2s 6d; a Friend, Bibles for the children going to Canada; Mrs A., 34 shirts; A. B., £1; St James' U.P. Church S.S., Paisley, £3; Mrs M'C., £1; E. R. C., per T. H. W., account cancelled, £7 18s 6d; a Friend, per Miss M., collars, braid, handkerchiefs, &c.; F. J. D., Aberdeen, £1; Chryston Parish Church S.S., per W. M. T., £1 0s 7½d; T. T., £10; Calton Parish S.S., Tobago Street, per W. R., jun., £1; Miss S., Montrose, 2 pairs stockings, &c.; W. F. B., 10s 10d; J. L., £1; A. J., Kirkcubright, box of books; Whiteinch U.P. Church S.S., per A. N., £1; Langside Road U.P. Church S.S., per J. S., treasurer, Edinburgh, £1; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £2 11s 11d; Tollcross Free Church S.S., per W. B. N. M.B., 5s; a Friend, £2; "A Countryman," £1; a Friend, remnants to make dresses for the young emigrants; Wellwood Children's Meeting, Dunfermline, per W. R., £1; G. L., bags of meal, barley, rice, and peas; A. S., 59 volumes for library at Bridge-of-Weir Homes; L. I. G., parcel of wool; Mrs J., Dunkeld, parcel wool, &c.; R. C., to help keep of a little boy, £5; Cunningham Free Church S.S., per M. S., £3 0s 9d; D. D., Girvan, 10s; a Friend, 10s; Misses L., Lenzie, 12 petticoats and 3 cravats; part contents mission box of E.U.P. Church Christian Work Society, Strathaven, per Miss M. S., 12s; Miss A. Stirling, parcel of clothing. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Mrs G. M., 2 pairs socks, 2 pairs stockings, &c.; Mrs C., Edinburgh, £5; from Margaret, pieces cloth; Mr A., quantity of bread; Miss E., £2; G. R. R., 3s; R. K. R., £5; T. M., £1; proprietors of *Evening Times*, per G. S., £5; Two Workers, £1; Whip Money, 18s; the Lord's Tenth, two months, 16s; found in boxes during March, £5 8s 8d; Mrs L., 5s; A. M., £20; "Give and it shall be given unto you," £1 0s 7d; T. H. W., 5 balls twine.

April 22.—Grangemouth Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, per R. M. G., 10s; A. R., £10; Misses W., Stirling, £10; Three Sisters, £1, and 4 petticoats; A. I. and M. W., Tighnabruach, 2 pairs stockings; W. M'K., Elderslie, £5; Miss L., 30 yards cloth for dresses; Miss M. F., Comrie, £1; J. B., Melrose, for emigration, £10; Mr P., Alloa, £1; from Whiteside, 6 pairs stockings; Mrs M., 2 dresses, &c.; a Lady Friend, £1; a Friend, Perth, £1; "Wigtown," £1; from Committee of Parochial Board, Scone, per B. M'K., £10; Proceeds of Sale of Meerschau Pipe, £2 11s; A Friend, Crossford, £1; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 8s 11d; J. N., "with congratulations that you are counted worthy to suffer shame for His sake," £2; a Friend, pair of booties; J. O., for keep of a boy at Cottage Homes, £15; Blantyre F. C. S.S., per D. D., being 10s from boys and 13s from girls—in all, £1 3s; W. P., 2 dozen pairs cotton stockings; Miss E., £2 and underclothing; "Charlotte," 5s; Miss C., Fifeshire, per Miss R., £1; Mrs L., New Deer, per Miss R., £1; Mr A., do., 10s; Miss D., per do., 5s; Mrs C., Belfast, per do., parcel of underclothing; Mrs C., 2 pairs stockings; "A Little Girl's First Work," 1 pair stockings; G. B. & Co., £1; Miss M., Helensburgh, quantity of clothing, hats, &c.; C. S. B., Hillhead, 5s; M. W., £4; a Widow's Mite, Strathaven, 5s; Mrs W. P., £1; per W. A., Greenock, towards keep of three children, Bridge of Weir Homes, £20; from Saltcoats Albert Hall Sabbath Forenoon Meeting, per T. S., 15s; from a Friend, £10 and 4 pairs stockings; a Friend, 5s 3d; W. P., 4 dozen cotton stockings; Mrs D., Dumbarton, £4; G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, 10s; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 9s 5d; W. M., Dowanhill, £10, with sympathy; Free St. Stephen's S.S., per J. H., £1 15s 9d; Free St. Luke's Sewing Society, Broughty Ferry, large parcel of clothing, cravats, stockings, &c.; per Mrs W.; Mrs F., £2; collected on board S.S. Waldenian, 14s 8d; Mrs M., London, 5s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Mrs S., Jedburgh, £5; a Poor Preacher's Fee, £1; a Friend, £20; quantity of tea bread from soiree, Bethany Hall; J. O., £10; J. N., parcel of clothing and 5s; Mrs F., 2 petticoats; from Free St. Clement's S.S.

Missionary Meeting, Aberdeen, quantity of underclothing, quilts, and pillow-cases, the boys contributing the money and the girls doing the work; St. Luke's Parish Church S.S., 3s 4d; A. and K. F., Wishaw, 2s 6d; Mrs G., Wishaw, 9s; K. M'L., 2s; a Friend, Inverness, 4s; W. M., Callander, £1; Mrs B., £1; R. L., Aberdeen, 2s 6d.

May 6.—Mrs F., Duntocher, parcel of clothing; found in box at Cottage Homes, £2 15s 5½d; from Young Women's Association, Tillicoultry, parcel of stockings, per Mrs A., and £1; Mrs L. and Friends, Appin, parcel of clothing; an unknown Friend, Kilmarnock, 10s; Miss F., Maybole, quantity of clothing; M. G., per do., 2s; P. B. J., £1; Langholm Free Church S.S., £1 6s; Rev. J. P.'s Bible Class, Langholm, £1 6s 4½d; collected by Miss E. W., Bannockburn, £2 15s; from Hope Park U.P. Church S.S., Edinburgh, per J. M. M., £1; an unknown Friend, in stamps, Hamilton post-mark, 2s 6d; Miss W., Greenock, being amount received for work done, 7s; Mrs G., Southport, for passage and outfit of a girl to Canada, £10; Mrs G., do., £1; Mrs K., 2 parcels clothing, boots, &c.; a Friend, Dumfries, clothing; R. B. G., Dalry, box of periodicals and books; W. C., £20; A. C., 10s; C. B. N., Valparaiso, £1 18s 2d; "Thankoffering for a little one given," 10s; "From contribution box for the Lord's poor," per W. S., Dundee, 10s; from X., for Orphan Homes of Scotland, £1; Miss G., Paisley, parcel of clothing; J. K., £3; from John and Willie, 7s 6d; H. D., 10s; Miss W., Dalnally, 10s; Mrs H., Largs, parcel of clothing, mitts, &c.; "An April Shower," Seamill, 3s; A. R., Rutherglen, parcel of clothing; Mrs A., dresses and nightgowns; "A Friend in China," £5; Mrs M., Hillhead, underclothing and stockings; Mrs M., parcel of clothing; from Crown Terrace Ladies' Working Society, Aberdeen, quantity of clothing, hoods, &c.; Mrs M'M., caps for boys, &c.; Mrs M., Wooler, to take a child to Canada, £10; from Friends, Greenock, per Miss T., £10; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 16s 3d; W. P., £1; Mrs A., parcel of clothing; a Friend, per Mrs L., parcel of sweets; from Children in Devonshire, 1s 11d; Miss G., Johnstone, box of clothing for Cottage Homes; Mrs U., 2s 6d. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—a Friend who wishes to be unknown, £10; Mr. M'F., bread and biscuits; M. F., Brighton, £10; Queen's Park Congregational S.S., one month's collections, £1 17s; Queen's Park Mission S.S., a year's collections, £4 6s 2½d; Mrs R., socks and magazines; Mrs F., Ballindalloch, 2s 6d; Miss D., 10s; Miss C., a ham; R. R., Hamilton, £5; Two Workers, £1; "Rohr," £2; Cunningham Free Church Forenoon Meeting, 16s 7½d; Wee Alick, £2; Mrs M'I., parcel of clothing; Mr W., Craigieish, £1; "The Lord's Tenth," 8s; Miss M., £1; a Friend, Largs, boots and shoes; a Friend, petticoats and socks; Miss M'C., Gourcock, 9 pairs socks.

May 20.—A Widow's Mite, £1; Mrs S., Houston, 10s; Mrs R., 12 night dresses, &c.; Miss M., 4 pairs stockings; Miss L., Rothesay, wool shawl and 5s; A. B. K., £51; from Netherlee S.S., for Bridge of Weir Homes, 11s; Fernegair S.S., 16s 4½d; Mrs A., Airdrie, 6s; Found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £1 19s 8d; a Friend, in stamps, 1s 6d; from Wellwishers, Dunlop, per Miss W., £6; Dr M., Kirriemuir, £2; Wigtown, £1; Mrs W., Kendal, 10s; A. F., Fairlie, 5s; Mrs H., quantity of neckties and £5; Friends, Edinburgh, per Mr A., £5; Mrs L., Edinburgh, parcel of clothing; Mrs S., per Mr C., 6 pairs stockings and 5s; from S. M. and S., odd wools, &c.; C. N. H., Blantyre, £5; Workmen in Messrs Scott & Co.'s shipbuilding yard, Greenock, £7 1s; Miss R., parcel of underclothing; a Friend, Sandbank, parcel of clothing; Messrs H., Mount Florida, parcel of clothing; St George's Road Free Church Mothers' Meeting, per Mrs A., 11s 11d; a Friend interested in the work, 7s; P. M., Campbelltown, £60; T. and E. M., Port-Glasgow, £1 10s; Mr D.'s Young Women's Bible Class, £1; J. R., Collace, 5s; Miss D., 1 dozen scarfs; G. T., Bridge-of-Weir, to take a child to Canada, £10; Mrs H. and Friends, Bridge of Allan, quantity of cloth, &c.; M. H., £1 1s; J. T., £25; Mrs A., 4 dozen handkerchiefs and stuff for dresses, &c.; a Friend, Londonderry, per R. B., books for the children; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 17s 6d; Mrs S., 10s; Misses A., Tighnabruach, £1; Miss M'M., 12 pairs mitts; L. T., Largs, £1; Misses L., do., £1; Mrs J. C., do., 10s; Mr E., do., £1; J. Y. S., do., 10s; 2 Friends, do., 14s 6d; a Friend, do., 2s 6d; Miss R. B., do., 10s; Miss B., do., 5s; Mrs B., do., 5s; Miss S., do., £1 5s; Mrs M'G., do., 2s 6d; Mrs A. J., do., 5s; Mrs J. C., do., 5s; D. P., 10s; Mrs K., do., 10s; Miss J., do., 2s 6d; R. S., do., 2s 6d; Mrs M'M., do., 5s; Mrs R., do., 2s 6d; Mrs B., do., £1; Mrs H. K., do., £2; W. C., do., 7s 6d; Mrs H., 5s; Mrs F., Fairlie, 5s; Mrs H., do., 4s 6d; Miss B., Largs, 10s; Mrs P. M., do., 5s; Mrs C., do., £2. The above sums from Largs and Fairlie, in all £16 4s, were collected by Miss E. Miss L., £1; Mrs B., £1 1s; Miss C., Row, hats; Miss H., 6 pairs socks; a Friend, parcel of periodicals; A. T., Bridge of Weir, parcel of magazines for Canada; from "Kinnie," £1; W. H., for emigration, £10. The following donations have been sent in for City Home and Refuge Mission:—J. M'I., 2 parcels clothing; Miss S., Helensburgh, parcel of books and magazines; Mr M'F., 8 quarter loaves; Mrs H., 6 pairs stockings; A. B. K., £10; Mrs S., Ballindalloch, 3s; Mr C., 10s; Mr T., lot of periodicals; Cambuslang Baptist Church S.S., per J. B. M., 16s 8d; Victoria Hall S.S., Wishaw, per Mr W., £1; a Christian Worker, per D. F., 3s; Mr P., £1; Clydeneuk, £5; Miss S., Loanhead, 10s;

Miss K., Large, £2 5s 7d; N. D., £10; P. M., Campbeltown, £40; a Thankoffering, Lindithgow, £1; "Give and it shall be given unto you," £1 1s 7d; "Bob," 10s; Alloa Boys and Girls Religious Society, per W. M., £1 3s; Mr M., £1; R. L., Aberdeen, 2s 6d.

June 3—Miss C., 6 pairs stockings; Marshall Street Baptist Church S.S., Edinburgh, per T. M., £1; Miss M. C. R.'s counter box, Helensburgh, per R. B., £1; A. C., an orphan girl, for the orphans, 5s; W. J. M., 10s; Miss D., 3 pairs stockings; "An Unprofitable Servant," £1; from Dalziel Free Church Minister's Bible Class, £1; Mrs P., £1; from "Carnforth," £2; W. B. H., Matlock, 10s; from Advanced Female Bible Class, Victoria Place Baptist Church, Paisley, per A. C., £1; Miss W., Dunlop, parcel of clothing and stockings; A. M., Wishaw, parcel of clothing; Miss M., Kilsyth, 4s; from Miss M.L.'s sewing class, Hamilton, per Miss R., parcel of underclothing; Servants' Mantelpiece Box, Hamilton, per do., 6s; R. B., 2 parcels sweets and 1 of books, for children going to Canada; J. M.K., Langbank, parcel of scarfs and handkerchiefs; from T., who desires to share in the burden of the work, £10; from Two Friends, per J. C., Laurencekirk, £1; Paisley Road Free Church S.S., per A. C., collection for April, £2 13s 4d; "Help for the Helpless," G. L., £1; Mrs G., 2 pairs stockings; from Lint-house S.S., £2; from the young ladies attending Mrs Sturrock's school, £6; J. C., £5 5s; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 17s 10d; Strathbungo Mission S.S., £2 14s 1½d; R. F., Anstruther, £1; Two Old Workers, £1; Miss E. Drummond's Trust, per Mitchell, Cowan, & Johnston, £4 16s 8d; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, 16s 4½d; from M. W., in stamps, 1s; from Belmont Street Congregational Church S.S., Aberdeen, per Miss K., £1 14s; Miss K., do., 2s 6d; Mr L., water-barrel and barrow; Mrs L., Kirkcaldy, parcel of clothing; "The Lord's Tenth," 8s; Mrs T., 10s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Mrs W., 12 pairs stockings; Mrs M.L., Helensburgh, £1; Miss L., scarfs, stockings, &c.; from children of Queen Anne Street Mission School, Dunfermline, parcel of knitted articles; Mrs B., parcel of periodicals; Mrs M.F., £5; Mrs T., 3 pairs stockings; Mrs B., Bothwell, 2 parcels clothing; D. R. M., 5s; J. M.M., £5; Miss M., £2; J. A., cut bread; Mr M.F., bread and biscuits; found in boxes in May, £1 10s 7d; Mr L., 1 gross tin dishes. The following sums have been sent for Orphan Home Building Fund:—Misses M., Aberdeen, for "Aberdeen Home," £2; Mr D., do., 5s.

June 17—Mrs L., Dundee, scarfs; "Whip Money," 11s; from Camphill U.P. Church Juvenile Missionary Society, £6 11s 6d; Mrs N., 10s; Free West S.S., Pollokshaws, £1 1s 6½d; Miss L. C., water-colour drawing for Invalids' Home; R. W. C., £1; "In Memoriam," for Orphan Homes, 5s; U.P. Church, S.S., Springburn, per W. S., £1; from a Friend, C., £2; J. T., Kilmalcolm, £12; Mrs T., do., £5; A. T. T., do., £3; Miss M., periodicals, Spurgeon's sermons, &c.; R. R., Hamilton, £5; Cambridge Hall Sabbath Morning Meeting, per F. A. L., £1 10s; Bonhill Free Church Bible Class, per T. C., 10s; Newbattle S.S., Dalkeith, per Miss M., 12s 4d; a Thankoffering, found in box at Cottage Homes, £1; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, 7s 7½d; W. L., £1; Gorbals Parish Church Bible Class, per L. C., 10s; Wigtown, £1; T. Y. A., 10s; from George Street Baptist Church Bible Class, Paisley, per P. M.N., £1; a Friend, 3 pairs booties; a Friend, "received for finding a lost watch," 5s; M. W. L., Irvine, £1; G. R., Dundee, £5; from a Friend in Wigtown, £1; Two Friends, 5s; Cranstonhill U.P. Church Bible Class, £1; Sighthill Free Church Sabbath School, £1 7s; J. W., Tillicoultry, £1; Milton Bible Class, Bowling, per D. D. R., 8s 4d; from Mr B., water-colour drawing for Invalids' Home; from readers of the *Christian*, per Morgan & Scott, 10s; Mrs M., Govan, 3s; U.P. Church S.S., Kilmalcolm, per Mr F., £1; Mrs B., Houston, per do., 5s; Mrs O. E., Cardross, £5; "For Orphan Homes," Glasgow post mark, £2 10s; Baptist Church S.S., Grantown, per A. T. G., 10s; Mrs R., Ilfracombe, £2; J. P. T., Eday, Orkney, £1; Strathaven East U.P. Church Y.M.C.A., per J. W. R., £1; R. L., Aberdeen, 4s; A. C., Nairn, 5s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—A Poor Preacher's Fee," £1; J. T. F., £5; Miss W., Stirling, 3 knitted petticoats; Miss L., 5 knitted shawls; W. C., £2; A. F. P., Alloa, £10; R. H., 12 loaves; R. E., Hillhead, 2 parcels clothing and hats; Miss M., Greenock, £1; found in boxes, City Home, £2 2s 4½d; Mrs C., 10s; Mr A., 6 dozen sandwiches; Mrs R., parcel of clothing; from Three Sisters, Partick, £1; a Servant, Partick, in stamps, 1s; A. C., Grangemouth, £1; Dennistoun U.P. Church, Minister's Bible Class, £1 11s 9d; J. & D. M., Wishaw, 11 hats; Miss W., 6 pairs stockings. The following donations have been sent in for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—Mrs. G., Parkhill, for Aberdeen Home, £1; M. S., 2s 6d; C. B., per H. C., for do., 5s.

July 1—A. B. C., Callander, £1; from National Bible Society, 100 Bibles; Mrs L., Campbeltown, 10s; Mrs M., do., 10s; Mrs C. C. G., do., 5s; J. R., do., 5s; Mrs C. M., do., 10s; Mrs M., do., 10s; Mrs W. M.N., do., 5s; Mrs R. C., do., 5s; Mrs D. C., do., 5s; Mrs D. C., do., 5s; W. H., jun., do., 2s 6d; Mrs M., do., 2s 6d; Mrs B., do., 5s; Mrs W., do., 2s 6d; Mrs S. G., do., 10s; Mrs G., do., 5s; Mrs H., do., 5s; Mrs R., do.,

5s; J. M., do., 5s; Mrs C., do., 5s; Mrs T., do., 5s; Miss M., do., 2s 6d; Mrs B., do., 5s; Mrs M.K., do., £1; Miss D., do., 3s; Miss C., do., 10s; Mrs M.N., do., 10s; Mrs M., do., 5s; Mrs G., do., 5s; Mrs P., do., 5s; Mrs J. M., do., 5s; Mrs R. G., do., 10s; J. S., do., 10s; Mr M., do., 5s; L. C., do., 5s; Mrs D. G., do., 5s; Mrs M., do., 1s 6d; a Friend, do., 2s 6d; Mrs M.M., do., 4s; a Friend, do., 2s; Mrs W. M.K., do., 5s; Mrs J. M.K., 5s; Miss T., do., 3s; Miss H., do., £1; Mrs W., do., 10s; D. G., do., 5s; P. M.K., do., £2. The above sums from Campbeltown, in all £16 6s, were collected by Miss M. A. Wellwisher, £1; J. G., jun., parcel of clothing; D. M. S., for emigration, £2 5s 10d; Miss A. M., Ceres, 2s 6d; "A Christian Friend," per do., 2s 6d; "A Christian Friend," per do., 1s; J. B., jun., £1; Miss L., Huntly, 5 pairs stockings; R. B., Aberystwith, £1; "From box kept for odd coppers," per A. B. C., 4s; A. C., Crosshill, for Bridge of Weir Homes, £1; G. F. B., Inverness, £2; Good Templars Lodge, 5s; a Friend, 5s; Mrs W., Dublin, 5s; found in box at Cottage Homes, £1 16s 6d; J.F.S., £20; W. B., Bangor, £3 3s; Miss M., Johnstone, £1; Mrs J., parcel of clothing; Friends, Kilmalcolm, clothing and hats; Miss H., for emigration, £100; "Anderson Gospel Temperance Mission," per Miss W. W., 10s; from "Margaret," Greenock, pinafores, &c.; a Friend, periodicals; Miss J. C., oil painting for Invalids' Home. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Mr M.T., 2½ loaves; a Friend, socks, &c.; from Rosevale Street Public School, Partick, £2 13s 6d; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 15s 10d; "Nemo," £1; Miss J. A., Edinburgh, £4; Miss A., Edinburgh, £2; Mrs M., £3; Mrs M., Pollokshields, parcel of clothing; Mrs T., £1; H. T. M., Wishaw, 10s; Miss N., Laurencekirk, per W. L., 2 iron bedsteads, 5 pairs blankets, and 2 quilts; J. M. L., Wimbeldon, £2 5s; J. A. K., Partick, 4 patchwork bedcovers and 10s; W. A. C., £5.

July 15—Miss C., Ibroxholm, £2; Mrs R., 5s; Mrs W. S., Longforgan, 7s 6d; a Friend, £1; I. E. M., on her birthday, 2s 6d; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 18s 4d; "from a labourer," Aberdeen, 2s 6d; a Friend, per A. Y., Crosshill, 3s; Boys' Bible Class, South Hutton, per Miss H., 10s 8d; A. L., Comrie, £1; Mrs L., 1 dozen bed quilts; from Wigtown, £1; Mrs D., Dumbarton, £2; "a Thankoffering from a Working-man and his wife for enough and to spare," 5s; J. W., 5s; A. B., Crosshill, £1; from a Friend on the West Coast, £60; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £2 13s 5½d; "The Lord's Tenth," as the Lord has blessed the sale of work, £1; Cambusnethan Free Church S.S., per J. S., £1 4s 7½d; S. X. S., London, for general expenses, £50; S. X. S., for keep of two girls, £30; G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, 10s; G. M.A., Wick, £1; "with good wishes" from W. A. R., £1; "with good wishes" from H. T., £1; one quarter's collection from Cambuslang U.P. Church S.S., per J. D., £3 10s; W. B. H., Matlock, 10s 6d; J. & A. M., Wishaw, quantity of tweed, towelling, &c.; W. D. D., lot of hats; Mrs B., £1; Free St Mary's Sabbath Schools, Govan, per J. G., £3 14s 9d. The following donations have been sent for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Miss C., Ibroxholm, £1; Mrs A., £50; found in boxes, £1 19s 0½d; Mrs G., 5s; Misses L., Lenzie, £1; proceeds of a little girl's bazaar, Kirkintilloch, 13s 6d; W. M., Ballachulish, a thanksgiving for a special blessing, £1; from a Friend on the West Coast, £40; Mr C., Scone, £5; S. X. S., London, £50; J. C., Inveraray, 10s; Bethany Hall Christian Workers' Soiree, 19 bags bread; R. H., 12 loaves. The following has been sent in for Orphan Cottage Homes' Building Fund:—Misses M., per Mrs S., Aberdeen, for "Aberdeen Home," £2.

July 29—Mrs S., Wishaw, £1; proceeds of sale of work done by young ladies at Mrs C.'s, Edinburgh, £3 14s; I. D., Aberdeen, 4s; a Friend, 2s; Miss W., St. Bees, per C. A., 5s; "a Cobbler," 5s; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £3 8s 4d; from North Woodside Free Church S.S., per W. F. S., £2 7s 7d; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 12s 10d; Mrs W., Kilsyth, £1; a Friend, 2 shirts. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Mrs J., Millerston, £1; "The Lord's Tenth," 8s; Mrs A., Huntingdon, 10s; a Friend, 18 straw hats; Mr M.T., 13½ loaves; J. and J. and A. C., Gatehouse, £1; Livingstone Memorial S.S., Blantyre, per W. G., £1 4s 3d; W. J. S., Canada, 10s; R. H., 12 loaves.

August 12—Miss E., parcel of underclothing and socks; E. P., London, £2 2s; from Amy, Canada, with love to the children, 10s; Mrs F., Hawick, £5; a Thankoffering, £1; from Winsleigh and Cecil, £1 8s 5d; Mr D., Dumbarton, £12; Mrs D., do., £1; W. M., quantity of leather, boots, &c., for Bridge-of-Weir Homes; half proceeds of sale of work done by two sisters, Greenock, £5; D. P., Alloa, £20; J. H., £2; for Orphan Children, £1; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 0s 7d; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £1 19s 1d. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Found in boxes in July, 15s 10½d; from a Friend, towards expense of boys' excursion, £1; S. K., 2 cheeses and bag of meal; Miss G., per R. B., 10s; A. M., Paisley, £1; J. M. P., £1; J. B., £5; J. L., Paisley, bats and wickets; Mrs W. C. Hamilton, a Thankoffering, 2s 6d; from F.C. S.S., Tobermory, Mull, 12s 6d; Mr and Mrs B., N. Wales, parcel of clothing; Mrs F., 4 pairs socks and £1; Mrs A., parcel of clothing; Mrs Y., Crosshill, 2 parcels clothing.

August 26—"Whip Money," 10s 9d; Mrs C., Kilmalcolm, £2; Mrs T., Bridge-of-

Weir, gooseberries and jam; T. M'L., 5s; T. L. L., Polmont, £5; Mrs M., Wishaw, £5; A. K. B., water-colour drawing for Invalids' Home; Mrs D., Crieft, picture for do.; A. B. K., £15; C. T., £20; J. M., Rothesay, £5; Miss M., Longniddry, £3; "Wigtown," £1; proceeds of trimming sewed by a lady of 82 years, 5s; two Thankofferings, £5; Mrs T., Ryde, £1; Mrs W. S., Otago, New Zealand, £2; Mrs F., Duntocher, parcel of clothing. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—"Give and it shall be given unto you," £1 0s 2d; Miss M., Stirling, 2 parcels of clothing; R. L., Aberdeen, 2s 6d; Mrs C., 10s; from John Street U.P. Church, cut bread; Mr N., 2 dozen small books; A. B. K., £10; Mrs T., 8 pairs stockings; "Gartmore," towards the £1000 for extra evangelistic work, £1; Mr M.F., quantity of rolls; C. A., periodicals; Dr M., Kirriemuir, £1; A. C., Nairn, 10s; Glasgow post mark, £1; "From the Master's treasury," Grangemouth, £2; M., Cambuslang, clothing and boots; C. A., 10s; Mrs R., 14 pairs socks; a Friend, quantity of hats.

September 9.—Mrs M., Govan, 3s; "In memory of a loved one gone home," 5s; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 4s 7d; J. & W. G., 3 large oil paintings for Invalids' Home; Mount Florida U.P. Church S.S., 17s 2d; Mrs R., Hamilton, £2; Mrs B., with best wishes, £1; Miss J. B., Irvine, £1; Parish Church S.S., Dumbarton, £1 16s subscribed by girls, and £1 by boys—£2 16s in all; C. A. R., Rutherglen, £10; A. R., Hillhead, large picture for Invalids' Home; Mrs W. S., Bridge of Weir, 6 bed quilts; a Friend, in stamps, 2s 6d; A. F. K., London, £5; E. A., Kilmarnock, £1; P. D., Dumbarton, for special expenses of "Thanksgiving day," £5; an Old Friend, for ditto, £2; D. M'A., £1; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £3 14s 5d; 2 Friends, Wishaw, £3 1s; Miss W., £1; Miss Q., £1; a Friend, £1; W. J. S., for treat for children, £1; found in boxes at Cottage Homes on "Thanksgiving day" for expenses, £47 14s 10d; a Friend, for expenses of ditto, £5; Miss M., £3; Miss S., 14s 6d; Mrs C., 5s; Miss D., 5s; a Sympathiser, a dress and skirt and 2 sewed texts; A. C. B., Aberdeen, pieces of wincey; Miss S., 1 pair stockings; T. M., in stamps, 10s; a Friend on West Coast, towards expenses of "Thanksgiving day," £5; Mrs J. C., Cathcart, £5; D. M., Bridge-of-Allan, £2; Mrs M. A. S., Boston, U.S., per M. M. C., £20; D. L., Pollokshaws, large crate of dishes; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 7s 8d; J. M'K., 2s 6d; E. H., High Blantyre, 5s; B. P. B., 10s; Mrs R., Port-Glasgow, £1; St Andrew's Hall Children's Church, Leith, per A. T., £1 10s; from Inch Free Church S.S., Wigtownshire, per T. T., 8s; a Friend, £1; Mrs B., Greenock, 10s; T. K., £10; Mrs H., £1; from a Friend, large nursery fender. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Mrs R., parcel of clothing; Parkhead and Westmuir Bible Class, per P. F., 10s; a Friend, 2 knitted petticoats; Mr M'F., 16 loaves; R. C., 10s; M. & S., London, £5 5s; found in boxes in August, £2 18s 7d; Rothesay Baptist Church S.S., per C. M., 18s; a Birthday Thankoffering from a Friend on the West Coast, £50; Mrs A. C. W., parcel of old clothing; J. G., 2s; J. M'M., Helensburgh, £1; from Whiteside, 7 pairs stockings; Mrs D. F., Inverness, mats; from Isa, Inverness, 5s; from G. & F., Wishaw, "odds and ends," D. F., Wishaw, 10 boys' caps. The following sums have been sent in for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—"In Memory of Little Willie," for Training Ship, £1; Mrs S., Aberdeen, for Aberdeen Home, £4; A. C. B., for ditto, £2.

September 23.—Mrs A., Huntington, 10s; J. S., Kilmarnock, 10s; W. C., Dunoon, £4; a Thankoffering, 10s; a Friend, Stirling, £5; Possilpark Free Church S.S., £1 1s; W. L., Paisley, £1; J. D., Greenock, £1; W. J. H., Montrose, for boys' emigration, £1; Miss B., Edinburgh, £1; Miss M'M., do., £2; Downvale F.C. S.S., Partick, from F. C. F. R., 15s; P. S., Kilmartin, parcel of clothing, &c.; Mrs C., Croydon, £1; from F.C. S.S., Stewarston, 9s 9d; Kelvindale F.C. S.S., £1 10s 6d; Miss L. B., Leeds, 10s; "In gratitude to God," 2s 6d; Miss M. S., Wemyss Bay, £25; C. S. B., Hillhead, 15s; Mechanics' Hall, S.S., Calton, per W. J., £1; Mrs M., Renfrew, piece of cloth and two scarfs; Garscadden Children's Church, per Religious Institution Rooms, £1 10s; Hangingshaw S.S., per do., 13s 6d; North Church S.S. Society Missionary Funds, Paisley, per G. G. K., £2; Mrs H., Jedburgh, £1; Mrs F., per Rev J. T., £1; T. T., £10; N. M., jun., Soibie, Wigtownshire, £1; J. L., Lenzie, 5s; a Witness's Fee, 2s 6d; F. M. R., £1; J. M., £1; W. L., Portobello, £1; from Friends, per Miss M., £3; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £4 18s 1d; Captain S., £5; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 7s 8d; J. M'K., Langbank, scarfs and handkerchiefs; J. H., do., £1 4s; from a Well-wisher, South Portland Street, £1; Mrs L., Paisley, 10s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—From Stockwell Place Mission School, per A. M., £2 6s 6d; Miss F.'s Bible Class, Bishops' School, 14s 6d; a Thankoffering, 10s; Trinity Free Church Forenoon Meeting, per A. F., 13s; Millerston F.C. S.S., 15s; J. W., Stirling, £5; "Sympathy with the Children," 10s; Mrs C., Oban, £1; Mrs R. C., £1; quarterly collection of the G.U.Y.M.C.A., Shettleston, per H. C., £1 2s 6d; Mrs W., Wishaw, per Mrs G., 5s; T. T., for expenses of Mr Varley, £1; Mrs B., Edinburgh, per Mr M., £1; from North Woodside S.S., per J. R. H., £1 8s 1d; Mrs L., 5 school maps; Mrs S., 4 pairs stockings; a Friend, per R. H. H., £10; by post, 2 knitted petticoats.

October 7.—A Friend, 5s; a Thankoffering, £1; from little children, M. P. K. J. S., 5s; Clyde Street, Port-Dundas S.S., 12s 1d; Bank Interest, 1s 4d; C. C., Rothesay, £1; Mrs M. H., Fairlie, £1 and parcel of books; Miss M'P., for Bibles for Invalids' Home, £1; Mrs G., Falkland, Fife, £2; Cardonald S.S., per J. F., £1 8s; Miss S., 2 pairs socks; a Friend, per Miss J., £5; Miss M'M., 5s; A. M., a goat and £2 2s; Wigtown, £1; Miss M. C. R.'s counter box, Helensburgh, per R. B., £1; Mrs J. W., Gourcock, 10s; Mrs S., do., £1 1s; Mothers' Meeting of Erskine Church Mission, per Miss M'F., £1; W. S., £5, a Birthday Thankoffering, £1; Mrs S., Bridge of Allan, £5; Mrs M., Girvan, 10s; J. M'G., Greenock, 76 gallons paraffin oil for Cottage Homes; from a Well-wisher, Edinburgh, £5; J. B., Govanhill, £1; Mrs A., Cambuslang, £1; Mrs D., do, £1; A. F. C., Annan, £2; J. H. M., Tenby, £1 7s 9d; A. B., Govanhill, £1; "A Dying Girl's Legacy," per M. B., £2 5s; M. D., £1; Balance of sale of furniture of a departed one, after paying funeral expenses, £1 2s; J. C. W., £20; Miss H., Pitlochry, £1; Miss C. M. A., per do., £1; G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, 10s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Miss C., Ibrox, £1; W. B., 10s; a Class of girls in Cunningham F.C. S.S., 3s 11d; J. P. and Mrs T., Eday, Orkney, £1; A. S., £5; Mrs W., Hampton Wick, £2; Mrs M'C., parcel of clothing; Mrs S. S., Girvan, parcel of clothing; Mr. C., 2½ dozen pies; D. I., Kirkcaldy, £5; Miss M., Wishaw, boys' and girls' caps, &c.; W. H. B., London, £1; "For Jesus' sake," in stamps, 1s 1d; W. J. G., £10; Two Workers, £1; Mrs A., Hillhead, clothing; A. T. A., Alloa, £5; "The Lord's Tenth," 8s; found in boxes in September, and collections at meetings in halls, £12 18s 10d; a Thankoffering, £1; a Thankoffering, Napiershall Street, £2; missionary collections of children at Cottage Homes during the year to help their poor brethren, £97 2s 2d.

October 21.—Miss J. L.'s Sabbath scholars, Alexandria, £1; H. L., £25; J. M'C., Moniaive, £3; J. W., £100; J. K., £3; Pollok Street U.P. Church Sabbath school, £1; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 12s 1d; Children at Wellwood, per W. R., jun., Dunfermline, £1; A. S., Hillhead, £1; amount received for work done for the benefit of the Homes, per M. W., Greenock, 6s 6d; "For Jesus' sake," 10s in stamps; Rossie Y. W. C. A., Inchture, per Mrs A., large parcel of 47 articles of useful clothing; J. S., Aberdeen, £4 5s; Children attending F. and U.P. Elders' Mission, High Street, per J. P., £2 2s; M. M. A., London, three pairs socks; Mr M., quantity of fresh fish; E. R., Paisley, 6s; Friends, Moffat, per Miss N., £6 6s 6d; A Friend, 5s; from Cockermouth, per registered letter, £2; A Friend, per Miss W., St Bees, 10s; Miss A. G., Strathaven, £1; A. D., for Cottage Homes, £2; Misses M., Langside, £2; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 10s 4d; "For the Orphan Homes," Glasgow post-mark, £1; R. M., Edinburgh, 10s; J. L., Kelso, £1; Friends, Aberdeen, pictures for Aberdeen Home; J. D. K., Perth, Canada, £1; Mrs T., six pairs stockings; Kent Road U.P. Church Sabbath School Society, per J. M., £1 1s 7d; Mr M'C., 10s; M. P. K., 10s; Sandyford Parish Church Sabbath School Association, £1; Rothesay Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, per A. H., £2; Mrs B., Ecclefechan, £5; Y. M. C. A., Auchinleck, per T. H., £1 2s; R. B., £10; E. F., £1; Mrs C., Edinburgh, 37 pairs stockings and 19 pairs socks; from Montrose, per A. R. M., £10, to take a girl to Canada; R. T., Paisley, £1; S. S. and Friends, six pairs socks; Miss M., £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—W. C., £2; The Lord's Tenth, 8s; A. M. F., 5s; Miss L., Crosshill, two pieces dress material and one piece cotton cloth; Mr and Mrs J., clothing, magazines, and vegetables; A Friend, Helensburgh, £1 and ten pairs stockings; A Friend, per G. G., £1; Miss E., £1 10s; Mrs B., parcel of clothing; U.P. Church Ministers' Bible Class, Lochgelly, box of stockings; R. M., £5; J. A., 130 buns; a Little Girl, 6d. The following have been sent in for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—Friends, for extra building, &c., of "Anderston Home," £156 5s 11d.

Received till October 31.—Mrs J., London, £1; T. M., money paid back, £1; Renfield Street U.P. Church Sabbath Forenoon Meeting, per W. H. W., £3 13s 9d; Mrs K., quantity of clothing; J. M'K., Langbank, £1; Miss A., Edinburgh, £1; M. P., Greenock, to buy something for the invalids in memory of a lame brother, £2; J. C., Gatehouse, £1; Greyfriars U.P. Church Religious Purposes Society, per P. L., £2; Miss L. K. B., Leeds, 5s; Auchterarder F. Church Bible Class, per W. E. W. B., £1 9s 6d; G. S., £50; A Friend, seven pairs stockings; Miss B., Irvine, clothing, hats, and 10s; D., £1; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £1 10s 2d; S. W., London, 5s in stamps; Little Boys in the Country, £1; "A Thankoffering," £1; "A Widow's Mite," 10s; Mrs A. S., for treat for children, £1; part of divided funds for three children now in the Homes, £14 8s; Miss L., Helensburgh, 24 pairs stockings and 6 cravats. The following donations have been sent in for City Home and Refuge Mission:—From Lenzie, 9 pairs stockings and a skirt; Mrs R., clothing; Mrs A., clothing; R. L., Aberdeen, 2s 6d; W. H. L., lot of old collars and ties; M. E., Largs, parcel of clothing; Mrs A., Edinburgh, £1; Miss A., do., for keep of a girl, £4; H. A. B., Bayswater, £5; Miss G., Croydon, £1; M. P., Greenock, £1; from Wishaw, clothing, trimmings, &c.; A. W. M., St Kitts, £1; Mrs M., Huntly, parcel of new clothing; G. S., £50; A Friend, magazines; found in boxes at City Home during month, 15s 10d.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND AND-DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S EMIGRATION HOMES. Dr. ABSTRACT OF CASH TRANSACTIONS, for the Year ending 31st October, 1882. Cr.

Oct. 31, 1881.	Oct. 31, 1882.		
To Balance at date, being Cash on hand and in Bank,	By General Expenses of Thirteen Homes at Elmpark, Cessnock, and Bridge-of-Weir, ..	£692 17 3½	£2594 15 3½
Oct. 31, 1882.	" Wages to Superintendents, Matrons, Kitchen Servants, &c., ..	4448 10 0½	473 0 3
To Donations and Legacies received during Year,	" Furniture, Alterations, Repairs, &c., during Year, ..	80 16 1½	87 11 1½
" Found in Boxes at Cottage Homes including Thanksgiving Day, ..	" Rent, Taxes, and Insurance, ..	95 0 0	200 4 6
" Rent of Nittinghill Farm, Lodge at Cessnock, and Stable at Elmpark, ..	" Emigration Expenses of 139 Children sent to Canada, ..	76 16 0	1118 15 7½
" Received from Mrs. Blaikie and others for expenses of children emigrated to Canada, ..	" Donations in Money to Miss Billbrough, Belleville Home, Canada, ..	19 18 2	350 0 0
" Proceeds of Gifts, Photographs, and Sundry Articles, ..	" Reward Pennies to Children for Good Conduct, ..	93 18 3	41 9 10
" Wages earned by Boys, ..	" Printing, Stationery, Postages, Photographs, and Advertising, ..	27 8 9	105 12 11
" Interest from Bank, ..	By Cash in Union Bank on Deposit Receipt, ..	4842 7 4	500 0 0
	do. do. on Current Account, ..		40 17 0
	" Cash on Hand, ..		22 18 1½
			£4971 9 6
			563 15 1½
			£5385 4 7½

* About £500 of this is specially for Emigration, and the balance is subject to Rents, Wages, &c., due 11th November.

GLASGOW, 13th November, 1882.—I have audited the Books containing the Intramissions of Mr. Quarrier for year ending 31st October, 1882, in connection with the "Orphan Homes of Scotland 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 with a balance on hand of Twenty-two Pounds Eighteen Shillings and One Penny Halfpenny, and the sum of Five Hundred and Forty Pounds Seventeen Shillings in Bank.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

ORPHAN COTTAGE HOMES BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Oct. 31, 1881.	Oct. 31, 1882.		
To Balance at date, being Cash in Bank, ..	By Payments to sundry Tradesmen for Work done during the Year, ..	£4831 14 2	6723 11 11
Oct. 31, 1882.	" Law Agent's Account from February 1875, till August, 1882, including Purchase of Ground, Titles, and Constitution of Trust, £115 0 10	£1876 12 2½	
" Donations and Legacies received during Year, ..	Less Discount to Homes, ..	101 16 9	68 11 8
" Interest from Bank on Deposit Receipts and Current Account, ..		203 9 6	
" Interest from Liquidators of City of Glasgow Bank, ..		2181 18 5½	
			£7013 12 7½
			6770 1 1
			£243 11 6½
			£7013 12 7½

* This balance is entirely absorbed by Contracts entered into but not yet completed.

GLASGOW, 13th November, 1882.—I beg to certify that the sum in Bank on 31st October, 1882, at the credit of the Building Account of the "Orphan Cottage Homes" amounts, as stated above, to Two Hundred and Thirty-eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Eightpence, and Four Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Twopence Halfpenny on hand.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

CITY ORPHAN HOME REFUGE AND MISSION.

Dr. ABSTRACT OF CASH TRANSACTIONS, for the Year ending 31st October, 1882. Cr.

Oct. 31, 1881.	Oct. 31, 1882.		
To Balance at date, being Cash on Hand and in Bank, ..	By General Expenses of City Home and Refuge, Food, &c., ..	£272 7 6½	1451 15 6½
Oct. 31, 1882.	" Wages to Superintendents, Matrons, Kitchen Servants, &c., ..	£1314 1 1	190 13 11
To Donations and Legacies received during Year, ..	" Ground Annual, Taxes, and Insurance, ..	746 12 9½	131 12 3½
" Wages earned by Boys, ..	" Furniture, Alterations, and Repairs, ..		127 11 1½
" Less Premiums of One Penny per Shilling to Working Boys on Wages and Reward Pennies for Good Conduct, ..	" Relief given to necessitous cases, Funerals of Poor Persons, and Street Children's Annual Treat, ..	83 12 8½	43 1 1
" Collections at Evangelistic Meetings and found in Boxes at Home, ..	" Payment of Evangelists, Tracts, Advertising, &c., ..	663 0 1	386 10 4
" Proceeds of Hymn Books, Gifts, and Sundry Articles, ..	" Law Agent's Account from 1874, till August, 1882, including purchase of Ground, Titles, and Constitution of Trust, ..	161 5 8½	£83 5 1
" Amount transferred from "Purchase of Ground Annual Account," ..	Less Discount to Homes, ..	67 9 2	36 16 0
" Interest from Bank, ..		17 18 6	
		2 9 10	
		2226 4 4½	46 9 1
			£2397 18 4½
			95 5 6
			5 13 0½
			100 18 6½
			£2498 11 11½

GLASGOW, 13th November, 1882.—I have audited the Books containing the Intramissions for the year ending 31st October, 1882, in connection with the "City Orphan Home Refuge and Mission," compared the Vouchers, and find all correct, closing with a balance on hand of Five Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Three Farthings, and the sum of Ninety-five Pounds Five Shillings and Sixpence in Bank.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

PURCHASE OF GROUND ANNUAL OF CITY HOME ACCOUNT.

Oct. 31, 1881.	Oct. 31, 1882.		
To Balance at date, being Cash in Bank, ..	By Price of Ground in James Morrison St., Ground Annual redeemed at 2½ years' purchase, ..	£219 12 4	£3567 15 0
Oct. 31, 1882.	" Half Town Clerk's Charges, ..	£11 3 7	8 8 1
" Donations Received during Year, ..	" Balance transferred to City Orphan Home Account, ..	3374 9 3	17 18 6
			£3594 1 7
			£3594 1 7

GLASGOW, 13th November, 1882.—This Account is correct.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

£12,000 NEEDED TO TRANSFER THE GOVAN ROAD HOMES TO BRIDGE-OF-WEIR, &c.



The above woodcut represents Cessnock House which, with $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres of ground, we rented some eleven years ago as a Home for training boys for emigration. At first it suited our purpose; now, however, as our work is increasing it is quite inadequate, and as the Clyde Trust, from whom we rent the house, are at present before Parliament for powers to make docks where the house stands, we shall have to leave it. It is desirable, too, that the work as a whole should be more concentrated, and as we have plenty of building ground at Bridge-of-Weir, we propose to transfer Cessnock and Elmpark Homes to that place, and by that means lessen the burden of the work, as then we should only have two centres—the City Home and the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir—instead of three as at present. For the purpose we should need to build four cottages, each to accommodate 30 children, which at the same rate as the houses already built would cost £1500 each to build and furnish, or £6000 in all. Then we want from £2000 to £3000 for our proposed training-ship on land; £1000 for lodge and gatehouse; and £2000 for additional workshops, roads, &c. Many of the Lord's stewards desirous of doing something with the goods entrusted to them could not make a better investment than this, which would result in much good to hundreds of the Lord's little ones. The buildings will be vested in trustees, as the others already are, which will be a guarantee that they will be kept for the purpose for which they are given. When the proposed additions are completed there will be accommodation for 600 children, and with outlets at home and in Canada we shall be able annually to rescue 365 more, besides casually helping many others. The present yearly maintenance is about £8,000, but when all the buildings are in full working order our expenses will be from £10,000 to £12,000 to enable us to deal with 1000 children every year.

CITY HOME REFUGE AND MISSION.

We have neither space nor time at our disposal to warrant our enlarging on any of the numerous departments carried on in connection with the above, but must try to give some idea of the work accomplished during the year. The numbers of destitute ones daily applying necessitate the door being almost constantly open; and even after the workers have retired to rest the night bell occasionally calls them to help some needy wanderer. A glance at the summary of the year's work will convey some knowledge of the amount of daily toil in dealing with new cases. Every child admitted to the other Homes first passes through this one, which is thus the receiving-house for the whole; so that, in addition to the labours in managing the working boys and young women in the house, there is a great deal of extra work incurred. Dealing with young children is comparatively an easy matter, but with those over 12 the difficulties of management increase. A boy who has all his life had his own way rebels at once under the slightest restraint, thus giving trouble; and often the workers and ourselves have had to reason again and again with such, and yet, after all, they would remain obstinate and refractory. The spirit of gratitude is sadly lacking in the older boys and girls, arising probably from the selfishness around them and the training they have received from their infancy in the places they have been brought up in. Taken in hand at the ages of from 14 to 18, their habits are nearly formed. It is a hard and sometimes fruitless task to try to overcome them. Some of the boys, when they begin to earn wages, think they are conferring a favour on the Home by remaining in it; and others, again, persist in the dishonest practices they have been accustomed to. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, there are many who are truly grateful for what has been done for them, and are giving promise of turning out respectable members of the community. We have not given up hope of the others; for even among the better class it often happens that the children do not, until after years, appreciate the labour bestowed upon them; and we trust yet to see fruit in many of those who now seem to be careless.

The young women from 14 to 25 that we take in, train for servants, and find places for, as a rule have very little notion of industry; and from their indolent and thriftless habits acquired in their former life, we have great difficulty in teaching them to be useful and help themselves. During the year, under the firm but kind management of our helpers in the Home, a good number have been rescued from imminent danger and put in a way of safety, and they are now giving evidence that our labour has not been in vain. Letters from many of them speak with gratitude of the kindness received while under our care. In addition to the working boys and young women, helped by the above, the Night Refuge has conferred benefit on the class for which it was established. A good many of such have been helped; but we wonder why the citizens do not take more advantage of it, and bring to us any child found sleeping out or begging. It is no charity to a child to give money on the street or at the door, but an injury in ninety cases out of every hundred. It may be an easy way to get rid of a nuisance, but it

is a selfish way, and we believe if people would be at the trouble to make inquiries about those who seek help from them it would result in a different state of matters on the streets. We are really desirous of stopping the mendicancy of the streets, but it cannot be done without the citizens making use of the appliances that are in operation. Notwithstanding all that the School Board has done to improve the education and character of this class, the number still to be found roaming at will on the streets is really lamentable; when will our authorities deal with them so as to help deserving parents and the various Homes and Industrial Schools in existence?

A few cases from our History Book will show the need for the above branches of our work better than words of ours:—

YOUNG WOMEN.

M. M'N., 14 years of age, whose parents died in the Poorhouse, was sent adrift by her nearest relative in a few weeks, and was brought to us from amongst a very rough lot of people in a low locality. She seems to be learning housework very satisfactorily.

A. W., 13 years.—After her parents' death, many years ago, she was taken in charge by a merchant in a Northern town, who, failing in business last year, decamped, leaving Annie again homeless.

A. J., who, although only 14, has been several times away from home, which may be accounted for by the fact that the mother was intemperate, and sent her out to beg to satisfy a craving her husband's moderate wage could not satisfy. After his wife's death, the father had to get a woman to look after his other children, as A. chose rather to go and work for herself. She was brought here by a constable, who found her wandering the streets. On inquiry we found that after being in country service for a while, she was taken to Glasgow by a hawker, and placed with a family in one of the worst wynds of the city. The father was only too glad to know that his girl had once more a chance of learning to do right.

M. H., 17.—Father a soldier for 20 years; died in Belvidere 2 years ago, and mother and Mary have been sadly knocked about since. At the time a brother and sister were received into these Homes last year she would not stay at her work, and along with her mother she has had to reap the fruits of their unsettled character. For several nights before her admission they were sleeping on stairheads, &c.

WORKING BOYS.

W. M'L., 14 years, was in Poorhouse when a brother was taken in last year. Has been in two places, but his dour temper turned him both out of them and lodgings, for which reason he is all the more in want of guidance and help.

H.B.—Placed on the *Gibraltar*, off Belfast, when ten years of age, and now dismissed at sixteen as unfit for service from disease of the spine.—No relations.

J. L., 18 years, the son of very respectable parents, but left an orphan ten years ago. Kept by Parochial Board for four years after father's death, and subsequently his small earnings have been supplemented by two sisters who are in service. He lost his work some days before coming here and had to sleep outside.

B. & J. D., 15 and 13 years. Father had two public-houses besides money left him, but soon gave way to drinking habits, got indolent, squandered his money, and left his children to the parish.

CASUALS.

J. T., 15, brought under a false name by his mother, who was a miserable wreck. A few days afterwards the father turned up, and seemed of just as low a type as his wife. We found he was only a short time out of Slatefield, where he had been for four years. Shortly after this John appeared before the Parochial Board and told a lot of lies about being put out of this Home, &c., but they wisely and kindly had him brought down when he had to confess to the falsehoods.

A. C. and B. K., both about 12 years of age, came over from Ireland to push their fortunes in Glasgow, but finding some old neighbours who have settled in Govan neither very able nor willing to take in all who hail from the "Green Isle," they wandered about in a vain search for a friend and shelter, until directed to James Morrison Street. We communicated with the parents and had them returned to Sligo, and have since received grateful acknowledgments of their obligations for timely advice and succour.

EVANGELISTIC AND MISSION WORK.

THE Mission Work of the City Home is not the least of its branches of usefulness, although in former years it has occupied but a very small space in the Narrative. We have almost daily applications from poor people requesting a visit to their homes, and in this way our evangelists, tract distributors, and workers have opportunities of imparting comfort to the weak, and of pointing to "The Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." In our own personal contact with those who come seeking aid we seldom lose the chance of telling of the true source of help, for lack of which the troubles of life overwhelm and destroy. In hearing the tales of suffering "one need not deal harshly nor blame entirely for their condition those whom their own ill-doing, it may be, has brought them to it. Many of them mean to reform and do better, but their surroundings are so degrading—living in a model lodging-house, or in no house at all—sometimes it is hardly possible for them to get out of the snare. Drink, of course, is the principal cause of the sin and misery, and but for it—that dreadful curse which society has fostered for generations past—our work and others similar, yea, the work of the Church itself, would be a comparatively easy task. As it is, it is most difficult and trying, and makes one feel at times as if it would be easier to stop the Clyde at Greenock than to turn even one poor bound sinner from his evil practices. We are looking to God for deliverance, and trust the time will come when our land shall be freed from the bondage of strong drink.

The services conducted by our evangelist, George Williams, during the six months of the winter he was with us resulted in great blessing to many of the unsaved who came to hear him in our own and City Halls and in different churches. The following extracts from letters, received from the ministers in whose churches he laboured, testify to the good results of his work during the fortnight he was with each of them:—

Rev. R. M'Gregor, of Augustine Free Church, reports as to the blessing received amongst those in very humble circumstances, and in the Sabbath Schools:

Rev. B. Broadley, of Claremont Street Wesleyan Church, writes:—

I am glad to be able to report favourably of Mr. Williams' services at Claremont Street. The attendances were good, the body of the church being fairly filled each evening, and on the Sabbath evenings crowded. His word was with power. The inquiry room was in great request each evening, and on the last Sabbath evening three rooms were so occupied. About 100 names were taken of those who professed to get good; a fair proportion of those are connected with our church and at school. On the whole we feel that we have cause for great thankfulness in the result, and on behalf of the Executive of the Church I beg to thank you for your kindness in placing Mr. Williams at our service, and our hope and prayer that he may be made a great blessing to many in this city, and that you may cheered and encouraged in your good work.

Rev. W. D. Glendinning, of Barony Free Church, says:—

We had enquirers every night. Not a few professed decision for Christ. I cannot speak of all who professed to decide, but some are going on their way rejoicing. A missionary who labours in our neighbourhood said to me a few days ago that he wished to thank me for the meetings because three members of his Bible-class had been brought to Christ by them. A number of those who declared themselves on the Lord's side are now busy with us as tract distributors. These have become members of the Church. Many Christians among us were greatly quickened. We hope to gather fruit from the services as days go by, and much will no doubt be garnered in heaven unseen by us till glory dawn. With earnest prayer and wishes for your work in the Lord.

Of the meetings in Cunningham Free Church, Rev. A. Andrew writes:—

Mr. George Williams gave us two weeks in Cunningham Free Church in the early part of 1881, and so many were savingly impressed during these two weeks, that we all desired to have him back among us. He returned and gave us the last two weeks of the year. My opinion is that the second visit was even more blessed than the first. We never had larger gatherings, the Church being packed to its utmost capacity on the Sabbath evenings, and our hall well filled besides; while during the week the area was always well filled and occasionally overflowed. Then, as to the results. No man can speak of them exactly or fully, but I have no doubt that a goodly number—especially of young people—have been really converted, and savingly united to the Saviour. At our July communion I had 53 applicants, and many of them professed to have been brought to the Lord in connection with Mr. Williams' meetings. Then at this January communion, I have at this moment 42 on my list applying for admission to the fellowship of the Church, 31 of them being what we call young communicants; a large proportion of whom profess to have received the Saviour and given themselves to Him at our recent meetings. Then, the general life of the Church has been quickened, although in Cunningham we have a revival every week, and we are hardly ever without fruit. Our prayer meeting last Tuesday mustered fully 300, and therein lies our source of power. Many thanks for being the means of introducing Mr. Williams, and our prayer is that he may be long spared.

On the 19th of November Richard Weaver began five weeks' special services with us. For many years we have been observing how the Lord was using this servant of His to the working people in many parts of England, and having satisfied ourselves as to his standing, and believing that God would bless him here also to the same class, we invited him to come. The thousands who flocked to hear him in the three largest halls of our city every Sabbath, witnessed to the fact that he had not lost his old power to hold large audiences, but that trial had sanctified the vessel, and made him more fitted to tell out the old story. We have had large experience with evangelists and others, and believe there are few so well qualified to speak to the working classes as Richard Weaver. During the five weeks he was with us he conducted over fifty meetings, and at every one at which the gospel was preached there were anxious enquirers at the close, and not a few who had passed from death unto life while the meeting was going on. Eternity alone will unfold the results of these meetings. It was pleasing to see the hundreds, as the results of his former work in this city, who came to welcome him. Standing fruit is the best testimony to usefulness in the Master's service that anyone can have. Many were loud in their thanks to us for bringing him to the city, and if we had done it for the praise of men we might have been lifted up, but our object alone is to make Christ known to the perishing, and to use those whom God honours. No thanks is due to us in any or all of the work the Lord has permitted us to engage in. From the beginning of our mission until the present, we have sought to work with all who love the Lord Jesus, and to welcome all whom God uses to the winning of souls. The Mission being undenominational in its character, it is free to use any servant of the King that He raises up and sends forth to be a witness to the people. In the present state of the Churches of our land, we think such an agency a necessity. In addition to the evangelists, we have had ministers and others who have given us aid in our regular services. Special efforts have been made in behalf of young people and children in meetings conducted by Mr. R. H. Hunter and others, through which many have been gathered in and are now giving unmistakeable

evidence of change of heart. Band of Hope meetings, and sewing and Bible classes for young women have also been held during the winter. These and other agencies connected with the mission are all carried on in the spirit of faith which leaves the worker at the Master's feet willing to be used as an instrument in His hand of blessing to others. From the numbers of conversions that have come under our notice it is impossible in our limited space to give them, but we think it cannot but be evident to all from the multitudes that were brought under the sound of the Gospel that the Lord's promise, "My word shall not return unto me void," has been marvellously fulfilled. Unto His name be the praise!

SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S WORK.

CITY ORPHAN HOME.—On 1st November, 1881, we had 65 boys and 26 girls in the Home, and these numbers have been augmented during the year by 266 boys and 181 girls, thus giving a total of 538 cases disposed of as follows:—

BOYS.—63 sent to Cessnock and Elmpark Homes, Govan Road; 57 to the Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir; 6 were sent to Canada; 23 left and went to lodgings, &c.; 2 sent to *Mars* and *Cumberland* Training Ships; 2 died in Infirmary; 1 sent back to Industrial School; 1 to Parochial Board; 5 absconded with wages; 6 were dismissed; and 107 were returned to friends in different parts of the kingdom, such as Liverpool, Dublin, Belfast, Sligo, Londonderry, Edinburgh, Inverness, Perth, Stirling, Coatbridge, Wishaw, Paisley, Greenock, Stranraer, Golspie, Kirkintilloch, Rutherglen, &c.—leaving 58 in the Home.

GIRLS.—36 were sent to Elmpark Home, Govan Road; 17 to Cottage Home, Bridge-of-Weir; 6 to Canada; 29 were placed in service (situations were also secured for 19 outside cases); 2 were adopted; 2 given over to Parochial Board; 1 sent to Shelter; 1 to Hospital; 1 to Eye Infirmary; 1 died in Belvidere Hospital; 3 left, and of the 89 remaining, 65 were sent to their relatives in various places, and 24 are still in the Home.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR.—The year commenced with 161 children; 78 new cases have been received from City, Cessnock, and Elmpark Homes, giving a total of 239, disposed of as follows:—Sent to Canada, 34; to United States, 1; to service, 2; died, 3; returned to friends, 4; leaving at present in the Homes, 195.

CESSNOCK AND ELM PARK HOMES.—The year commenced with 121 children in the Homes; 99 new cases have been received from the City Home, making a total of 220, disposed of as follows:—Sent to Canada, 78; to situations, 3; to Bridge-of-Weir, 4; returned to relatives, 30; leaving at present in the Homes, 105.

During the year we have permanently helped 570 children, and in the same time temporary assistance has been given to 248 casuals (that is, those who have been in the Homes for a day, a month, or a year as the case may be, and have been returned to friends or left it because of ill-doing), giving a total of 818 who have passed through the Homes.

Over 300 evangelistic meetings have been held, with audiences of from 100 to 4000, in our own and other halls. Band of Hope meetings for children have also been conducted; thousands of tracts distributed; and visits paid to the poor of the district by evangelists and workers.

OUTSIDE WORK.—Lines for the Royal and Western Infirmarys were procured for 32 urgent cases, and other 15 were sent to Convalescent

Homes, besides which 500 nights' lodging were paid for needy, homeless ones in Model Lodging Houses, and over 3000 received advice and assistance in the various forms which the necessity and expediency of the case demanded, widows and others being helped with rents, some having fares paid to different places, &c.

The amount received during the year in answer to prayer is as follows:—For the General Fund, which includes the keep of the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir, Cessnock, and Elmpark, including £93 18s. 3d. earned by boys, £4765 11s. 4d.; for the City Home Refuge and Mission, including £746 12s. 9½d. earned by boys, £2298 18s. 7½d.; for payment of Ground Annual City Home, £3,374 9s. 3d.; and for Orphan Homes of Scotland Building Fund, £2181 18s. 5½d.—the total amount for all purposes being £12,613 17s. 7¾d, besides large quantities of clothing and provisions. This amount, although large, has all been needed, as the work has increased, and for the year to come we will need still more. Over and above the maintenance, we are looking to the Lord to send the £12,000 to build the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir in place of those on the Govan Road, and to complete other matters connected with the ground. We shall also need thousands of shirts, pairs of stockings, dresses, &c., which we are sure our lady friends will help us with as they have done in the past. There is very little money on hand for maintenance, as the amount sent for emigration cannot be used for any other purpose. That for the Building Fund is contracted for and due the tradesmen, so that we begin the year with but little more than a week's supply on hand. The promise of our God has been sufficient in the past, and the generous sympathy of our helpers forbids us to doubt, so we go forward, confidently expecting that He, without whose blessing our work would be fruitless, will bless us still. The language of our hearts, in reviewing the past is, "Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and forget not all his benefits!"

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

The wicked attack on the work by the Roman Catholic priests has caused us some trouble and expense this year. The action raised in the Sheriff Court for delivery of a boy whom they alleged we were keeping against the will of his aged grandmother was decided against them by the Sheriff Substitute, but notwithstanding that they have

appealed against the decision to the Sheriff Principal, who after hearing the agents has taken it to avizandum. We hoped to have had his opinion before now, but are patiently waiting for it. This is not the first time false accusations have been raised in the same quarter, and we consider it one of the best evidences of the usefulness of the work. Instead of holding children against the will of relations, we find a difficulty in taking from all who are willing to give them up.

CONCLUSION.

In bringing the Narrative to a close there are many things we should like to speak about as showing how God has appeared for our help in sending money throughout the year. The ground annual of the City Home which required £3500 to buy up, and which necessitated an annual payment of £157, was a heavy burden which for years we looked to the Lord to remove. This year He has done it through the liberality of two friends, and our hearts are full of praise. Had the half-year's interest been to pay at this term, we would have been deficient in the City Home Fund, so that we have good reason to praise God for sending the money beforehand, and thus relieving us from the annual payment. Another cause of thanksgiving was the legacy of £1000 left by the late Miss Gordon, of Paisley, £500 of which, set aside for building purposes, enabled us to meet obligations connected therewith, and prevented us from being in debt at the present moment. The remainder placed to the General Fund has kept the balance at the right side. Then the £200 of interest received from the City of Glasgow Bank was also necessary. That it has been paid this year is a matter of thanksgiving to God, for by it we have had sufficient means to carry us through. In regard to the health of the children and workers, we have cause for gratitude to God for His mercy, as in many other things. In our daily record we have only given touches of the sin and misery and suffering we are labouring amongst, as the real state of things cannot be put on paper, and now that the year has closed, we acknowledge how wonderfully God has used us as feeble instruments in His hand of bringing comfort to the desolate, healing to the sick, and blessing to the perishing. The gifts and sympathy of friends have greatly strengthened us during the year, and we trust this record of the work accomplished, now sent forth, will be blessed to them, and lead them more and more to rejoice in being "workers together with God," in rescuing the perishing and bringing wanderers into the fold. The work before us is as great as ever, and we realise at the present time how true are the words of the Lord Jesus Himself, "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few." May it be the privilege of our helpers to give as the Lord prospers them, and ours to work, so that at the close of our earthly pilgrimage we may hear the Master's "Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."

That 818 children and young people have passed through the Homes, 570 of whom have been permanently helped, and 248 casually, and that too at so small a cost, is a matter of great thankfulness to God.

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

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

FORM OF BEQUEST TO THE ORPHAN HOMES.

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

To prevent mistakes and delay, all letters relating to the Homes should be addressed to 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.

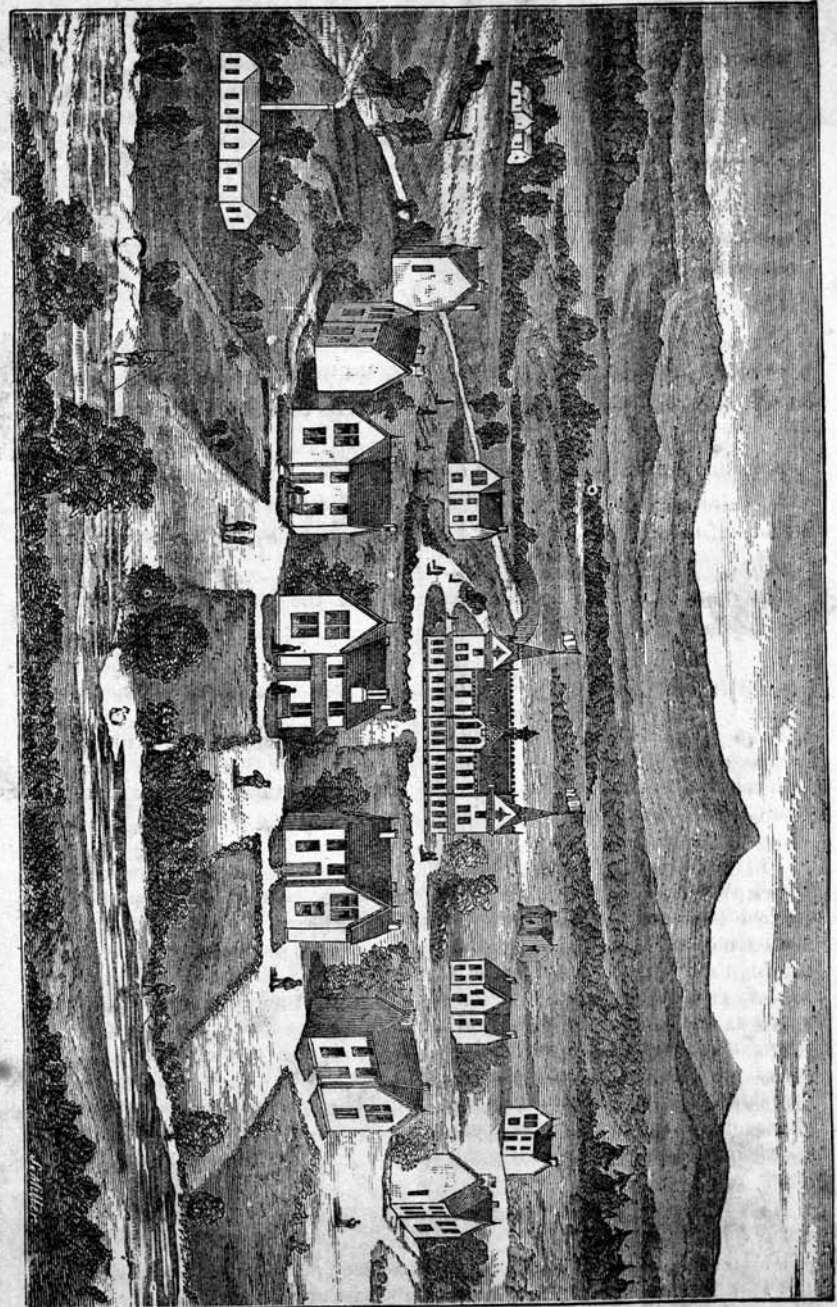
Friends sending money can have it placed to whatever part of the work they name, either to the General Fund, which includes the keep of the Orphans at the Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir, and at Cessnock and Elmpark Homes, Govan Road, or it can be placed to the City Home, Refuge and Mission Work, or to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

WM. QUARRIER.

318 ST. VINCENT STREET,
GLASGOW, 1st November, 1882.

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



ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND.
TO HOUSE 360 CHILDREN.

CLASSES OF CHILDREN ADMITTED INTO THE HOMES.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR.—Orphan boys and girls deprived of both parents and without any one to care for them, from 1 to 12 years of age, from any part of the country.

No subscriber's line nor voting paper necessary.

CESSNOCK AND ELM PARK EMIGRATION HOMES, GOVAN ROAD.—Orphans, children of widows, or others; must be healthy and destitute; age from 4 to 14.

CITY HOME AND NIGHT REFUGE, JAMES MORRISON STREET.—Children found begging, sleeping out, or destitute, from 2 to 13 years; working boys who have no home, from 14 to 18 years; and virtuous young women, out of work and with no one to care for them, from 14 to 25 years of age.

Any one wishing to see me regarding the work, or applying to have a child taken in, can do so at the City Orphan Home, James Morrison Street, off London Street, at 4 o'clock P.M., every day (Saturday excepted); at other times by arrangement.

The superintendent or matron in any of the various Homes will be glad to show friends through the houses any day, Sabbath excepted.

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

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

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