

"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 TWELFTH YEAR ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1883,
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 DISTRIBUTION HOME,
MARCHMONT, BELLEVILLE,
ONT., CANADA.

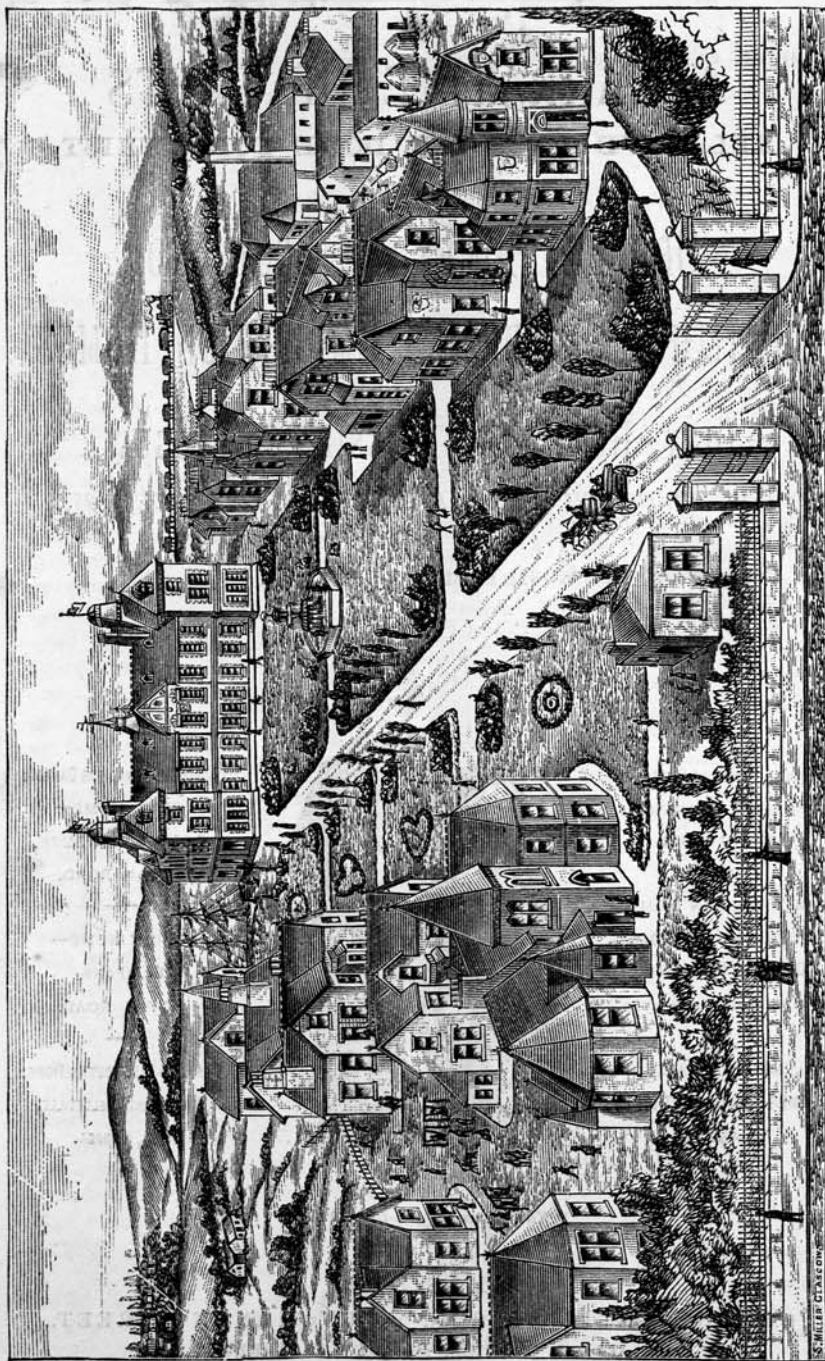
"Naked, and ye clothed me."

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This Woodcut gives a fair representation of the Sixteen Buildings now on the grounds. The Training Ship and Gatehouse, although shown here, are not yet in existence. We are looking to the Lord to send £9000 to build them and also the two houses for Girls to replace those on the Govan Road.

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

NARRATIVE OF FACTS. 1883.

DEAR FELLOW-HELPERS,—We are once more privileged to put in order the records of another year's blessed service for the Master; and as we do so and see the amount of money that has been sent in, the number of children that have been rescued and permanently helped, and the souls that have been brought to the knowledge of the Saviour in answer to prayer, we cannot but praise Him who, "hath done all things well." We ask you to unite with us in thanksgiving unto Him, for He hath done exceeding abundantly above all we asked or thought of. When the year began we had the same difficulties to face as in former years, and daily during the year others cropped up incidental to an extending work like ours, which no amount of human planning or calculating could have foreseen, or would have enabled us to surmount; but in all these things we have been "more than conquerors through Him that loved us." The sceptical, who doubt that there is a God who hears His children when they cry to Him and answers often while they are yet speaking, will find it hard to maintain their unbelief if they but consider the work accomplished through the agency of the Homes in the year just closed. Let it be remembered that the principles on which the Homes are carried on are, 1st, that we make known our wants to God in prayer, and depend on Him to supply through His stewards; 2nd, that under no circumstances shall we ever call on anyone for money, send out collectors, or resort to bazaars or entertainments for the purpose of raising it; 3rd, as long as we have an empty bed no child of whose destitution we are satisfied after investigation will be refused admission; and then let the great things that have been accomplished be accounted for. During the year we have been able to meet all obligations, although at the beginning we had only about one week's provision on hand. Throughout the year the balance on hand has not increased, and we close with almost the same amount. We have needed more for the keep of the Homes than in any preceding year, and God has met our needs and supplied out of His fulness, not only for the 382 children we began the year with, but also for the 550 new cases that have been dealt with during the course of it. To the child of God, who believes that God carries on the work He begins there will be no difficulty in answering the question, "How have these things been accomplished?" No doubt the unbelieving and indifferent will offer all sorts of explanations, which will not however account for the remarkable results of the year. None but God, who sees and knows all things and has the hearts of all men in His hands, could have done what the records of the year tell of. "The Lord hath done great things for us." To Him be the glory. Some will say God works through human instrumentalities, and we acknowledge

He does, but He is none the less the One who "worketh in us to will and to do of his good pleasure." His good pleasure is to undo heavy burdens, to break the yoke of the oppressor, and let the oppressed go free. The privilege of being instruments is ours, and no thanks is due to us because of it—the honour of the work belongs to Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will. We believe it is not His will that anyone of these enslaved victims of sin and shame should perish, and far less is it His will that the innocent little ones with whom we have mostly to do should be drawn into the same paths, which lead to eternal death.

God's heart yearns over them, and He waits patiently to see when His children will obey the command, "Go ye out into the highways and hedges, and as many as ye shall find bring them in hither." Amongst all the fields of labour open to the Gospel, we think there is none which yields more fruit than that among the children. Many of them have risen, and many will yet rise up to call Him blessed who sent His servants out to seek and to bless them.

During the year the Lord has sent, in answer to prayer, £12,552 8s. 1½d. in money, and large quantities of clothing and provisions, which have all contributed to the results of the whole.

In regard to my own personal needs, and that of my family, it will be gratifying to friends to know that the Lord has set His seal to the step taken last year in relinquishing my business and depending on Him entirely for support, so as to be able to devote myself more exclusively to the work of the Homes. Some were under the impression that more money would be sent in than what would be required for my personal and family wants; others again thought there might not be enough; but God has supplied sufficient for our needs, and no more. I have never spoken of these matters to anyone, but they were known to the Lord, and He sent all that was required for me and mine in the same way as He did for the Homes. His dealings with me have strengthened my faith in Him for the unknown future, and given me to see more than ever that He never sends anyone a warfare on their own charges. It should be stated here that whenever friends leave me the choice of either using their gifts for the Homes or for my personal needs it is always placed to the Homes, and not a penny of the funds sent in for the work will ever be used for any other purpose.

The fact that 932 children have been benefitted through the Homes during the year, and that hundreds of needy ones have been helped and advised and thousands have heard the Gospel is an evident testimony to the need for and usefulness of the work. That friends may know more fully what has been accomplished, we shall give in the following pages some of the Lord's dealings with us month by month. We pray that He may make them to all who read a means of strengthening faith and quickening zeal for the work of the Lord, which is plenteous, although the labourers are few in number.

NOVEMBER.

The beginning of our financial year is always a time of special anxiety. The books and accounts for the preceding year have to be audited, the Report has to be written and published, which in itself

entails a great amount of labour; and besides these the daily care of the Homes. The beginning of this year of which we write was no exception, but the Lord manifestly sustained us, and we were kept in perfect peace. £5 17s. 6d. from different sources came to hand the first day, followed by £20 on the second and £50 on the third; so we were encouraged to go forward, confident that He who had been with us in the past would certainly be with us still. Our annual meeting was held on the 21st of November, and the following account of it we abridge from the daily papers for the sake of friends at a distance who were not present:—

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND.

The eleventh annual meeting in connection with the Orphan Homes of Scotland was held yesterday in the City Home Hall, James Morrison Street. There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen interested in the work. Provost Binnie, of Gourrock, presided, and among those on the platform were—Rev. Dr. Elder Cumming, Rev. Dr. Logan Aikman, Rev. Messrs. Andrew, R. Howie, Hall, and Munro; Messrs. Alex. Allan, Jackson, William Quarrier, R. H. Hunter, Maitland, Westlands, Barron, Waddell, Bryson, Luther, Thomson, Hutton, ex-Bailie Lamberton, &c.

The CHAIRMAN said he had much pleasure in presiding that day, as he considered that to have an opportunity of co-operating with Mr. Quarrier and his fellow-workers in their noble Christian work in whatever capacity was a great privilege. He had perused the report of the past year. Generally speaking, annual reports were considered dry matters, but he could assure them that he never read a report with deeper interest than the one which had been placed in their hands that day regarding the Orphan Homes. The report was highly gratifying and instructive, and he hoped that no Christian home in Glasgow would be without a copy of it. When Mr. Quarrier began the year he had something like a week's provision on hand for the many mouths he had to feed. It required about £20 a day to carry on the work, or £140 a week, and during the year he had received for all purposes £12,700. During the year about 818 children had passed through Mr. Quarrier's hands, and at the close of the year he was in the position of owing no man anything. (Applause.) Hitherto Mr. Quarrier had been engaged in business, but owing to the great demand which the Homes made upon his time he had now determined to throw the means of his own support, as well as the work generally, on the liberality of a Christian people. They were all aware that the carrying on of the work had been entirely a matter of faith with Mr. Quarrier, who had never asked for subscriptions. He was sure it would be a relief to them to know that Mr. Quarrier's whole time would now be devoted to the various agencies in connection with the work. (Applause.) When they met next year he had no doubt Mr. Quarrier would be able to tell them that he had not regretted the step he had taken. (Applause.) It seemed that owing to dock arrangements near the Cessnock Homes these would not be very much longer available, and Mr. Quarrier proposed that the Cessnock and Elmpark Homes be removed to the Bridge-of-Weir. That meant other four homes similar to those already erected there, and this would require £15,000. The change would greatly concentrate the work, and he hoped Mr. Quarrier would soon be enabled to have the additional homes erected. (Applause.)

MR. HUNTER submitted the financial statement, which showed that the income had fully equalled the expenditure.

MR. ALEXANDER ALLAN moved the adoption of the accounts. He said they had great reason to congratulate Mr. Quarrier on the work that had been done during the year, and he hoped that next year even greater results than anything hitherto accomplished would be attained.

Rev. Dr. LOGAN AIKMAN seconded. He said he did not know of any society whose transactions were made so public as those connected with the Orphan Homes. (Applause.) They had heard insinuations to the contrary, as if the public were left ignorant. He had repudiated these insinuations before, and he had again distinctly to repudiate them. There was no institution in the city of Glasgow whose accounts were made more public or more frequently published than those of the Orphan Homes conducted by Mr. Quarrier. (Applause.)

The accounts were then adopted.

After Mr. Quarrier had given a few details regarding the year's work,

Rev. Dr. ELDER CUMMING briefly addressed the meeting, remarking that he believed no other man in the country at the present time had been privileged to do such an amount of philanthropic and Christian work as Mr. Quarrier.

Several other gentlemen having delivered brief addresses, the meeting terminated. In the course of the proceedings several hymns were sung by the children.

The attack on our work made by the Roman Catholic priests, in which they brought an action against us in the Sheriff Court for alleged detention of a child, was decided in our favour by Sheriff-Substitute Murray. Not satisfied with that, however, the priests appealed to Sheriff Principal Clark, and on the 21st of November he issued an interlocutor adhering to his Substitute's decision, and finding pursuers (the priests) liable for expenses of the appeal as well as the action. They have not yet paid these expenses, although asked to do so through their agent. Sheriff Clark in his note to the interlocutor says:—

It seems clearly proved that the defender undertook the custody of the child originally at the express desire and even urgent solicitations of the pursuer. After the lapse of several months, during which the pursuer more than once expressed herself fully satisfied with the defender's management of the child, she seems to have been moved by outsiders to cancel her arrangement. The effect of the proof is clearly to vindicate the motives of the defender's conduct and to disprove the suggestions made against him.

With such testimony all the false accusations circulated in print and privately by the same parties only serve to indicate the deep-seated hatred to all Protestant work existing in certain quarters. After his defeat in the Court, Dr. Munro in a lecture in the City Hall appeared in his true colours as opposed to all Christian work carried on by Protestants, and ours in particular. All the daily papers, with one exception, denounced the arrogance of the man. He has since tried to stir up the House of Commons in the matter, by appealing to the Home Secretary, but without effect. Our work is a "diabolical" one, so Dr. Munro says, and "he would rather see a child die on its mother's breast than receive help from such as we." Friends can judge the man and his system out of his own mouth. We only wish that these opponents of Christian progress, instead of waiting for the State to do the work for them, and finding fault with those who are trying to stem the tide of wickedness, would help their own flock, and save others the expense and trouble of doing it. If the half of what poor Roman Catholic widows tell us of the treatment they receive at the hands of their spiritual guides, when applied to for help, is true, it is really sad to think of.

The same day on which we were made aware of the Sheriff's decision, "a friend of the poor," in the east of Scotland sent us £1000 "for the poor and orphans." Coming when it did, it was to us a double indication of the Lord's approval of the work in which we are engaged. It is one of the largest sums we ever received for the upkeep of the Homes, and it enabled us to extend our borders and overtake other necessary work which would otherwise have had to be delayed or left out altogether.

Some days later a "servant of the Lord," in the west of Scotland, sent £1500 for the first of the four cottages at Bridge-of-Weir, to replace those on the Govan Road. In his letter he said, "You are as much

indebted for the enclosed to the Lord as if it had been let down from heaven to you by a golden thread." By the same post came a most encouraging letter from a kind helper in London, enclosing £3 3s., and saying, "I feel it no small privilege to help you in your truly blessed and much needed work, which God is so greatly blessing. May the dear Lord increase your faith, encourage your heart, and raise up for you many more supporters and labourers. Thankfully do I send you the enclosed, and pray that an abundant blessing may rest on this your work of faith and labour of love." These gifts were most acceptable, and greatly cheered our hearts at a time of special anxiety. Truly "God forsaketh His children never." During the month we added no fewer than 37 children to our large family, many of them with sad histories of want and suffering; one whole family of five being amongst the number. The mother died about a year before, leaving a baby and four other children. The father struggled on getting one woman after another to keep house for him, but from the neglected appearance of the children it was evident none of them did their work. The father, never very strong himself, died the week before the children were brought to us, and there were no friends able to take them, so they must have gone to the poorhouse but for the shelter of the Homes. The baby was literally skin and bone, and full of sores, and it was with a feeling of relief we saw him laid to rest on the 2nd of January. He received every attention in the Invalids' Home, but from the first we saw there was little hope. The other children also needed attention, but are now well and improving under kind treatment and care. Katie R— was brought to us on the 17th. Although only five years of age she had known what it was to suffer from the brutality of a stepfather, who often put her and her mother outside his door, and said the same house should never contain them both. For weeks after we got her the sight of any strange man terrified her, but now she is one of the brightest and happiest of our flock, although she has been in bed nearly all the time in the Invalids' Home—our "Bethesda." John and Annie D—, 10 and 6, were also admitted, the father at the time in the poorhouse dying and the mother dead. The father died shortly afterwards, and John and Annie are now in happy homes in Canada. We feel sure that our helpers will agree with us that money expended in helping such as the above is well spent, and that the Master is glorified thereby.

DECEMBER.

December is always a trying month to the poor and needy who depend so much on outside casual work, and during it we generally have an extra number of applicants with needs as varied as their countenances. Many a poor struggling widow, who for months has managed to keep a house over her head, has often, for want of work during the cold weather, been forced to give it up and accept the shelter of a neighbour, or lie in a lobby or on a stair, rather than go into the poorhouse which is offered to her when she seeks parochial relief. During the year it has been our privilege to take the children of many such, thus giving the mothers a chance of maintaining themselves and rescuing the children from pauperism, and in many cases from worse.

On the 11th of December we were much encouraged by an anonymous gift from Coggeshall of £50, and also by the gift of £10 which accompanied the following letter:—"I have looked with much interest at the Report of your work which you forwarded to me and am thankful to see the marked encouragement you continue to have that the Lord is with you in the work to which you have devoted yourself. I can quite understand that the magnitude of it must now be such that you are unable to carry on professional employment so as to earn a livelihood. You are surely right not to use for your own personal maintenance any funds which are named as being for the work as this can be very much misunderstood. I have pleasure in forwarding cheque for £10 which you are at liberty to use in whole or in part for your own maintenance; or, if you prefer it, for the furtherance of the work in which I most heartily wish you God speed." The £10 was put into the Homes' Funds in accordance with our resolve that whenever money is sent leaving us to decide what it shall be used for, we shall, in every case, use it for the Homes and never for our own needs unless when specially given for that purpose. Another friend of the work whom we met on the same day as the preceding letter reached us, thought we were not right in our resolve not to touch the Homes' Funds, quoting the passage, "The labourer is worthy of his hire." We give the two opinions here, but think the former right. Were we to trifle with the funds entrusted to us we would give the ungodly world, and even lukewarm Christians, an excuse for saying, "The Homes have made them rich." We shall never need as much as we derived from our business for our temporal wants, but believe the Lord will supply all that is required, so that we may not be hindered in our work for Him. After issuing our Annual Report our hearts were rejoiced by the testimony of many friends who received blessing through the perusal of the record of the faithfulness of our God in His dealings with us. One friend who does what she can for the Master by placing a box on her counter, in which her customers place small sums for the Lord's work, wrote:—

Thank you kindly for sending two copies of your yearly "Narrative of Facts." It is deeply interesting, and very touching.

My prayer for your little ones is that at the approaching festive season many of the Lord's people may hear a voice saying as of old, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared . . . for this day is holy unto the Lord;" and my desire for you is that "the joy of the Lord may be your strength."

Another:—

Herewith enclosed is 5s. for the Lord's work in your hands. I was so glad to get the two Reports. It is deeply interesting to me to know the details of your various branches of work and to see how God's strength is made perfect in your weakness, and that amid the greatest difficulties He enables you to rest with calm confidence on His power, and love, and mercy, and goodness.

I derived great comfort the other day from these words of Paul, "I cannot tell; God knoweth." May they be blessed to you by the Holy Spirit's aid. "Fear not; I am thy shield."

On Christmas day we received over £24 from various sources—Sabbath schools, little children, and individuals. One letter in a child's writing was as follows:—"My dear sister is five and I am eight. We send five

shillings for your dear little children, hoping you will have a happy New Year." "A Govan Joiner" sent us £1 as interest on money in Savings Bank. We frequently wonder why Christian working men do not contribute more towards the Homes, which have been such a blessing to many of the children of their class who have been deprived of their parents. When the bread-winner is cut down there is often no place of shelter but the poorhouse for the children, and it is to save such a result that the Homes step in and take them. It is not much a working man can give, but the little is as acceptable in the Lord's sight as the larger sums if given willingly. What is a great deal for one to give may be nothing to another. "Freely ye have received, freely give." £6 came from Perth as the gift of "one who has but little to give but who takes the deepest interest in your loving labours, as a small but *very* willing offering towards the funds of your truly Christian work." The generous liberality of friends enabled us to extend a helping hand to many deserving needy ones. The following are some of the cases admitted during the month:—A—S—, a girl of 13. Her father died six or seven years ago, and the mother married again, a man whose character may be estimated from the fact that he contributed nothing towards her support, and upon her death three months ago he took a woman of loose habits into the house. A— was at once removed from such surroundings, and, humanly speaking, saved from a life of shame. John M'D—, 11 years of age, did not even know the alphabet. Father and mother both dead, and the boy was being lost for want of care. M— and K— R—, 11 and 9, brought by an aunt who could not keep them. Parents both dead. The children were in dangerous surroundings. The father died in one of the low lodging-houses in a drunken fit. M—T—J—'s father died two years ago, and the mother overworked her strength and had to go into the hospital. Two orphan boys of 12 and 11 from Edinburgh were brought by their grandmother, who could not control nor keep them. C— and J— M'G—, two boys of 10 and 6; father deserted them two years ago; mother is in the "profession," i.e., travels with shows, shooting galleries, &c., and was left with three children. The eldest boy of 10 was almost unwilling to come under our care, having had his own way for so long; but the mother had sense enough to insist, and the boy is thankful enough now that he yielded. What a life is led by those who live to amuse others! Only those who come in contact with the victims know how seldom such rise to positions of comfort for themselves. The crime and misery resulting from the "shows" should rouse the authorities to put down these places, which have been the ruin of so many of the boys and girls of our city. A— B—, aged 4, a little orphan girl, from Campbeltown. These are only a few of those admitted during the month. The close of the year brought with it many tokens of the interest of friends in the work, and we were the recipients of gifts of money and goods, which enabled us to provide for our children the treat to which they had so long looked forward. Two friends sent us a large quantity of currant loaves, and some others sent us Christmas trees and articles to deck them with; and from Sabbath schools and friends money came to provide the New Year's dinner. We felt as the year closed over us how much we had to praise

God for, and how much we were indebted to the kind friends who, amid their own enjoyments, did not forget those who had before but few of the good things of this life.

JANUARY.

The beginning of the year is always a time of retrospection. We can look back and count the milestones we have already passed; but none can tell how many or how few more are yet ahead of us. Time passes swiftly, and we have but few years to do our work on earth. It becomes us, therefore, to redeem the time by doing that which lies to our hands, so that at last we may have the Master's "well done." Opportunities of doing good in the past have often slipped away unembraced; but our failures, instead of discouraging us, should lead us to look for strength to the unfailing Source, that the present and future of our lives may be better than the past.

New Year's Day will long be remembered by the members of our large family of rescued little ones. Through the kindness of many Christian friends who in the midst of their own happy family circles did not forget the orphan and the fatherless, we were enabled to make the new year of 1883 as bright and joyous as any preceding one. The children in the three Glasgow Homes were all gathered together in the City Home, and were joined by many friends and visitors. The large hall was beautifully decorated and the tables were laid for dinner there. An abundant supply of roast beef, pies, potatoes, and plum pudding was soon disposed of and highly appreciated by the children, many of whom had never seen, far less taken part in, such a feast before. Greater treats were in store; and when they ascended the stairs to the large schoolroom, where two immense Christmas trees groaned under the good things with which they were laden, the delight of the little ones knew no bounds. Each one received a gift from the trees, and after some games they again gathered in the hall and partook of tea and buns, after which a pleasant evening was spent listening to singing, recitations, and short addresses given by some of the children and friends.

The second day of the year was spent in the same manner at Bridge-of-Weir, the children and workers there preferring to wait a day later rather than to have their New Year treat without us. Everything passed off most enjoyably, and the children retired at night tired after a day of such happiness as they had never known before. Our hearts rejoiced in their gladness, and we could not but praise our Father in heaven for the privilege He has conferred upon us in making us instruments to rescue the little children from the sorrows of sin and misery.

Many gifts reached us during the month from Sunday schools, Bible classes, morning meetings, &c., in all parts of the country. We have often been much encouraged by the contributions from children, and we pray that the givers will themselves realize the blessedness promised to those who have pity on the poor. One treasurer of a Sunday school wrote asking for little books regarding our work to interest the scholars, as they had resolved to give three months' contributions towards it. He said: "I may mention that the resolution was arrived at in consequence of our disapproval of Father Munro's unseemly tirade, so that even he

in an indirect way is furthering rather than hindering the good work." God "maketh the wrath of man to praise Him." On the 18th of January we received from London £110; from Calcutta £10; from Dunfermline £20; from Manchester £6, collected by two little girls; £1 8s. from Dalmally; 10s. from Fife; £4 2s. from Sabbath schools in Glasgow; and 1s. from a little boy in Paisley. Our Heavenly Father has His stewards over the wide world, and through them He ministers to the little ones under our care. We constantly pray for all who give to the work that they may know the peace of God that passeth all understanding, and we trust that they in the same way remember us. An unknown friend in far-away California sent us the following letter:—

It is with much pleasure that I herewith hand you a money-order for £5, payable at Glasgow, to be used as the Lord may direct you. I have read with much interest your last statement regarding the Homes for my little fellow countrymen and women. May the dear Lord bless you in your consecrated services to relieve human suffering and in advancing the cause of our blessed Master. With the prayers of a former Glaswegian and brother in Christ—"And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away" (1 Peter v. 4).

It reached us on the 24th of January, and came most acceptably, as we had only received £1 17s. 6d. that day from other sources, and there had not been much for a day or two before. Truly the "Lord knoweth what things we have need of before we ask Him."

On the 25th we gave our annual treat to the street children, at which about 700 boys and girls were present, and many others had to be refused for want of room. About 65 per cent. of them were Roman Catholics, which indicated that there are more of that class on the streets now than there were years ago. We were glad to see fewer young children, which might be owing to the School Board efforts, but the rags and filth and oaths and blasphemy of many of those who were there were sufficient evidence of the terrible need still existing for more to be done. Hundreds of children every year acquire on the streets habits which they never throw off. The police authorities are the proper parties to begin the reform, and until they move all philanthropic efforts will be comparatively fruitless. Most of the children have homes of some kind or other, but the greater part of their lives is spent on the street, where they can do as they like and are under no control. When such is the case it is not to be wondered at that they choose such a life rather than submit to parental or any other restraint. The only remedy is to prevent any child being on the streets without supervision. For twenty years we have kept this before the magistrates, and, although the School Board and the Educational and Workshops Acts have been in existence they have failed to check the evil, and the children on the streets to-day are more numerous than they were a few years ago. It is terribly sad to think of the future of these boys and girls who to-day make a living on the streets of our city. Among the gifts received during the month was 16s. from a student, part of a bursary won at College. Before competing he promised the Lord if he gained it he would give the tenth of it to the Lord's work, and he did not forget to perform his vow. We trust that his College life may fit him for further usefulness in the vineyard of the Master. We took in a great many children

during the month, and helped a number of other applicants with money and advice.

J— and H— M—, two little boys of 6 and 8, were brought to us by their mother, who when parochial relief was withdrawn found she could not struggle through. While she was at work the children were running wild in the streets, and she saw it was useless to try to keep them. Her husband died of inflammation of the lungs, and five out of nine children also died, so the mother had her share of trouble. She has still a child of two years to keep, and will try to manage that.

J— M'R—, 13, was running wild and getting into trouble through want of control. He greatly improved in the Homes, and the following letter, received from him since he went to Canada, shows that he is not unmindful of what has been done for him:—

DEAR SIR,—I write to thank you for the kindness you have shown to me, and I am very thankful to you. As a token of your kindness to me I enclose a dollar as a token of remembrance to you for your kindness to me. I have got a splendid home in this foreign country; my master and mistress are as good to me as if they were my father and mother. I fell in with a slight accident, and came very near breaking my nose; I fell and got it hurt, but the doctor set it all right. Tell the boys in Cessnock Home that I am getting on first-class in Canada. I am not getting any regular pay; I am taken as one of their children. I can milk two cows quite easy, sometimes three, and once four, and I could not get a drop of milk when I first came here. I can handle a pair of horses pretty fair, and I am learning music and counting. The young gentleman that I am staying with is learning me anything I have a mind to learn. He was at the College. Good-bye. Write soon.—I remain, yours truly, J— M'R—

J— and A— M'G—, 10 and 7 years of age; their mother died two years ago, and the father on 2nd December last. The boys were much neglected, and the eldest only learning his alphabet.

J—, T—, and G— G—, three brothers left orphans on the death of their mother in the poorhouse on 5th of January. The three are now in the same village in Canada, and doing well.

A—, W—, and N— D—, 10, 9, and 8; two girls and a boy whose mother died two years ago. The father was not strong, and he also died after a fortnight's illness a week before they were admitted. There was nothing but two chairs and a clock left in the house, and as there were no friends able to keep them the children must have gone to the poorhouse.

W— and R— W—, 10 and 6; the father was in an asylum six years ago, and having partially recovered was allowed out when he nearly killed his wife and smashed everything in the house. Now there is little hope of his recovery, and the mother is not able to keep the boys.

These are some of the cases we took in during the month. There were many others with histories equally as sad. Meeting daily with such we often feel the burden pressing heavily upon us. With all the work that is being done the need does not seem to grow less but rather greater. Oh! that all to whom God has given abundantly of the necessities of life would do their share of the work to be done either by giving or working. We hope to increase the work and to continue taking in others as long as the Lord enables us, and we feel sure friends will strengthen our hands by their prayers as well as by their gifts.

FEBRUARY.

In February we began to look at our emigration funds, and we found at the beginning of the month that although we had resolved to send 50 more children than last year, we had less on hand for that purpose than in any previous year. The obstacles seemed great, but we were led to see that the Lord's resources were infinite, and trusting in Him we went forward. Some friends who helped us in former years had been called away, and we were more than ever thrown upon Him who is above circumstances, and whose are the silver and the gold. He did not disappoint us, and during the month a number more children were paid for to Canada over and above the money necessary for the upkeep of the Homes. On the 10th, £20 "in memoriam," to take two children to Canada reached us. On the 12th, £10; on the 13th, £20; on the 15th, £50; on the 16th, £20; on the 19th, £20; on the 27th, £10—all for the same purpose, so that we closed the month with 15 less to be provided for than at the beginning. A boy sent to Canada two years ago sent us the following letter, which encouraged us in preparing to send out others:—

DEAR SIR,—I once more take the opportunity of letting you know of how I am getting along. I suppose you have heard by Miss Bilbrough of me having shifted places. I am now hired for 5 dollars a month for a year. I might have had higher wages for the coming summer by just hiring for the winter, but I thought when I was in a good place I might just as well stay where I am for the year. I was much pleased to receive your very encouraging Christmas letter. I almost wished I was with you on New Year's Day. I thought of the happy times we used to have together. Any of the boys at Nittingshill who have not forgotten me tell them I am well and happy. Please remember me to Mr. and Mrs. M'Connell and Mr. Patterson. Please enclose a report for this year, as several round here are anxious to see it. I must close now—One whom you have cared for, R— M'D—

Please accept the enclosed dollar bill as payment for the report; what is over use it for the work.

Although the shortest it was one of the busiest months, and more children were admitted and more applicants dealt with than in any other month during the year. It was very trying to us to hear the tales of suffering and wrong from those who daily came under our notice, many of whom we could only advise and give temporary help to. Widows threatened to be put out of their houses were relieved by having their rent paid. Starving families were supplied with food, and many others were helped in different ways in addition to the children admitted to the Homes. The gifts and encouraging words of friends greatly helped us, and we were enabled to bear up amid the difficulties. On the 13th, the following letter, which shews one of the ways in which the Lord supplies our wants, reached us:—

I have despatched this afternoon to your address, James Morrison Street, a parcel of boys' clothing, which I hope you will find a use for. It belonged to a dear little boy of mine who has lately left us, and who was very fond of hearing of work such as yours. The enclosed P.O. Order for 11s. 6d. represents the contents of his saving box. It is not the first time he has sent a small donation for your use, and I know this would please him could he have a voice in the matter.

On the 15th a friend wrote:—

I have much pleasure in enclosing Postal Order for 10s. to help you in your labour of love. In my experience I find that Luke vi. 38, "Give, and it shall be

given unto you," etc., is just as true as Acts xvi. 31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." I often think that it is a great pity the Church is not more alive to this fact. I was led through reading a little book called "Uncle Ben's Bag," some considerable time since to consecrate a portion of my weekly wage to the Lord. Ever since there has been a very marked improvement in all my worldly affairs. What a pleasure it is to be instrumental in any way in advancing the Master's kingdom. Tell every Christian you meet that Luke vi. 38 is wonderfully true.

We quite agree with our friend, and think if more did as he does the Lord's work would never again be hindered, as it often is, for want of means. Over fifty children were taken in during the month and among them were the following:—

W— S—, 12; father was a missionary in Glasgow, and died four years ago, and was followed by the mother on 19th January last. The doors of the Homes have been opened to many cases like this one, where the parents have been respectable people but have been suddenly cut off, leaving no provision for their children.

A— and L— R—, two little girls, 5 and 2 years of age; father an old man and unfit for work. The mother deserted them eight months ago, and the poor children were suffering from severe coughs through neglect.

M— H—, 11 years; father died last May, and mother on Christmas.

M—, J—, and I— B—, 11, 7, and 5; the father died four years ago, and the mother struggled on, but found she could not continue longer, so she had to give up her house and sleep on a neighbour's floor.

A—, C—, and T— B—, 8, 6, and 3 years; mother died eighteen months ago, and the father, through losses in business by the City Bank failures, went out of his mind, and is now in an asylum. He twice tried to commit suicide, but was noticed in time.

C— and E— N—, 13 and 5; father died eighteen months ago, and the mother was killed on the street by a horse in December. The two girls are now in Canada and giving satisfaction in their new homes.

T— M—C—, 5 years, came to us dressed in a girl's frock. The poor mother is a field worker and not strong. The little fellow is very smart, and we hope will make his mark in his adopted country.

C— M— and A— R—, 5 and 3, two nice little girls, whose mother is in hospital. They are now in Canada, and wee Rosie, the pet of the Homes, is with well-to-do people, who lost an only daughter, and took her to fill the vacant place.

In February, after an absence of five years, Miss Bilbrough, of the Belleville Home, Canada, once more visited the work on this side. She addressed several meetings in Glasgow, Aberdeen, Montrose, Dundee, and elsewhere, and gave interesting accounts of the success of the work among the children sent to Canada. She is now once more back to her loved work in Canada, as will be seen from her letter at page 36.

MARCH.

On the last day of February a leader appeared in the *Glasgow Herald*, purporting to be an exposure of our system of emigration based on the reports of a Miss Stirling, of Edinburgh, who had visited Canada the preceding summer. She made strong allegations, which were endorsed and enlarged on by the editor. Subsequently she had an

interview with the Emigration Committee of the Juvenile Delinquency Board of Glasgow, at which we were invited to be present. Miss Stirling was heard at some length, but was unable to advance a single fact in support of her statements. The only conclusion that the Committee could come to was that there was no foundation for the charges she had made against our management either on this or the other side of the Atlantic. We regret that an editor, occupying such a prominent position, should have propagated such misrepresentations of a work he should have known more of from its public character, and of which, if he did not know, he could easily have obtained full information by applying to us. We do not say that all our children sent to Canada do well, but we have proof in our possession that 95 per cent. of them do. Notwithstanding this opposition, the work did not suffer, and during the month we received still further sums for the expenses of our boys' emigration party. On the 2nd, £10 from Largs; on the 6th, £10 from Houston; on the 9th, £10 "saved from housekeeping," and £10 from Glasgow; on the 10th, £10 from Glasgow; on the 12th, £10 10s. from Fraserburgh, and 5s. from Glasgow; 13th, £10 from Edinburgh, £10 from Glasgow, and £10 from Govan; 14th, £10 from Aberdeen; 15th, £8 14s. 1d. from Glasgow, and from London £100; on the 16th, £10 from Brighton; on the 17th, £5 from Inverness; on the 21st, £1 from Hawick, and £25 from Glasgow, and the next day £1 5s. 10d. from Glasgow; on the 24th, £10 from Glasgow; on the 26th, £10 from Edinburgh, £1 from Shotts, and £10, £5, and £1 from Glasgow. Thus the Lord set His seal to the emigration branch of our work by sending from different quarters these sums specially for the purpose. The gift of £100 from an anonymous friend in London, sent through our bankers under the initials S. S. E., greatly cheered us, as it completed the sum necessary for our boys' party, and although we needed £700 more to fit out the girls, we felt sure that too would come in good time.

Amid the bustle of preparation for Canada we were called upon to mourn the loss of two of our flock. James R—, aged 13, was one of five children we took into the Homes three years ago upon the death of their parents. The eldest sister had returned home from the hospital before quite recovered from fever. The father and children all took it and had to be sent to the hospital where the father died, and the children returned home only to find the mother dying of consumption. They were turned adrift by the landlord, and a neighbour brought them to us. James was never strong, and the spring time always proved very trying to him, although he rallied in the warmer weather. The severe winter reduced his strength, and he passed peacefully away to be with Jesus on the 21st of March. He left behind him a good testimony, and his short life and early death were not fruitless. He told his companions not to cry for him, but to praise the Lord, for he had the best of it. They would have all the battles of life to fight, and he would be at rest. He also told one of the workers not to pity him, for he had a mansion in heaven and was going to be with Jesus. His body was laid to rest in Kilmalcolm churchyard in hope of the glorious resurrection. His removal left a blank, but "we sorrow not as those who have no hope." A few hours after James, little Peter L—, in Elmpark Home,

fell asleep after only a few days' illness. There have only been four deaths among the 900 children who have been under our care during the year, which is a wonder to ourselves when we think of the emaciated appearance of many of them when brought to us. The good air and food at our country Homes has given new life to many whose constitutions had been reduced through cold and starvation. Among the children admitted during March were the following:—

Mary, Lizzie, George, and Margaret M'D—, 10, 8, 6, and 3 years of age. Both father and mother died about the New Year, and an aunt tried to keep them afterwards, but found it an impossibility with her own large family.

M— and J— S—, 12 and 9; father dead, and mother had to go out to work, so could not look after the children, and they were going wrong.

J— and P— D—, 12 and 11; mother dead and father almost blind.

M— and J— S—, two little girls of 7 and 5; father died two years ago, and since the mother has had a hard struggle, and been in and out of the poorhouse. The little things were barefooted and almost naked.

L— Q—, 11, suffering from spinal curvature. Father dead, and mother married again. Both of them drink and live a miserable life.

A— H—, 9; father dead, and the mother is unable to provide food and clothing for the boy, far less schooling, so the School Board were after her.

APRIL.

The first days of the month were very busy ones, making ready for the starting out of our first detachment to Canada, consisting of ninety-seven boys. All were paid for before the day of sailing, and although we had some trouble with foolish friends, who tried to stand in the way of the children's best interests, we got them safely off in the end. Our parting meeting was a most interesting one, as will be seen from the account given at page 28.

Two days after the meeting we were much cheered by the gift of £200 for emigration from a friend who was present, and was "gratified by the appearance of the boys and their kits so well and so judiciously finished." On the 6th our old friend "Wigtown" sent us £1, and two friends in Glasgow £10 each, for a child to Canada. On the 9th a friend in Glasgow, who for years has given regularly as the Lord has prospered him, sent us £1 9s. He seems to give a certain percentage, as the sums vary each fortnight. The Lord lays the needs of the work in different ways on His children's hearts, and this is one of them. On the 12th we only received £2 6s, and there had been very little for some days before. Our needs were about £25 a day, and we had little on hand. Trusting the Lord, we went forward, and He supplied all our needs. On the 20th the only gift we received was £1 from an anonymous friend, who wished it were ten times more, and on the next day a stranger left £10 at our bankers, and £10 also reached us from Kelso: so our needs were supplied. The following letter came from a boy whom we sent to Canada ten years ago:—

DEAR SIR,—I now answer your most kind and welcome letter. Tell Tom when you see him that I would like if he would write to me, for it is over a year since I had any word from him, and I have sent him two letters. My wife and little one are well; her name is Mary; she is four and a half months old, and weighs 25 pounds, and is as full of fun as a little kitten. We have had four and a half months of snow, and I don't think it will go off for two weeks yet. It has been a long, tedious winter in Canada. My intention is to get our three pictures taken together, and send it to you to remember us by. I am very thankful to you for your picture; I can look at it and think of your kindness to me ten years ago. I often think I would like to see Cessnock once more, and kind friends who took care of me when I was there. But since I have got to be a man and settled myself in Canada by your loving kindness, I hope that God in heaven may prosper you and your wife and family as long as life is spared to you all, and enable you all to carry on the work which you have been faithfully working at for these eleven years back in rescuing from starving the poor orphans. May God enable you to carry on the work still longer. I shall draw my letter to a close, hoping to hear from you soon.—No more at present, but remains, your orphan, A— S—.

On the 24th £4, left by "one who fell asleep in Jesus, and who was deeply interested in the Lord's work amongst the lambs of the flock," was sent us. There were many needy applicants dealt with every day, besides the number of children taken in. A respectable young woman came asking us to help with her three brothers and sister. The father, a decent man, died some twelve months ago, and the mother was so given to drink that she often went off for days together, leaving the children in the house, which she had stripped of everything which could be turned into money. An aunt who accompanied the sister begged with tears that we would save the children from such a mother. On a Sabbath night two boys and two little girls came to the Home, saying their mother had left them through the day, to seek for help. They had been put out of their house, and had been sleeping on the green for nights. We sent one of the boys to find his mother, and when he brought her we found her husband was a steward at sea, and was expected back soon. All she needed was something to tide them over until his return. This is not an isolated case, and it has been our privilege to help many such. The following, among others, were admitted to the Home:—

M— D—, a girl of 13, belonging to a family of which the clergyman said "they were a disgrace to the parish, and everyone was glad when they left."

E—, J—, H—, and W— T—, four children of 11, 10, 8, and 6. Father dead, and the mother a worthless character, utterly regardless of her children's welfare.

J—, A—, and R— A—, 12, 10, and 5. Mother dead, and the father blind for 18 years; makes a scanty living by selling laces on the streets.

There were over 30 children taken in during May, and friends can just imagine the amount of labour and thought needed to investigate all their histories and decide as to the best course of action. It is a real joy to us to receive them, and we feel sure it is also to those who contribute towards the work. So many little ones taken from cold and want, and placed where they have not only their bodies but also their souls cared for should be a cause of great thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father.

MAY.

Our work goes on from month to month all the year round, and although there is sometimes a decrease in the numbers applying during the summer, there is scarcely a day ever passes without some little wanderer being admitted. On the 1st of May £5 from Hong-Kong reached us, and another friend sent us a truck of dress, and another a useful parcel of clothing for girls' outfits. Throughout the year we have been very greatly helped by the gifts of clothing from friends. With so many children we need a large number of articles which would entail a great deal of extra work and expense upon us had we to make or buy them all. We most heartily thank the friends who in their own circles have established sewing parties for the Homes, and all others who have made and sent in garments. We feel sure they will have the Master's approval which is promised to those who clothe the naked. On the 8th an old helper sent us £5, with the following words:—"May the Father of the fatherless prosper the work in all its branches, send in all the money that is wanted, counsel you in all your difficulties, strengthen you with all might by His Spirit in the inner man, and make you perfect in every good work to do His will." We had been feeling discouraged that so little money was coming in, and our friend's words and gift cheered us very much. On the 16th a legacy of £50, with £20 the day before from an unknown friend, made up for the deficiency of preceding days, and the day following, £25 from Glasgow and £10 from Stirling for emigration relieved our minds somewhat for that branch of the work. Our good friends in Aberdeen sent us a large and very useful box of clothing which helped to complete our girls' outfits. A very old friend who has helped us for many years sent the following letter:—

"Having been spared to see another year pass over my already lengthened life, by the gracious and merciful goodness of the Almighty, now reminds me of my small contribution about this time last year to your funds, and which I now repeat. Wishing Mrs. Quarrier and yourself a prosperous voyage to and from Canada, with your youthful charge.

The sympathy and continued fellowship of those who were amongst our first helpers is a great source of strength to us, and leads us many a time to praise the Lord on their behalf. Another who has also helped for years sent 6 pairs of stockings and 10s. with the three promises which, in our experience have been tried and proved true; times without number:—

Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God; etc., etc. For your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before you ask Him. And He shall supply all you need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Before the close of the month we received £100 from London "for emigrating destitute children and placing them in good homes in Canada." The friend who sent it wrote, "This part of your work among children has my especial sympathy, believing that for most destitute youths of both sexes it is better, with the Lord's blessing, than

keeping them in this country at much greater expense." This is quite true notwithstanding all that has been said to the contrary. Even in our own work we find that placing the children in separate families in Canada is better than keeping them for years in the Homes, and then placing them out in this country. There were 46 new cases admitted to the Homes during May—one day there were 7 and another 8, so that even in the summer we need to keep an open door. Among the number were:—

Two young women of 16 and 18. One had been six weeks idle, and was really destitute and almost naked. The other had been sleeping on stairs and in empty houses for weeks, and was in such a state with filth and vermin as we have seldom seen equalled. A neighbour said she was willing to work honestly, but could get no one to help her. We were glad to be able to give that help, and trust it may be the saving of her in every sense of the word.

Five children, B—, aged 12, 10, 8, 5, and 3, from Edinburgh; father died very suddenly two months ago. The mother has a baby and is paralysed, and therefore quite unable to do anything for her children, who would thus have to go to the poorhouse but for the Homes.

T—C—, 12; father died six years ago, and mother struggled to maintain her children but had to succumb, and is now in Dundee Infirmary.

M—M—, a little invalid girl, sister to one we sent to Canada five years ago. Is very delicate, and not able to walk without help; now in "Bethesda Home."

E—, T—, A—, and H—M—, 9, 7, 5, and 3; mother died two years ago, and the father a week before their admission.

W—F—, a little boy of 6; mother is dead, and the father dying of consumption; was most grateful to know that his child would be cared for.

J—, E—, and M—H—, 14, 4, and 1 years of age; a very sad case. A little brother took typhus fever and died ten weeks ago, then the mother died of the same disease, and the father after removal to the Hospital died there a few days before the children were brought to us, leaving another boy still there, who is to be brought when recovered. A well-known minister who recommended them said, "The parents were quiet respectable people, and the family are very destitute." There was no provision for them, and the sale of the furniture barely paid the debts.

JUNE AND JULY.

At the beginning of June we had extra anxiety and labour preparatory to starting with our girls' party for Canada, as arrangements had to be made for carrying on the work in our absence. Our fellow-helper, Mr. R. H. Hunter, kindly took charge; and we felt when leaving that our friends would uphold his hands by their gifts and prayers, and that the Lord would not suffer the children to want. The two following letters from Canada—one from a boy and the other from a lady who has one of the little ones—reached us in June:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I take the pleasure in writing to you these few lines to let you know I am getting along. It is now a year since I have come out. It is now seeding time and we are busy sowing the seed. My master is ploughing and I am harrowing. I have been to school all winter, and I have learned quite a bit. When I left the home I could only do compound addition, but now I can do vulgar fractions, and I was learning how to do decimals before I left school. I always got a sleigh ride nearly every morning to school; the snow is far deeper here than it is in Scotland. We have got 3 horses and 5 cows and 12 sheep, 9 lambs, 2 calves; and I have got a nice dog. I would not part with him, not for anything; he goes with me after the cows night and morning, and I help to milk them. We have got apple trees, plum trees, cherry trees, pear trees, currant trees, and grape vines which bear plenty of grapes every year, and we have got a garden full of strawberries and gooseberries and blackberries and thimbleberries. I have got no more to say at present, but remain, yours truly,

M— M—.

MR. WM. QUARRIER.—DEAR SIR,—Johannie has been asking me several times to write to you and tell you how he likes his new home. He says to tell you and Mrs. Quarrier that he likes his home fine and he is doing fine. He says to tell you that he goes out to the barn with his new father and brings the horses to water; and he says to say that we have 40 cows, 50 hens, 11 hogs, 3 horses, 9 sheep and 11 lambs, turkeys, peacock and guinea hens, and 10 calves—he says they have no horns yet, but he has felt them and they are growing; and he says that he has a new mamma and that she is kind to him, and that he is a good boy. He was at church yesterday, and stayed to Sabbath school; he was very good indeed. We like Johannie so far very much, and I think that we will gain his affections, for he seems to be right at home with us. He has not been lonesome since he came. I think he will be a great comfort to us, as we have no children of our own, and we mean, by God's help, to do as much for him as we would if he was our own. He seems to be very quick and bright. Quite a number at church on Sabbath thought that he was some relation to me, for he looks some like our folks. He is lots of company and is very much attached to his father especially. He would keep me writing all the time if I had time.—I remain your friend,

J— M—.

On the 5th of June the following encouraging letter from New Zealand came to hand, and led us to praise God for the friends who so far away remember our needs:—

DEAR SIR,—We got the reports which you sent, for which accept our kind thanks. We were much refreshed by them, and could not help praising the Lord for His great goodness and wonderful works towards the children of men. May the Lord continue to bless your labours of love amongst those dear little orphans for whom no man would naturally care. May many of them be given you for a crown of rejoicing. May you also have much encouragement and comfort in the midst of your labours. We enclose you a post office order for three pounds; one of them is from a dear Christian friend who read your report and felt constrained to give.

Mrs. W— S—.

The same day £100 came from the East of Scotland, £10 from Peterhead, and £10 4s. from other sources; and the next day a friend in Paisley sent £10 to feed the children, and another in Alloa sent a promise of £1500 to build one of the houses at Bridge-of-Weir to replace those on the Govan Road. These gifts greatly cheered us before starting on the 7th for Canada, and strengthened our faith that God would provide all that was needed in our absence.

We were not disappointed, and during the two months we were away our helpers at home received many indications of the Lord's mindfulness in the gifts sent. One dear old friend, who although not able to do much herself has interested many others, sent the following letter:—

MY DEAR FRIEND,—I am happy to send you a Post Office Order for £1, from an intimate friend of J— C— who knew that we corresponded about money for the cause of God, but he does not wish his name mentioned. It came to me by post this morning, I must not delay sending it. I think it will not be the last, but everything is like the last to me. My sight is much gone by age. Wishing the Lord may prosper you in the good work, and bless yourself in all things,—I remain, yours with much regard, whilst

S— G—.

The same day another in Kirkcaldy wrote as follows:—

I now enclose you Bank Order for ten pounds sterling (£10); four pounds for Evangelistic work, five pounds for the Orphans, and one pound for self. I trust that the Lord is opening the hearts of His people to supply your wants. Am glad to see from your last paper that the Lord has never failed to supply all your needs. May we have strong faith in our Heavenly Father, and He will not disappoint us. Psalm xxxvii. 3, "Trust in the Lord and do good. Delight thyself also in the Lord," &c. May you be long spared in health that you may be able to conduct such a Christian work and be the means of leading many to Jesus.

In July, among other gifts was £1 with the following letter:—

DEAR SIR,—Please accept of the enclosed order for £1 from a few spoolers in Anchor Mills, Paisley, who sympathize with you in your work among the bairns; and will you kindly let me know if a few of us might come and visit the Home on a Saturday afternoon, and oblige.

The Lord reward those who out of the little they have give to His cause.

During the two months over 70 children were admitted to the Homes besides casuals, and among these were:—

M—, C—, J—, and J— M—, 10, 8, 5, and 3 years of age. Father deserted them and is now dead, and mother is in bad health and going to hospital. A sister is on the street, and the mother is anxious to save the children.

D— S—, a boy of 12. Father died in January, and mother is just out of prison.

M— A—, a little girl, 1 year and a half old. Mother dead and father blind.

AUGUST.

On the 6th of August we arrived home from Canada, after an absence of two months, and found the work had prospered and all the needs had been supplied.

The following letter, with £3, was among the first gifts that reached us:—

DEAR SIR,—It gives me much pleasure in enclosing £3 for your homes, to be applied as you see best yourself. I only wish I could send you more; but I am not in a position to do so at present, being considerably curtailed in regard to means; yet one never loses or feels in want when giving to the Lord what is really His own. I trust you may have all your daily needs fully supplied and much blessing in your work.—Yours truly, &c.,

W— M—.

Some days later a friend who visited the Cottage Homes sent £20, saying he was "greatly interested in what he saw, and was much struck with the simplicity and completeness of all the arrangements and the apparent happiness of the little inmates." We are always pleased when friends visit the Homes, as no amount of reading or hearing of them can

ever give such an idea of the place as one hour spent in going in and out of the cottages, and a sight of the happy children in school or at play. While gathering in others it is very refreshing to receive good news from those helped in former years, such as the following letter from a boy sent to Canada 11 years ago:—

DEAR FRIEND,—I write you a few lines to let you know that I received your kind and welcome letter, and was glad to hear from you, and am much obliged to you for the trouble you took in finding out about my friends. Tell Miss Bryson I send my best respects to her and Miss White, and would like to have them write to me. I suppose it will be news to you all to hear that I am married and have got a smart little son of nearly two years old. I am working on the farm this summer; as soon as I get over the harvest I am going down to Belleville. I am glad to hear that you are all getting along so well in the work you have undertaken in getting homes for the homeless. I hope, with God's help, you will still continue on your good work. I have tried a good many different ways of making money. I tried farming for quite a few years, but was not satisfied. I could not make money fast enough, so then I tried the Lake sailing for two seasons, and now I am back on the farm, and I think I'll stay there now, for I have found out there is nothing made at rambling about. Please write often to me, as I like to hear from you all. I will have to come to a close for this time, so no more at present.—I remain, yours truly,
J— D—.

We were also much encouraged by a visit from two of our elder boys, one of whom, J— W—, called on us the day after our arrival from Canada. He had been writing home for years to get his sisters out, but could get no word from them, so he came over himself, found them out, and took one of them back to Canada with him. He is an earnest Christian, is doing well, and going to begin business in partnership with another young man. Such cases make up for a great many of the trials of the work, and encourage us to go on rescuing others, who, we trust, will in their turn help us to rescue more. On the 3rd a legacy of £25, £4 2s. 4d. from a Sabbath School, £2 from Paisley, 10s. a widow's thankoffering, and £4 8s. from Aberdeen gladdened our hearts, as there had been little for some days previous. A friend in Stirling also sent us two large parcels of clothing, which proved very useful. In our large family we can always find use for pieces or remnants of dress material, flannel, or cotton, and any number of shirts and pairs of stockings. We are indebted to friends who have helped us with these in the past, and hope they will continue to remember our needs. Among the 30 or more cases that were admitted during August were the following:—

D—, T—, and R— P—, 18, 11, and 7. Mother dead. Father died five weeks ago, and was ill for 10 months previously.

D— G—, a working lad of 15. Father deserted him four years ago. Mother died five years before that. He was sleeping out on stairs for some nights.

S—, W—, and J— T—, 9, 8, and 6. Deserted by father who has been a dozen times in the Police Office for assault of wife and family. They have been out of a home for two months, and have had to get shelter in the Police Office, sleep on stairs, or in any corner they could creep into.

W— I—, 8 years. Mother in a lunatic asylum. Father died in July, and there was no one to look after the boy.

W— and J— J—, 11 and 9 years. Mother was buried the day before their admission, and father died of consumption in 1880. There are no relatives who can keep them.

SEPTEMBER

has always been a memorable month in our experience, and the annual return of it reminds us how the years are passing over us as each anniversary of our birthday comes and goes. Twelve years ago this month we were led by the Lord to enter upon the work of the Homes in dependence upon Him by His granting in answer to prayer the sign that we asked of Him, namely, that if He wanted us to do the work He would send £2000 as an earnest, which He did through the late Mr. Thomas Corbett, of London. Five years ago the Orphan Homes of Scotland, then consisting of a Central Building and two Cottages, were opened on the 17th of September. Two years later our first Thanksgiving Service was held in the same month, and last year our second thanksgiving was also held then, so that we have special cause to remember the Lord's leadings at this time of the year. Whilst stones of remembrance such as we have named are good in themselves, they should not lead us to trust in past successes, but be as finger posts to direct us to Him who never changes, whose resources are infinite, and who is the same "yesterday and to-day and forever." On the first day of the month no money was received, and there was only £3 4s. on the 2nd, but the next day £20 11s. reached us from Canada and led us to hope for the days to come. £30, £5, and £1 on the 5th helped to make up for the deficiency, but as our expenditure was over £25 a day there was little over. The receipts for the next few days were very small compared with our needs—14s. 9d. one day, 13s. another, and 25s., of which 5s. was from a poor girl to help the orphans, another. We continued taking in the needy ones who daily came to us, and believed the Lord would send all the means that were needed. On the 10th we only received £4, but next day £25 from three different places supplied the day's needs. On the 12th £1 "in memory of little Willie's birthday," £1 10s. 6d. from a Sabbath school, 10s. from Cupar-Fife reached us, and the same evening our boys at Cessnock House put £3 10s., their saved pennies, into our hands to help their poorer brothers. We were surprised at the amount, and suggested that they had given too much; but they said "No, we wish it was more." On the 17th we received no money at all, and as there had been none the day before, we were a little anxious. On looking into the box, however, we found £2 13s. 3d., for which we thanked the Lord. We had a special prayer and thanksgiving meeting in the evening with the fathers and mothers in the cottages, as it was the anniversary of the opening of the Homes five years ago. The next day £25 from Kilmalcolm and £5 from Canada cheered our hearts. From that day till the end of the month we only received a few pounds, and we were fearing our balance on hand would be used up, when the following was sent us by an Ayrshire farmer:—

Enclosed find £30 to help in carrying on the Master's work in which you are engaged. I wish a third of the above to be used for evangelistic

work, and the remainder for the orphans in whichever way you think best. I was sorry to see from the public prints lately the opposition to which you were subjected by the enemies of all good work. However, amidst it all, I hope you realised the truth contained in 2 Kings vi. 16 as applicable to your case. That the Lord may increasingly own and bless your labours for His glory, and the temporal and spiritual benefit of multitudes, is the sincere desire of, yours faithfully,

We had been wondering why so little was coming, and praying for more, and took his gift as an answer to our prayers. The same day £10 1s. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., the voluntary contributions of our children at Bridge-of-Weir during the year, was handed to us and made up for the deficiency in other quarters.

The following letter is from a boy, sent to Canada two years ago, to his mother:—

DEAR MOTHER,—I write you these few lines to let you know that I am well, hoping you are the same. I received your welcome letter on Tuesday the 8th. No one hindered me from writing; it was my own neglect. My missis often did ask me to write, but I wouldn't. We are harvesting just now, and are going to cut our spring wheat to-day. My master draws milk every day to a cheese factory where they make cheese. I and Mr. T— drew milk for a week, and I saw Willie every morning. He draws milk to the same factory, but I didn't ask him why he didn't write. We are both in good homes, and our masters and mistresses are very kind to both of us. You needn't be fretting about us not writing, for it was our own neglect. Neither of us has been sick since we came. We are going to have a pic-nic. The crops are not very good this year, it has been such a wet spring. We have raised a lot of chickens this year. That is all at present. It is near dinner time, and we have a big raspberry pudding for our dinner. I would like you to write soon, and send me a song-book.
J— M'G—

The friends of the children sometimes complain that they do not write. We do all in our power to encourage them to do so, but like most other children they do not like writing, and it is quite an undertaking to them to send a letter.

During the month there were 50 new cases admitted to the Homes and many others dealt with. The following are the brief histories of some of these:—

A— and D— M'K—, 9 and 6 years of age. The mother died four years ago, and the father a few months previous. The grandmother, a Christian woman, has tried to keep them; but now she is failing and getting old, she finds they are getting beyond her control.

D— and J— B—, 8 and 4. Mother takes fits and would have to go to the poorhouse with the children, but will manage to keep herself now; we have taken them.

S— B—, a girl of 10, from Dundee, very much neglected. The friend who recommends her said, if we did not take her she would be entirely lost, as no one cared a straw what became of her.

M— P—, 10. Father was drowned in the canal last year, leaving the mother with M— and two younger children. M— was beginning to learn bad habits and the mother could not manage her.

C— M—, 13. Going wrong through want of some one to take her in hand. She would not stay in the places her brother got for her, so he asked us to take her in hand.

OCTOBER.

The last month of our financial year always brings special anxieties, as all the accounts standing have to be paid and other matters squared up before the close of the year. We began the month with a smaller balance on hand than at any previous time during the year. After deducting the money specially sent for emigration, we had only about £100 on hand for the general fund for the upkeep of the Homes—just sufficient for half-a-week, and we were somewhat anxious as to whether we would be able to meet our obligations. The Lord went before and provided in such a way that we were able to see His hand in the gifts received. On the first day an anonymous friend sent £20 for emigration, and the same day the friend who promised £1500 to build the "Mizpah Home" fulfilled his promise. These gifts were most acceptable for the purposes for which they were given. The next morning when we opened our letters there was only £2, and we were disappointed as we expected more for the General Fund, but on going to the City Home we found an unknown friend had left £50. We felt rebuked for our weak faith, and praised the Lord for His manifested goodness. We trust the unknown helper will have returned to him "the good measure pressed down and shaken together." On the 13th we received £1 7s. 3d., the efforts of three little girls for Jesus, with the following note:—"It is not much, but they give it with all their heart, and it has cost them some little sacrifice. The Lord bless your work more and more amongst the fatherless." We thank the children for their gifts, and feel sure that they will not lose anything by having denied themselves to be able to give to others. Another "Young Friend" sent 5s., saying he considered it a great privilege to be able to do so, and quoting the words, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" On the same day £10 came as the earnest of the £9,000 for additional buildings, &c., at Bridge-of-Weir, with the following letter:—

DEAR SIR,—I have observed your very interesting statement concerning the important work in which you have been so long and laudably engaged, and also the prospect of enlarged operations for the relief of the destitute. I almost envy those whose abundant means enable them to promote liberally the object you contemplate, and were my resources adequate would willingly devote more largely on behalf of such measures. In the meanwhile, desiring to have a few stones in your buildings, I send you cheque for ten pounds sterling.
M— C—

Also £100 from a Glasgow friend for general purposes. We had received £100 from Edinburgh the preceding day for emigration, and were greatly cheered. The Lord knew our needs, and supplied accordingly. Day by day He sent what was needed until the close of the month. A few hours before it closed £50 came from a new donor, and led us anew to thank God for the token of His approval of our work. We were enabled to meet all obligations, and to close with almost the same balance on hand that we had begun the year with—a week's supply, notwithstanding the greater work that had been accomplished. During October over 50 cases were admitted to the Homes, many of them rescued from surroundings of great danger.

THE year just closed has been an eventful one in the removal of a number of our helpers from their earthly labours to the Heavenly service above. They have done their part in life's battle, and now "they rest from their labours and their works do follow them," while we miss their Christian sympathy and help. Dr. James Young, of Kelly, was one who occasionally sent to the work, in the emigration part of which he took a great interest. Last year, under the name "Nobody," he sent £200 "to take Glasgow arabs to Canada." He always wished his name to be kept out of sight, and quietly did the work for Him who seeth in secret and rewardeth openly. In the removal of Mr. Thomas Train we have lost a friend whose brotherly counsel and practical help have strengthened us many a time in the years that are gone. He was "a brother beloved" of all who knew him. He had planned to be at the ship to see us off to Canada, when he suddenly took ill, and before our ship sailed he was absent from the body and present with the Lord. Mrs. Robert Smith, of Woodside Terrace, was another of our devoted helpers, and one from whom for 25 years we always received the same warm sympathy and kindness. "A woman greatly beloved for the truth's sake," she was an untiring worker for the Master, and never seemed satisfied but when interesting herself in some needy one. It was through her liberality and that of her daughter that eight years ago the City Orphan Home was built and furnished at a cost of about £8000, and last year the same generosity was again manifested in the blotting out of the remainder of the burden of the ground annual of the Home at a further cost of £3363 5s. 8d., making the united donations for this building alone over £11,000. "Many daughters have done virtuously," but of her who has gone it may truly be said, "Thou excellest them all." Mr. Thomas Coats of Ferguslie, Paisley, was one with whom we were personally associated in work for 20 years. Some years ago he was led to give the money to build the "Offices" at the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir—one of the most useful of the sixteen houses now on the grounds. He also acted as one of the trustees on the building, and showed his interest by presiding at our Thanksgiving Service on 5th September, 1882, and by his presence at the farewell meeting in April of this year. He was one of the practical Christians of the West of Scotland whose example and zeal will not soon be forgotten. Mrs. James McMichael and Mrs. T. Kirkpatrick, sen., have also been called away, and probably in such a large circle of helpers there may be many others of whose departure we know not. We miss them, and mourn the loss, but how much greater must the sorrow be to those nearly related. May the God of all comfort and consolation comfort and strengthen each until we shall join those who have but gone before to that land where partings shall be unknown.



WHERE do you get the children? is a question very often asked of us, and which we shall here endeavour to answer. Many of them are brought or sent to us by ministers, missionaries, Bible-women, and others in the city and throughout the country, who, in visiting their districts or otherwise, come across those who have been deprived of their parents and are left destitute. We are always glad to help with such, and as it needs no subscriber's line or voting paper for admission, if the case is really destitute we at once take it. Many working men and women bring children whose parents have been their neighbours, but through accident or otherwise have been cut off and the children left unprovided for. Some who have been helped have recommended others to come, and many a poor, struggling widow with her family, from which the bread-winner has been taken, has been relieved of the burden which proved too heavy for her. Others are brought from the police-office, where they may have been sent for some small offence, and others come of their own accord seeking shelter and help after having been days, or it may be weeks, sleeping in closets, on stairs, or in other out-of-the-way places. From our street-children's treat a few are gathered, and others we find on the streets ourselves. Of course no child is kept in the Home after its case has been properly investigated, unless we are satisfied that there is no friend able to keep it. The above woodcut represents little Jamie G——, as we found him in rags and tatters perched on a lamp-post in one of the busiest thoroughfares in our city some time ago. The situation was a new one to us, but not so to Jamie, who had evidently practised it successfully before. He was entertaining the passers-by with singing, his stock-in-trade consisting of two songs, entitled "Kate can do it," and "My Grandfather's Clock." It was certainly not the merits of the songs nor the singer that induced the hearers to give him a copper, but possibly the rags and the novelty of

the performance excited their sympathies. The money he received was spent, not on necessities as the state of his garments well shows, but on ice cream and sweets, and an occasional visit to the low shows, which he took great delight in frequenting. Few people think of, far less understand, the harm that is done by indiscriminate giving on the streets. It is an easy matter to give a penny and pass on, but how much better it would often be for the future of the child if some enquiries were made regarding him, and he were helped in a way more likely to be permanent. Not wishing to gather a crowd we caught Jamie's eye and persuaded him to follow us quietly to the City Home. All the way along he kept asking at every baker's shop, "Are we no goin' in here?" When questioned he told us his father was dead, but his mother was alive. We sent for her and found she was living with another man who afterwards nearly killed her, and she was for some time in the Infirmary as a result. The man made off, and there was no case made of it, as is so often the way when no one takes the matter up. Jamie was incorrigible; had been times without number in the police office for stealing mats, unscrewing handles, etc., and had been as often brought home by the police at all hours of the night, or rather morning. When we saw the woman and the surroundings we did not wonder that Jamie, although only nine years old, was beyond her control. He is now happy and contented in his new home, and we hope will yet be an honest, useful man. For twenty years we have been keeping before our city authorities the need for universal supervision of the street children, but as yet nothing has been done to get the legal power necessary for control. If this were procured, there would be no difficulty in making the streets of Glasgow as safe as any workshop for a child. Our work and that of other institutions for children is all the harder, and many a time fruitless, because we have to undo the habits formed through the life on the streets before we can begin to build up with good influences and surroundings. We have known mothers to send their children out to sing and beg, and threaten what they would do if the little things did not bring in enough gain to them. One, whose children we have often wished to save, said she would rather see them dead than under our care. Of course she would have to do without the drink which she procures with the money they bring in to her, and so, in her blindness and selfishness, stands in the way of her own children's best interests. A boy, whose mother refused ten years ago to give him up to us, although he was even then beyond her control, is now in a convict prison undergoing a penalty of five years. The public are waiting on the magistrates to move, and all the time hundreds are being committed to industrial schools, reformatories, and prisons, at enormous expense to the country, who, we are sure, would never have cost £1 if the universal supervision of the streets had been in existence. The lawlessness that is at present to be found amongst the street children is to be laid at the door of our authorities who have for so many years delayed to act. The above are some of the sources from which we get the children, and we again repeat that any friend finding children sleeping out, begging, or deserted will find the help they need by bringing them to the City Home, James Morrison Street.

£9,000 NEEDED TO TRANSFER THE GIRLS' HOMES FROM GOVAN ROAD TO BRIDGE-OF-WEIR, &c.



THE above woodcut represents the Girls' Home, Govan Road, which is close on the harbour, as may be seen from the shipping behind it. The ground consists of $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres, and was rented some years ago as a Home for training girls 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, will soon require it, 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 this Home 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 this purpose we should need to build two houses, each to accommodate 30 children, which at the same rate as the houses already built would cost £1500 each to build and furnish, or £3000 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 650 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.

THE DEPARTURE OF OUR TWELFTH ANNUAL BAND OF CHILDREN TO CANADA.

After a hard winter's work "rescuing the perishing," we had to face the extra labour of sending forth a band of boys as the first instalment of our twelfth emigration party. The work connected with this scheme is not like that of the daily routine of the Homes, and as every springtime comes round it entails upon us special burdens and anxieties. A number of people imagine we are constantly sending children to Canada, which is not the case. We only send once a year, although for the last three years the parties have been so large we have had to divide and send them in two detachments—the boys early in spring, and the girls later. The selecting of the children suitable for Canada is not the least of our burdens. We have carefully to consider the relations, the surroundings, and the physical abilities of the children, and besides these the amount of money we may have in hand for the purpose, which we take as an indication to us of the Lord's mind in the matter. All these may seem of very little importance, but to us they are realities which we have to surmount. At the beginning of the year it was laid upon our hearts to send more children to Canada this year than ever before, but when we came to look at our books we found we had less on hand than in previous years. However, we had faith in God and resolved to send from 150 to 200 children. At the beginning of March we had only £600 in hand, which left us with over £1000 to be made up for this special scheme, which was more than we had ever needed before within such a short time of the date of sailing. As in the past years the Lord had given before the time, we felt sure He would do so at this time also, although the sum needed was greater. To us who have been watching the Lord's hand in sending the money and in blessing the children and the work, it is really marvellous how it has all come in the proportions and at the times it has come. Some of those who in past years gave largely for this effort gave nothing this year. Thus we were led to look more to the Lord, believing that He would in His own way make the way plain before us. He has so manifestly fulfilled it in our experience that we have been strengthened again and again, and have had to praise Him for His faithfulness and for the liberality of His children throughout the world.

In our first detachment we found we were able to send ninety-seven boys. Before the day of sailing the money needed was all in hand, although there was very little over for the girls' party we purposed sending in May. Our faith was in God, and felt sure we would not be disappointed. The farewell meeting to commend the children and those going in charge to the care of our Heavenly Father was held on Tuesday, 3rd April. For the sake of friends at a distance from Glasgow, we give the following abridged account of the meeting taken from the *North British Daily Mail* :—

"A most interesting ceremony took place in the Hall of the City Orphan Home, James Morrison Street, yesterday afternoon. The occasion it marked, though happily not by any means new to Glasgow, thanks to the devoted life-task of one of our best-known citizens, showed that the undertaking connected with which the meeting was held has not staled, and is not likely to stale, in public estimation, so long, at least, as it is conducted by the freshness and living fervour of its originator and guiding spirit. It was to bid farewell and wish God-speed to another band of children on the eve of their departure from the Orphan Homes of Scotland to Canada. No fewer than eleven such bands have been sent within the past dozen or thirteen years to the new homes in the Far West. At this time only the boys are going, the departure of the girls destined to leave this year being postponed till the month of May. As is usual at these pleasant leave-takings, the whole of the boys bound for a new country—numbering 100 in all—were present, each neatly and comfortably dressed in such ordinary and varied clothing as a similar number of children with

happy homes and well-to-do parents would be. All seemed to view the proceedings with more or less interest, from the chubby little elf of four, attired in nautical costume, and enjoying the proud conspicuousness of a front seat, to the dreamy-eyed growing lad of 14 years away in the back rows. The lads were surrounded on every side by ladies and gentlemen, friends of the Homes, who turned out to bid them good-bye. In the unavoidable absence of Sir William Collins, who was to have presided, Mr. James White of Overtoun took the chair, and was supported on the platform by Rev. Dr. Logan Aikman, Rev. Dr. Elder Cumming; Rev. Messrs. R. Howie, A. Andrew, Green, Renfrew, Paton, Crawford, and Munro; Messrs. Thomas Coats, Paisley; William Quarrier, L. T. Crosbie, Thomson, R. H. Hunter, Maitland, Robertson, Train, and Ross. The proceedings began by the whole audience singing the 23rd Psalm, after which prayer was offered up by the Rev. Dr. Logan Aikman.

The Chairman (Mr. James White) was warmly applauded when he rose to speak. He said he had come down to see the progress of the work and to be present at the interesting occasion of so many boys going to a foreign land—if Canada could be called a foreign land now-a-days—and he felt he could not refuse Mr. Quarrier's desire that he should take Sir William Collins' place till he came. It was with great pleasure he saw before him such a gathering; a gathering which ought to encourage Mr. Quarrier in the very important work in which he had been so many years engaged, in which he had been so eminently successful, and by means of which so much good had been done at his hands. (Applause.) If anything were wanting to assure him of the accuracy of what he had said, it would be the clapping of hands with which the boys manifested their accord with the statement. (Loud applause.) It was exceedingly gratifying to see so many intelligent and well-conducted boys who had now the prospect of leaving their native land and going to Canada. He trusted the influence which had been used in bringing them to their present condition would be permanent, and that they would earn in Canada a character for probity, usefulness, and intelligence such as the instruction they had been getting under Mr. Quarrier was fitted to impart. (Applause.) For many a day he had had a strong impression, and rather kept aloof from Mr. Quarrier's work because of it, that it was a great misfortune that intelligent boys and girls who had been brought to a state of comparative intelligence and usefulness here should be sent away to Canada; but some years ago he had become satisfied that it was the most judicious thing that could take place for the boys and girls under him. (Applause.) No doubt it was a matter of regret that emigration should be needed at all in this country, but we had reached such a pitch with increasing population that it was well that young people should look before them, and, instead of continuing in their native land, seek for employment and occupation in foreign lands. Nowhere, he imagined, were young people thus going abroad likely to be happier or better circumstanced than under Mr. Quarrier's guidance. (Loud applause.) His children were well looked after here, both morally and spiritually, and his interest in them and his power over them did not cease when they left this country, but were continually exerted in Canada, where he had been the means of getting them employment in a way that could never be done in the old country. To the hundred boys now before him he was sure they all wished God-speed in their emigration and in their success in Canada when they reached it. About the same number of girls would follow in the month of May. Mr. Quarrier's work spoke for itself; it would be impossible to say anything more in its praise or more likely to encourage him in its performance than to advise him to continue the course he had been following for years.

Miss Bilbrough, from Canada, in addressing the boys, met with an enthusiastic reception at their hands. She told them that she had been in Canada for thirteen years, and had received some 4,000 children and placed them out in homes there. The direct benefits accruing to the boys by getting settled in Canada were fresh air, abundance of good food, and warm clothing, and they

prospered much better than they ever could do in the old country. She advised them not to be afraid of work, always to be grateful to Mr. Quarrier and their old friends, always to go to church on Sundays, and to take as much advantage as possible of the excellent educational facilities they would find at their disposal in the long Canadian winter months.

Rev. Mr. Howie afterwards made a few remarks, giving his testimony, from actual experience at home and from what he had heard from people in Canada, of the good work accomplished by Mr. Quarrier. What he knew of that work led him to say that Mr. Quarrier did not dread investigation; it would only tell, he was confident, in favour of his work in a very marked way. (Applause.)

Mr. Quarrier then spoke at considerable length, and expressed himself very much pleased to see so many friends there to encourage them in the work with which he had been so many years connected. Length of public service, he supposed, did not exempt a man or woman engaged in it from unfavourable remarks; but to see so many present on that occasion made up to him somewhat for the rough usage he occasionally met with. It was good for us to be afflicted; it taught us patience, and patience gave experience, and experience gave hope, and hope made us not ashamed. He was glad also to be able to say that the Lord had supplied the wants of the increased number of children. They had 100 more children in the Homes than at the same date last year. This meant that there was a tremendous amount of suffering in the world which was not suspected by those who lived in "ceiled houses" and never went down among the homes of the poor. He would ask the thinking public where could these poor children go, unless somebody would expend £20,000 in building some more houses for their reception. And even after such houses were built, could it be said that the children were brought up in the way that God would like, in the way they were doing, placing them out in families? No institution, however well managed—even their Cottage Homes—could make up for the lack of family ties and associations. Speaking of the prospect before the boys in Canada, Mr. Quarrier expressed the belief that the poorest home there was, as a rule, better than the best home from which any of the children were taken in this country. Before concluding he showed the contents of the well-filled clothes' chests with which every child is supplied on going to Canada, and described the arrangements, which are of a very complete nature, made for the sailing of the children this morning in an Allan Line, and for their travelling across country when they arrive in Canada.

The Rev. Mr. Duncan, a minister from Canada, who had come in during the proceedings, gave some interesting information as regards the work of Miss Bilbrough in Canada, and the high estimation in which that lady's name is held by the people. Rev. Dr. Cumming having engaged in prayer for the children, the proceedings were brought to a close by the benediction.

The party sailed in the s.s. *Prussian* on Wednesday, 4th April, under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly (the superintendent and matron of Cessnock Boys' Home) and our second daughter. The ship was expected to leave about seven a.m., so there was an early start at Cessnock—indeed there was little sleep that night at all for the workers. Notwithstanding the early hour there was a large company gathered on the quays to wish the young voyagers God-speed. As the ship was to call at Liverpool, we went there with the party and saw the boys settled in their new quarters. Everything possible had been done by the Messrs. Allan for the comfort of the children, and their example was followed by Captain M'Dougall and the officers of the ship. At mid-day on Thursday we left, and that night they sailed out of the Mersey. Our hearts felt sad at parting with the children whom we had learned to love, but as we thought of the thousands still to be rescued from want and misery, we rejoiced that God had opened up such an outlet by means of which we can make room for others equally as destitute.

SECOND BAND OF CHILDREN TO CANADA THIS YEAR.

On our return from Liverpool we found quite a number of cases at the City Home waiting admission. Day after day others kept applying, and soon the vacant beds of the boys sent off were filled up. The tales of sin, and sorrow, and suffering which we daily hear are most distressing, and but for the loving sympathy of our Father in heaven and the realized presence of Him who "had compassion on the multitudes," we could not bear up against the tide. The Lord, in answer to prayer, has sustained our physical strength amid the strain of incessant work in a manner that has often surprised ourselves. The 31st of May was the day fixed for our second party to sail, and day by day the money for the passages and outfits of the little emigrants came in; so that before the time the £1,000 which we had asked at the beginning of March was all in hand, and we saw the way clear before us. How it came will be seen in the former part of our narrative in the Lord's dealings with us from month to month. The s.s. *Buenos Ayrean*, in which we had decided to send the party, was not ready on the 31st, and the Messrs. Allan, who have in the past made every arrangement possible for our comfort on the voyages, advised us to wait a week later, which we did.

Our farewell meeting was held on Wednesday evening, 6th June, in the City Home, and we were greatly encouraged by the good wishes of the friends who gathered.

On Thursday forenoon we got on board the steamer, our party consisting of 65 from our own Homes, 22 from Mrs. Blaikie's, Edinburgh, and 2 from another—in all 89 children. Miss Bilbrough, who, after a winter here, was returning to her work in Canada, Mrs. Quarrier, our daughter, and self accompanied the party. For some time many friends had been urging upon me the necessity of rest; and as that has always been impossible at any place within a day's journey of the Homes, I thought it well to go to Canada, and so put the Atlantic between me and the work here. A journey across the ocean with a band of children is no easy task, but it is a change from the daily routine of the work at home. On Thursday afternoon, the 7th of June, the steamer left Mavisbank Quay with our party on board amid the good wishes and cheers of the hundreds of friends gathered to see the departure. The children were in great spirits and all excitement as to what was before them, but with the aid of friends who accompanied us to Greenock we got them into some kind of order. Our first night at sea was calm, and we reached Moville about 12 noon on Friday, embarked 200 additional passengers, and left at 4 p.m. for Blacksod Bay, where more passengers joined. This was our last stopping place, and at 2 p.m. we sailed out for the New Land. We had no sooner got out into the open sea than the wind rose and a visible change came over our party. The children could not understand what was wrong with them—romping and skipping about one moment, and then all of a sudden feeling as miserable as ever they did in their lives. Many of them said if only they could get ashore they would never go to sea again. Such thoughts were however short-lived, and soon the sea-sickness disappeared, and before the journey ended the bairns were as lively as crickets and loud in their praises of life on board ship. Having plenty to do is a good preventative of sea-sickness, and so we ourselves were not much troubled with it, and the ladies of the party not at all. The order and discipline followed was much the same as at home. We breakfasted at 7.30, which, with so many little ones to wash and dress, meant an early start. Dinner was served at 12 and supper at 5. The quantities of food consumed after the children recovered were astonishing. Their favourite dish was Irish stew, and they would gladly have taken it to breakfast, dinner, and supper. On board the ships of the Allan Line there is always abundance of good food provided; and Mr. Levi, our chief steward, not only supplied sufficient quantities but often gave extra dainties, which were highly appreciated by the children. Time did not hang

heavily on their hands, as the ladies were prepared with needles and wool, and the girls were kept busy knitting or reading when tired romping about. The sight of whales and porpoises and icebergs, which we were privileged to see, were a source of great interest and amusement. Family worship was conducted in our own steerage, or on deck when the weather permitted, every morning at 10 and evening at 7, and we were pleased to see many of the passengers join us. On Sabbath the purser conducted morning services, and in the afternoon we held them with the children and in the evening in the steerage among the passengers. The children's singing, which was greatly improved by the aid of a harmonium we took with us, and also the addresses, were enjoyed by many on board, and we trust the result will be fruit to the glory of God.

After a very pleasant voyage we reached Quebec on Monday, 18th June, at midnight. The good ship *Buenos Ayren* thus made the run in 9½ days from land to land, and maintained her character for speed and safety. About 4 A.M. on Tuesday we got in to the wharf, but with such a large party we had a great amount of luggage, and every package had to pass through the Customs and was then checked by the Railway Company. In this and on the journey up-country we were assisted by Miss Anna Bilbrough, who met us on the landing stage. After breakfast, or lunch rather, we got on board two first-class cars, and started at 11 A.M. At 5 we reached Richmond, where we dined and then left for Montreal, where we arrived the same evening, and started again at midnight.

We reached Belleville on Wednesday morning, and soon we were all safely housed at Marchmont, the bigger ones walking and the little ones being conveyed in buses thither. A good breakfast was soon disposed of, and then a bath and a change of clothing made the children feel better, and they were speedily at home inspecting all the corners of their new place of abode. We realized the loving kindness and care of our Heavenly Father all through the journey, and as we gathered to return thanks for the mercies of the way our hearts were full of gratitude and praise. We were glad to see the old Home once more, and to find that it had been greatly improved by the addition of a large schoolroom and two dormitories since our last visit three years ago.

The day after our arrival a number of friends and children visited us and welcomed us to the new country. Amid the rejoicing we were grieved by the news that Robert Figg, a boy we sent out four years ago, was dying. Mr. Wallace and the Rev. Mr. Lundie from Liverpool drove out next day but found he had died. Everything had been done to relieve the sufferings of the little fellow, and he received every kindness from those who had taken him.

On Friday afternoon a "surprise party" was held at the Home by a number of the ladies and gentlemen of the town, who came to welcome Miss Bilbrough back to her work after her visit to the old country. The friends brought their own provisions of bread, fruit, meat pies, cakes, &c., and for the time being took possession of the house and entertained us as their guests.

The news that a party of Scotch girls had arrived at Marchmont soon spread, and from all quarters applications poured in, and many people came expecting to get one without any trouble. Most of these were however disappointed, as nearly every child had been arranged for weeks beforehand. The applications come in all the year round, and have in every case to be accompanied by a minister's recommendation; these are registered in a book so that when the children arrive there are places ready waiting for them. The following is a copy of the indenture which everyone taking a child has to sign, the wages of course differing according to the age and ability of the child:—

FORM OF INDENTURE.

"This Indenture, made this 26th day of May, 1882 (pursuant to Order in Council bearing date 9th of December, 1879, authorising Marchmont Home to exercise the powers granted under sec. 19, of cap. 135, R.S.O.), is entered

into between Ellen Agnes Bilbrough, Marchmont Home, Belleville, Ontario, guardian of John Thomson, 14, and Mr. Peter Smith of Thurlow, con. 5, lot 16, Melrose Post-Office, respecting John Thomson. To receive 4 dollars per month for the first year, increasing annually. To attend church and Sunday school regularly. Also day school four months in the year. Should it be necessary in any case for the child to be returned to the home, notice of this must be sent a fortnight beforehand. The clothes must also be sent back in good condition, and the same number. Employers are requested to see that the children write occasionally to their friends; also that they communicate with us in event of sickness. An accurate account to be kept by employer of the wages spent in child's clothing, &c. The account to be balanced each year, and said balance to be deposited in Savings Bank, or otherwise laid out to child's advantage. Persons taking these children cannot transfer them to others, but are at liberty to return them to the Home if they do not suit, while we, on our part, reserve the right of removing any child if we see fit, or on these conditions not being fulfilled. (Signed) E. A. Bilbrough, (signed) Peter Smith."

The foregoing applies to children over 12 years of age. Under that age they are adopted, and instead of the wage clause we insert "to receive good clothing and schooling, and to be treated as one of the family." We keep one of the indentures and they take the other, so that we are always able to show what arrangements have been made for each child.

Our numbers speedily decreased, sometimes by 3, 6, or more going together to one district, until at the end of a fortnight we had very few left able to go.

On Sabbath, 25th June, Miss Bilbrough received a telegram, saying "Johnnie Hindman is dead. Funeral on Tuesday. Can you come." Johnnie Hindman (McGeoch was his own name), was a little fellow of 6 years when we sent him out to Canada 9 years ago. Homeless, friendless, and starving on the streets of Glasgow, it was no wonder that he was never strong, and we were thankful that he found such kind loving care over him no mother could have exceeded. When we got the news of his death I at once decided to go to the funeral, so on Monday afternoon I left for Peterborough where I stayed all night, and went on next day to Bethany. At the station Mr. Hindman, Johnnie's adopted uncle, met me, and in the drive of 5 miles to his house I heard from him all about the little fellow since they had adopted him 9 years ago. He had so entwined himself in their affections that they could not have felt the loss more if he had been their own child. At the farmhouse I met Mr. Hindman's sisters, and they were quite overcome with sorrow at the loss of the child they so loved. The preparations for the funeral were on a scale that astonished me and indicated how warm a place Johnnie had held in the hearts of the people of the neighbourhood. Farmers came from miles round in their buggies, the children of the Sunday School which he attended and the young men of the Temperance Society of which he was a member, joined them and there was a very large company gathered to show their respect for the one who had gone. Death did not find him unprepared and it had no terror for him. Some time before it took place he told his adopted relatives not to sorrow for him, as, although he had had such a good home on earth, he was going to a better one. There was a short funeral service in the house and then in the church, to which there was a large procession. It was a touching sight to us to see so many gathered to show their respect for one who was once one of our little Glasgow waifs. His influence for good will not soon be lost or forgotten in the home where he was so tenderly cared for, nor in the neighbourhood where he was known.

During our stay at Marchmont quite a number of the older boys and girls called to see us, many of them so grown beyond our recognition that we could scarcely realise they were the same we had rescued in Glasgow years before. Some had got married and settled down in homes of their own; one of these, A—S—, brought his wife and baby to see his old friends. Andrew thought there never was such a baby, and certainly she was a big strong child

for her age. Andrew is a steady lad, and in a fair way of making a position for himself in his adopted land. Our first visiting tour was in a district about 150 miles east of Belleville. Miss Bilbrough and I started, taking with us five children to homes arranged for them, and for four days we visited a number of others placed out in former years. Most of the people in whose homes we found the children were Highland Scotch, and we were much encouraged by all that we saw. Carrie M.L., whose mother was unable to keep her here, we found in an excellent home, the only child in the family. The farmer owns 200 acres of land, and when we called the mother was busy making a new dress for her little adopted girl. At Ottawa we saw another of our girls, from whom we received the following letter in May last:—"Dear Mr. Quarrier—It is now nearly nine years since I came to Canada, and in that time I have never written to you once. It was not because I had forgotten you or your kindness to me when I was a little girl and taken to the children's Home and cared for so well. I remember so well the day that I first went to the Home in my bare feet, and what nice slippers I had given me to put on when I got there. If you think this letter worth answering I will be so glad to hear from you, and tell me what you think of father and mother coming to Canada; for I would like to know if you did not think it better for them to come here than to remain where they are.—Yours very truly, M— C—." We went to Ottawa to try to find out a girl who has been writing home to her friends for money. She was one who was brought to us from the Police Office, where she had gone with the story that she had been robbed on the street, and that she had no friends. Her statements we found to be quite untrue, but as her friends could make nothing of her we took her into the Home, and after training sent her to Canada. We fear, however, that the old deceitful habits are appearing again, as after all our searching and enquiries at the addresses she gave in her letters we failed to hear anything of her. We visited several other children in the city, but had quite forgotten that M— C—, the girl who wrote the above letter, was living there. She had seen our names in the paper, and came to the place we were staying at and waited two hours in the hope of seeing us, but had to go without accomplishing her purpose. She left a note, and so next day we visited her in her own home. When we saw her we could not recognise in her the little girl we had sent out nine years ago. She is doing very well, and earning such good wages that she has been able to send money for her father and mother to come out and live near her in Canada. She gave us a cabinet photograph of herself, and no one looking at it would ever imagine she was once one of the neglected children of our city. We returned to Belleville on Saturday morning, and went on the same afternoon west to Toronto. There we stayed with our old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Salmon, and had the privilege of giving an account of our work in his church on Sabbath evening, which the friends seemed to appreciate. On Monday we called at the home of little Rosie, the pet of this year's party, who is adopted by well-to-do Scotch people, but they had gone to their summer residence and so we were disappointed. We saw two Edinburgh girls, one of whom is receiving an excellent education, and is well provided for the future. We then went on to Guelph, and there saw one of our old girls in a happy home with her husband and two children; they are members and workers in the church and are respected in the town. We also heard a good report of a lad who is also married and doing well there. We returned to Belleville, and after some days' rest went out with Miss Bilbrough for a few days visiting round Kingston. We saw from 30 to 50 children in one town, and were very much pleased with the report of all of them. J— M'C—, who had the honour of being kissed by the Marquis of Lorne, is still the pet of her home; she played some pieces for us on the piano, and altogether looked as if she were the daughter of the house: of course she believes she is, and we were careful not to divulge the secret. B— H—, whose mother has been helped by the Prison Gate Mission, is also very happy in an excellent home.

On Saturday morning we returned to Belleville, where we remained until Tuesday, and then left on our homeward journey. On the way we spent a few days at Longueuil and Montreal, and then left for Quebec, whence we sailed in the *Parisian* on the 28th July. After a very quick passage we arrived in Glasgow, after an absence of two months. In visiting among the children we were rejoiced to find that the high percentage of 95 continue to do well out of the 1200 children we have sent to Canada. Many of those sent out in the early years of the work are now married and settled down for themselves, and in a sense are beyond needing to be looked after. Considering the class of children and the few advantages they have had, it is something to be able to say that such a large number turn out well. We feel sure that all who study the problem of "what is to be done with the waifs and strays of our cities," will agree with us that there is no effort which can show better results than that of emigration.

PROPOSED NEW DEPARTURE IN EMIGRATION WORK.—£1,000 NEEDED

When we started for Canada this year our intention was to visit the North-West Territory, of which we had heard so much, to see what prospects there might be of openings for the advancement in life of our elder lads who are ready to take up lands for themselves, and also that we might be able from personal knowledge to answer the many enquiries which are addressed to us from time to time. Circumstances prevented us from accomplishing our proposed visit this year, but we hope at a future date to overtake it. From meeting in Canada with a number of lads who went out in former years, and with others who have come home to visit us and returned again to their adopted country, it has been impressed upon our minds that in our relationship as guardians we ought to be in a position to give the deserving among them who have grown to manhood or womanhood some help in starting them in educational, agricultural, or commercial pursuits. The Government of Canada has intimated that about £120 would be sufficient to enable a young man to settle down on 160 acres of free grant land in Manitoba and provide him with a house, stock, and implements to begin with. Many of our lads are qualified to manage farms of their own, but want capital, and the high rate of interest charged on the other side is an insuperable barrier to most of them. We propose therefore to lend to such as prove themselves deserving and have abilities for the work the necessary capital without interest, say £120, on security, to be paid back on yearly instalments not less than the amount of interest would be. We estimate that the capital would thus be paid back in from five to ten years, and we would have it again in our possession to help others. A friend who has liberally contributed towards the emigration work in the past has agreed to give the amount necessary to start one, and we trust others will follow his example by giving the whole amount, or part of it, that we may be in possession of means to still further help the hundreds who are now rising up to fill useful places in the land of the West. We think the Government would give us a section of land so that the lads might settle down under favourable circumstances and become a blessing to one another and to the country. The project, we believe, would be a stimulus to many of the lads who are content to remain as they are because of the hindrances in their way through want of capital. We throw out the suggestion, and leave the Lord to decide the matter by the amount of money He shall send for the purpose.

MARCHMONT HOME, BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO, CANADA.

October 25th, 1883.

DEAR FRIENDS,—When taking up my pen to write you a few lines concerning our welfare on this side the Atlantic, I am full of gratitude, not only for Canada but for Scotland; and am led to thank and praise the Lord for all His many mercies to us and to the children He has given us. During my six months' visit home, from the 19th December to 19th of June, I saw many dear friends and sympathisers face to face, and could tell them personally of what the Lord had done for us. I also met a number of the children's relatives and belongings, and told them of the well-doing or otherwise of those they were interested in. But delightful as this work is, it was with heartfelt joy I found myself again in this beloved Home in the midst of my own special work which God has given me, viz., watching over and caring for the temporal and spiritual interests of our young charges.

Every one of the 200 children brought out this year has been provided with a home; some of them with a second; a few returned for various causes are still waiting in the Home. From time to time grown up lads and lasses come to pay us a visit of a few days and renew our acquaintance. Last Saturday night three young men came to remain over Sunday. Two of them, J—C— and J—B—, had given us much anxiety and trouble in the past; now they are steady, well-dressed, respectable lads, and well disposed towards better things. So our Father encourages us to sow the seed by permitting us often to see the fruit of our labours. This is a busy life! So many letters to write, entries to make, people to see, and children to arrange for. As my dear friend and helper, Miss Ramsay, says, "the life at Marchmont is by no means a monotonous one." We hardly ever retire to rest the same number in the household with which we rose in the morning—constant coming and going.

"The meetings and the partings
We have known."

Our fellow-helper, Mr. Wallace, has visited a large number of the children in their own homes, inquiring into their welfare, seeing that they are well clothed, get winter's school, and sufficient remuneration when able to earn wages; also to speak to them, and the people they are with, of heavenly things, take occasional services, and distribute books and tracts. This branch of the work is very important and needs much grace and wisdom, and judgment and discretion also. A fortnight since I received a letter from a man telling me that one of my little boys was overworked, etc. I was surprised, as I knew the people to be very kind and considerate. Mr. Wallace drove out at once to investigate the case, and he writes me—"Saw G— on Monday; he is all right; people are a nice young couple; neighbours speak highly of them. Report sent by person who had an ill feeling towards them, and perhaps wanted the boy themselves."

I sometimes think our friends at home expect too much of the children and of those that take them. No human work is perfect. In many cases the children have been badly brought up, and have formed evil and idle habits. It requires much patience on the part of those taking such to train them aright. All are not equally endued with this grace. Very rarely we may hear of a case of severity. We do not say that they never happen, but we very soon hear of it—investigate the case and if necessary remove the child. It is as unfair to judge the thousands of those who have taken the children by a few unkind specimens, as to blame all the children for the misdemeanours of a few, yet this is frequently done both on this side of the Atlantic and yours.

Reports of one case given as applicable to the whole. I ask our friends to judge of the work as a whole from facts. The letters and photographs of the children, the testimony of many eye-witnesses, the fact that 150 of these children are now married, settled, and doing well for themselves and their

children. Compare this with their probable future if they had not been received into our sheltering Homes, Here there is plenty of opportunity, room and scope. There there is overcrowding, want of work, and often enforced idleness. I thought of this last week when one of my older lads called to see me, now the father of four children and possessor of a farm (through his wife). We talked over old experiences of 13 years ago, when he had run away twice from his place because he was home-sick and of some of the trials he had met with; but how different his surroundings now to what they would have been. Driving his grain to market with his own team. Local preacher and Sabbath school superintendent, he is always glad of parcels of tracts and sermons. Uncovering a basket he displayed a pair of fine ducks. "My wife did not know what to send you, Miss Bilbrough, but she thought perhaps you would accept these."

A fortnight since we had a wedding in our Home. M—B—, who has been a valued helper in her situation many years, wrote she should like best of all to be married in the Home, and "we would sing some of the old favourite hymns." So the minister was asked and the bouquets of flowers got ready, and we sat in expectation when two buggies drove up. The groom and bridesmaid dismounted and then bride and groomsman. The short impressive service took place, and the wedding gifts given and 34 dols. of wages saved by the bride handed to her, and they set off for their return drive of 30 miles. Since then a small box of brides cake with Mr. and Mrs. M—'s compliments has been received.

In a letter to me a young man, now a School Teacher, writes:—

I have been keeping up my work in G— Sunday School. I enjoy the work more and more, and God is giving me great success as a teacher in the school. O Miss Bilbrough, it is one of the greatest blessings which my Master Jesus has bestowed upon me to be allowed to work for Him in this school; it leads me nearer to the cross each day of my life. Oh, that I could tell you how plain my path to the cross is getting, and it is all caused by going there often in prayer. Oh, what blessed times I have with Jesus, even in my everyday work, and it makes the work lighter for me when I enjoy these blessed seasons of refreshment with Him who has called me to follow Him. My aims are still for the ministry, and my prayer is that God will make me a missionary. Oh, I long to tell the heathen the good old story of the cross! I know that He will provide and send me to college.—I remain, one of your Marchmont boys.

The following letters from some children who came out this year will also be read with interest:—

MY DEAR FRIEND,—I take great pleasure in writing you these few lines to let you know that I am well, and hoping this will find you all the same. I have been attending school ever since I left the Home. I like to go to school very much, and I like my home very much too—it is in the country, about five miles from P—. I live with an old lady and gentleman, their children are all married. They have a hired man whose name is Tom. The school teacher boards here, and I go to school with her. M— lives about a mile and a half from here. I have seen her twice, and I think she likes her new home. Mamma makes her own bread and butter. I think I shall have to draw to a close as it is getting late. I would like very much if you would write to me. This is all at present. Please give my love to all the children in the Home.—From your loving little friend, M. T.

A—R— has been a very special favourite of ours since he ran away six years ago from his first place and hid in our barn. Then there was another testing time of hard work, a few months at Commercial College, and then to a business house in R—, from which he writes telling of his longings to devote himself to the cause of Christ in foreign lands when the way opens up. It gave me joy to write and encourage him in this. His answer shows he views it in the right spirit.

R—, September 25, 1883.

DEAR MISS BILBROUGH,—You know not how I felt after reading your letter. I felt my unworthiness more than I can make it known in writing. The mis-

sionary life is full of trials and dangers in some respects, but what I would feel the most would be my unfitness to bring souls to Christ; yet with His promise of help and guidance I am determined to trust Him, come what will; though I do need more strength and love to do his work effectually. The reason I did not answer your letter sooner, I was going to Boston and New York to make a flying visit. I stayed a day in Boston and two days in New York. You tell me A—B— has made up his mind to become a missionary. I hope he may be greatly blessed in his work and see the fruit of his labours. I only wish I had more faith and trust in the Lord as Jehovah-jireh. Remember me to all, especially to the Lord.

One of the last places I visited in dear old Scotland was the picturesque town of Alloa, meeting there an old friend and fellow-helper in past days, Mrs. H. After our evening gathering had dispersed, she led me to an aged blind man, saying to him, "This is the friend to whom you are intrusting your daughter." He raised his sightless eyes to my face and begged me to watch over and care for her. I placed her with an English clergyman and his wife, and the following letter shows that she thinks of her adopted country:—

S—, September 13, 1883.

DEAR MISS BILBROUGH,—I am sorry that I have been so long of writing to you; but I will tell you all I can. I like my place pretty well. Mr. and Mrs. H. are very kind to me. There is just one cow, and one horse, and five fowls. I can milk the cow; I learned in a fortnight. I am now going to school and reading in the second book. The school is a quarter of a mile away; there are thirty children attending. We live close by the church and Sunday school, which I attend regularly. Over a week ago, I went to see E—M—, whose home is two miles and a half from here. She is looking happy and contented. M— has been to see me twice. She was happy and well, and likes her home. If Mr. Quarrier is still at Marchmont, I send my best love and thanks for all he has done for me, and the same to you, dear Miss Bilbrough, and love to all I know in the Home.—Respectfully yours, J. D.

The town of Alloa will not soon be forgotten in our work, as one of its inhabitants has given the wherewithal to erect "Mizpah" Cottage as a training emigration home for our young lads. Sometimes we are asked if we have not already filled up all the places. (Since beginning this I have been interrupted several times by people wanting girls or boys.) But our children marry, and they in their turn apply for them. One writes—

N—, September 5th, 1883.

DEAR MISS BILBROUGH,—I have been going to write to you several times, but I am kept so busy. I have a baby to attend to now; mine is a boy. C— has a little girl. My husband's sister wanted me to write to you to see if you had any girls able to work; they would pay her wages. It is out in the country, and would be a good place for her. They always use their girls the same as themselves. She would like one that had been used to working in this country, or else willing to learn. The Salvation Army is here; I believe they are doing a great deal of good. I see J—B—, one of your boys, on the platform. I call my baby Theodore Franklin, and C— has called hers Mabel. There is just six weeks between them. If you have a girl would you please let me know, and what wages you wish her to get, as she is very badly in need of one. Her children are all boys. Excuse bad writing; but my baby is wasting to go to sleep.—Yours sincerely, S. M'C—

I need hardly say how delighted I was with the progress made in Scotland for this work. The village Homes at Bridge-of-Weir (which five years ago on the occasion of my previous visit were more in imagination than reality) seem suddenly to have sprung into existence. Villas built, machinery in full play, gardens blooming, fountain playing, macadamised roads, schools organised, and, best of all to me, four new emigration houses building and to be built. I just praised God and took courage. That the fellow-workers may have grace and patience to continue, and that the Lord may send help through His stewards, is the earnest prayer of yours, in His blessed service,

ELLEN AGNES BILBROUGH.

MR. R. WALLACE'S REPORT.

My work—that of visiting the children—has been a very pleasant one on the whole. There has been very much to encourage and cheer in the position and prospects of most of the boys and girls, while in the case of some few there has been cause for disappointment and pain. I have returned to-day from a ten days' tour, during which time I visited about sixty children—some of them children no longer, but lusty lads and lasses, or grown to manhood and womanhood.

Several whom I did not see had left the neighbourhood in which they had spent their first years in Canada, married and settled in other districts, and have now good homes of their own, and are comfortable and happy, prospering in the world.

One young man I heard of, H. L., who was with a farmer for a number of years, and at first was difficult to manage, but with careful training turned out well, lately returned to his old home and married a young lady from a neighbouring village. He was married in the farmer's house just as his own son would have been, and was well provided for on starting out for his new home. He runs the steam engine at a lumber mill, and gets 55 dollars a month while the season lasts, and then engages in other work during the winter, so that he has constant work all the year round, and will doubtless be well off, and able to offer a good home to his young wife.

In all the homes I visit the boys and girls are treated exactly the same as the other children of the family, and where there are no children they take the place of sons and daughters, and are loved and cared for as such. Many of the children seem to have the power of winning the love of those with whom they live; and some of the older people, whose own children have left them, say they think more of these little ones whom God has placed in their homes than ever they did of their own. The fact that they are orphans draws out their love and sympathy towards them and opens their hearts to the little strangers. One old lady I met lately was almost heart-broken because the boy she had brought up since he was five years old had left her. She showed me the little suit he had on when he came to her nine years ago. She keeps it folded up among her treasures. With tears in her eyes she told what a comfort and help he had been to her and her old husband all these years. He used to read and sing to them at night and kept them from feeling lonely. He was a splendid worker, and took as much interest in everything on the farm as if it were his own. He is now old enough to hire out, and has gone to work for another farmer for 10 dollars a month.

She asked me when I saw him to be sure and tell him to come and see her as often as he could. She thinks about him continually. He is first in her thoughts in the morning and last at night, and her prayers are constantly ascending to God on his behalf.

As one journey from home to home it is a great joy to hear of one and another, now a boy and again a girl or a young woman, taking their stand on the Lord's side, and publicly confessing Christ before their friends and acquaintances by joining the church.

One young man I visited lately, D. G., on being asked if he had given his heart to Jesus yet, replied that he had a short time before at some revival services that were held in the neighbourhood, and had joined the church, and regularly attended Methodist class meeting. When reminded of the necessity of being sure that he had undergone a real change of heart, and been made a new creature in Christ Jesus, he said with a happy face, "Well, I know I love my Saviour." He had bought a large family Bible for 7 dollars, and had his smaller one that he brought from the "Home" as well.

Another young lad, J. M., had only been converted about a fortnight before at a Methodist camp meeting held near his home, and seemed earnestly desirous of leading a consistent life and glorifying the Saviour he had begun to love and serve.

A girl, S. C., whom I saw a few days ago, was converted last year, and her mistress, with whom she has been many years, gave her an excellent character and bore testimony to her consistent life. Another lad, W. C., who came out a few years ago, has a very fine Christian home. His foster father is an earnest worker in the Sunday school and takes W—— with him every Sunday, and he is one of the best boys in the school. He was converted some time ago, and is a happy, earnest little Christian. He is a bright, intelligent lad, and thinks he would like to preach the Gospel that has been "the power of God to his salvation" to others, and try to lead them to the Saviour he has found. He is much interested in missionary work, and spoke of the great need among the heathen. He had been reading lately of work in the mission field, and seemed to have been much struck with the numbers who were renouncing their idols and false gods and accepting Christ, and he remarked how strange it was that so many heard the glad tidings from week to week in our own land, and yet how few comparatively sought and found the Lord. I urged him to improve his time at school to the utmost possible advantage and make himself a good scholar, and in the meantime to make it a constant matter of prayer that God would make his path plain and show him what He would have him do. I had some copies of "China's Millions" with me and left him one to read, encouraging him in his desire to preach Jesus to the millions of China or Africa. I have visited a number of those who came out this year, and they are nearly all in excellent homes and doing well. Some have given trouble, and have not turned out as well as might have been expected; but as they get accustomed to the ways of the country and the manners and customs of the people, and understand the farm work, which is at present new and strange to them, they will settle down and be a help and comfort to those who have taken them into their hearts and homes. I spent a night at the house where J. M'C. lives, who came out this year, and the family spoke in the highest possible terms of him. He takes to farming quite naturally, and is a capital worker. He is always up first in the morning, and if they are not out soon after him he will have all the cows milked and the milk ready to go to the cheese factory. He has a good ear for music, and they have begun to give him lessons on the organ, and he is making fair progress. He is a very good scholar, and has a good home, where he will have a splendid chance of getting on, as the people are in good circumstances and seem to have taken a fancy to him.

Examples such as the above might be quoted almost *ad infinitum*, but enough has been said to show the encouraging nature of the work, and to draw forth the gratitude and praise of everyone interested in it to our Heavenly Father for His manifold blessings. It has doubtless been in answer to the many prayers that have been constantly going up on both sides of the Atlantic that, whilst so many have been brought out and placed in different homes amidst new surroundings and with temptations and difficulties to try them, so few have turned out badly.

We who work among the children on this side need to be constantly upheld by the faith and prayers of God's children at home, that in everything we may be led and guided by Him alone; that we may be helped in speaking to the children met with from day to day, whether in visiting among them or dealing with those who call at the Home. We need the fire-touched lips, so that the words spoken may be accompanied by the quickening power of the Holy Spirit, and may lead to the salvation of many of those precious souls. In a work such as this there are doubtless many discouragements, but they are swallowed up in the abounding causes for praise and thankfulness. The work is the Lord's, and he is able to perfect that which concerneth it. We leave what has been done in His hands, and go forward to the unknown and untried year, believing that He is able to supply all our need and give grace sufficient for the day, and trusting that His blessing may yet more manifestly and abundantly rest upon this work among the orphans for His name's sake.

ROBERT WALLACE.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND AND DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S HOMES, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR—£9000 STILL REQUIRED.

The progress made at these Homes during the year has been greater than in any previous one, both as regards the children and the improvement on the grounds, etc. Since the purchase of the estate seven years ago it has undergone a great transformation, and it is now a difficult matter to find out the old landmarks. The undulating character of the ground necessitated an unusual amount of levelling and filling up, which, although entailing a great deal of extra labour and thought, has added very much to the beauty of the place. The woodcut of the Homes given on second page of cover is a fair representation of the group as they will appear when the gatehouse and training ship are built, and the whole fenced in. We still want two new houses besides the above to replace the Girls' Homes, which are now on the Govan Road. Towards the £9000 needed we have received £15 as an earnest, and we believe the whole will come in good time. The Homes need to be seen before any one can form a correct idea of their fitness and comfort, and we most heartily invite all who are interested to come and see for themselves what has been done. The solitary place has been made to rejoice with the voices of happy children gathered in from all parts of the country and their praises ascend daily to Him who is the Husband of the widow, the Father of the fatherless and the Shield of all them that put their trust in Him. The Cottages are real homes to the little ones, and it is very pleasant to see the harmony that exists among so many with different dispositions and tempers. They are of all ages, and it was only the other day that the youngest, a little girl, took her first step alone, which was a matter for great rejoicing in the Cottage of which she is an inmate. We began the year with 195 children, and during the year 159 others have been added, making a total of 354 (see Summary). It is a cause for thankfulness that at this early stage of their existence these National Homes of Scotland have sheltered so many who would otherwise have been friendless and uncared for. We are sure those who have in any way contributed towards this end will have cause to rejoice in the day of Christ that their labour has not been in vain in the Lord. We praise Him for the liberality of His children which has enabled us to accomplish such great results. A number of the friends who gave the Houses have passed away to their rest, and we doubt not have met with some of those who were through their generosity sheltered from the storms of life and taught of Jesus and His love. The joy of being workers together with God in caring for the little ones is such that no material prosperity can ever give. We believe our helpers will not only rejoice to continue their gifts, but will, as the Lord prospers, increase them, so that His name may be glorified. The last Home built was opened a month ago, and is rapidly filling up, so that the ten are now occupied in addition to the Invalids'. The two in course of erection, to replace the Boys' Homes on the Govan Road, are progressing, but will not be ready for some time. We hope soon to be in possession of means to build the other two for girls, the gatehouse and training-ship, so that we may be able to house 500 children.

During the year this house has been a great blessing to a number of suffering little ones. Lizzie W— was the first inmate, and is still with us, suffering, but patiently waiting her release. She has hip-joint disease, accompanied with dropsy, and several times she has seemed almost gone, but she still lingers. Those who have seen her wonder that she can be so resigned and happy under such circumstances, but she is most grateful, and never complains. Maggie M— is another of the inmates. She was sent to us after being twelve months in the infirmary under treatment. She is now able to move on crutches, and we hope soon to see her walking. Lizzie C— is a little consumptive, but quite happy and contented. Another little Lizzie suffers from spinal complaint, but has improved very much with care and treatment. There has been only one death—the baby Alexander R—. When brought to us along with his brother and sisters he was wasted away to a shadow, and full of sores. There are about 15 children at present in the Home, some of whom we expect will soon be able to take their places among the healthy ones in the other cottages. We dislike the name “incurable,” as we believe the Lord will raise up many of the children, and thus the Home will become, as its name signifies, “a house of healing.” It has been a real acquisition to the rest of the work, as through having it we have been able to take delicate or diseased brothers and sisters of the other children admitted, and thus maintain the family ties which give so much of the home character to the place. Throughout the year we have had many evidences of a change of heart among the little ones, and we believe the spiritual teaching and influence they are now under will bear more abundant fruit in after years.

From the first day the children come under our roof they are taught that it is God who supplies all their needs for food and clothing, and that He waits to give them the “bread of life,” which can alone satisfy their souls. It is surely something to rejoice over that such a large number of children—many of them rescued from a moral atmosphere of oaths and degradation—are now being trained for lives of usefulness in Christian homes. Will our friends pray more earnestly that we may see still greater results in the salvation of many during next year?

THANKSGIVING DAY.

We are looking forward to having another Thanksgiving day in September, 1884, to dedicate the two Boys' Cottages now building, and we hope then to have the two for girls on the way. At the last meeting of the Clyde Trust, at which Lord Provost Ure presided, it was intimated that the tenants on the Govan Road were to be warned out, so we expect we shall have to remove shortly, and hence the need for the new houses at Bridge-of-Weir. £1500 will build one of the Cottages and it would be a fitting memorial of some departed one. We will also require to build either additional school-rooms for from 200 to 300 children or a church to hold 600, and use the hall, we now have the services in, for school purposes. This would involve a further outlay of £2000 which we are looking to the Lord to send as well as the £9000.

DONATIONS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

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

November 4.—Mrs M'C., £2 (half for emigration); Mrs H., 10s; C. M'G., 5s; Mr H., 10s; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 11s 10d; L. C., scarfs for the little ones; J. L. Kelso, a harvest thanksgiving for the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir, £5; U.P. Sabbath School, Bridge-of-Allan, stockings, petticoats, cuffs, &c.; trustees of Mr Wm. Fleming, per A. Y., £50; Mrs S., Hillhead, 13 pairs stockings; Friends, per J. E., 12s 6d; R. H. A., Montrose, £3 3s, for emigration. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Mr M'F., quantity of tea bread; Free Church Sabbath School, Largs, per J. C., £2 12s 6d; Miss C., Aberfeldy, parcel of clothing; Mr P., Stranraer, £2; A. W., Dunfermline, £20; Mrs H., Bridge of Allan, three dresses and quantity of odds and ends; “The Lord's Tenth,” 8s.

November 18.—West Free Church Sabbath School, Stirling, per W. W., 16s 6d; Mrs M., Portobello, £1; A Friend, per ditto, 5s; Govanhill U.P. Church, 10s; a Working Man, Aberdeen, 2s 6d; Mrs S. Melrose, £1; Pollokshields Free Church Sabbath School, per W. M'Q., £3; R. M'G., Moscow, per R. B., £2; Mrs A., for Rent of Girls' Home, £60; Ardgowan Street, £1; C. H., 10s; Miss E. J. L., Edinburgh, £5; Stonelaw Sabbath School, Rutherglen, per Mr. S., £1; Miss A., Tighnabruach, £1; W. L., 10s; D. M. S., for Emigration, £1 8s 2d; Working Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, Dumbarton, per W. B., £1 0s 4d; Mrs R. Hamilton, £2; J. A., pieces of striped cotton and £1; a Thankoffering, £1; J. C. J., Crail, £10; Mrs A., Paisley, £10. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge, and Mission:—Registered letter, Tarbert postmark, £2; Mr M'F., 4 dozen loaves and quantity of small bread; “Wishaw,” parcel of jackets, ulsters, &c., and £1; B. & Co.'s Collecting Box, £1 6s 9d; R. S., £10; Dr D., Greenock, 10s; a Thankoffering for recovery from illness, W. M., 10s; R. R., Hamilton, £5; Two Old Workers, £1; R. H., 12 loaves; Willpark Bakery, quantity of bread; Mrs R., parcel of stockings. The following has been sent for Orphan Homes of Scotland Building Fund:—A. L., Greenock, for extra building and formation of ground of “Greenock” Home, £75 16s 6d.

December 2.—Miss M., £1; a Well-wisher, parcel of odd wools, &c.; First week's wages of a Young Friend, 6s; E. J., £1 14s; D. D., Helensburgh, £1; Miss C., 3 pairs gaiters, &c., and 8s; The summer's work of an Old Lady 94 years of age, 8 pairs stockings; Miss A. M., Ceres, 2s 6d; a Christian Servant, per do., 2s 6d; Mrs M., £2; Mrs T., 10s; P. B. J., £1; Mrs M'D., 2s 8d; Miss G., £2; Mrs S., parcel of clothing; the offering of E. W. and his brothers and sisters, Lenzie, 1s 8d; Thank-offering at Y.M.C.A. meeting, Greenock, held by Mr Varley, £19 1s 5d; a Friend of the Poor in the East of Scotland, £1000, £500 to this and £500 to the City Home Fund; a Friend, parcel of clothing and 1s 6d; Mrs. J. B., Houston, per J. F., Kilmaccolm, 6s; Children's Church, Linden Mill, Largo, 14s 6d; Mrs H., Edinburgh, £1; J. H., Kilmarnock post mark, 10s in stamps; Huntly post mark, £1; Mrs H., Helensburgh, 12 pairs socks; a Friend, 5s; an Orphan, Gourrock, £1; Parish Church S.S., Dumbarton, £1 10s; Miss S., Bridge of Weir, £1; J. J. M. I., 10s; Mrs L., Edinburgh, £3; a Thank-offering to God from a man and wife, Govan, 2s; Proceeds of Little Girls' Bazaar, Bellahouston, per Mrs R., £2 12s 10d; St. Luke's Parish Church, to help some children, per G. R., £21 10s; “Beno Volens,” £10; G. M., Leith, £1; J. G., London, £3 3s; J. F., £1 10s; Pollok Street U.P. Church Mission S.S., per A. L., £1; Mrs A., 4½ dozen shirts; W. J. T., per R. B., Gourrock, £1; Miss H., Stirling, £1; Miss M. I. A., per Messrs M'G., D., & Co., £5; A. T., £2; D. F., Fort-William, 10s; J. A., Bo'ness, per A. C., Grangemouth, £5 5s 6d; St. George's Parish S.S. Association, Paisley, per N. B., 15s; Henderson Memorial Church Junior Bible Class, per R. H., 10s; Mr L., Troon, £2; I. M. O., Hawick post mark, £1; W. B. H., Matlock Bridge, £1 1s; “A Young Friend,” 4s; Mrs S., Helensburgh, £5; “Somebody,” £2; a Class of School Girls, Girvan, per M. W., 5s for Girls' Home; “Ardna,” 10s; J. R., 7s 6d; Mrs L., £1; Wigton, £1; J. G. T.'s Bible Class, Buckhaven, Fife, £1; “A Friend,” per do., 2s 6d; M. A. T., Portobello, 10s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—J. C. & Sons, 4 boys' serge suits; Mr M'F., 7½ loaves, &c.; Mrs M., 17 pairs stockings, petticoats, &c.; Mrs D., parcel of clothing; Mrs N., 6 pairs stockings; a Girl helped by the Home, Limerick, 5s; Camphill U.P. Church, per G. B. H., £10; “A Friend of the Poor” in the East of Scotland, £500; Free Church Manse, Dunlop, 6 pairs stockings and 12 pairs cuffs; Miss M., Lasswade, £2; M. F., Cellardyke

parcel of clothing; G. M., Perth, £1; Mrs S., 2 crotchet petticoats, &c.; W. A., Forfar, £2; "A Friend," Kilmarnock, a jar of butter; "Give and it shall be given unto you," £1 19s 2d; "The Lord's Portion," 10s; Mrs M., Girvan, £1; A. D., Hillhead, £10; W. D. D., pieces of flannel, tweed, socks, caps, &c.; Mrs H., parcel of clothing and 5s; a Friend, parcel of clothing; a Friend, Kirkcaldy, £4; Miss M'C., £1; found in boxes and collections in halls during November, £33 8s 7½d. The following has been sent in for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—A Friend at a distance, from Glasgow, to build one of the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir, to replace those on the Govan Road, £1500.

December 16.—From Pollokshields Free Church Missionary forenoon meeting, 13s 1d; Cambuslang Free Church S.S., per Mr M., £2 6s 6d; Mrs M., 10s; Miss M., 10s; Henrietta, 2s 6d; Mr A., 5s; J. S., 2s 6d; J. H., £2; proceeds of lecture at Kilmalcolm, on "Does it pay to smoke," per A. M., £2 16s 9d; Mrs H., Perth, £2; Pride of Kilmalcolm Lodge I.O.G.T., Surplus Soiree, per T. F., £1; Mrs J., Lamlash, 10s; W. J. M., 5s; Mrs H. J., Irvine, £1; H. A., do., £2; Conscience money, £1 10s; Mrs D., Dumbarton, £2 and 1 dozen hoods and six pairs socks; "Robin," Largs, 5s; G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, 10s; Miss B., Irvine, clothing; Bishop Street S.S., in connection with Elgin Place Church, 10s 6d; a Friend, a water bed; a little child's gift, 2s 6d; Mrs P., Hamilton, 10s; Mrs B., Falkirk, 10s; Mrs F., £1 10s; D. M. S., £20s 10d for emigration; an anonymous friend, £5; Miss M. M. F., Comrie, £1; Miss P., 5s; C. B. and Mrs A., £2; J. and W. G., £1 for Bridge-of-Weir Homes; "Small Boy," 3s; collected by a little boy in Manchester, per Mrs N., £5; Free West Church S.S., Airdrie, per R. F., 10s 6d; Mary and Henrietta, Irvine, 5s; Mrs C., Port-Glasgow, 10s; H. H., Bridge of Allan, a thankoffering for past mercies, £1; do., being 1s off every pound earned, £1; J. C., Appin, £1; Cowglen S.S., Pollokshaws, per S. R. B., 10s; "Kinnie," £2; J. B., jun., £1; "Anonymous," £50; J. W., Kirkcaldy, £1 11s 8d; Miss H., Kilmalcolm, scarfs; Mrs D., £1; J. R., Collace, 5s; M. E. R., Leicester, £2; Miss K., Partick, Christmas cards, pictures, and scrap books; Stirling Working Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, per J. T., £1 12s 4d; H. B., Galashiels, £5; G. B., "for warm clothing," £5; Mrs H., £1 10s; Miss M'C., Gourrock, shirts and stockings; Mrs M., Kirriemuir, six pairs stockings; L. C., Renfrewshire, £5; "a Widow's Mite," Strathaven, 10s; "a Friend," Hillhead, bag of old shirts, &c.; Mrs D., Dumbarton, seven pairs socks; Mrs S., Whiting bay, 10s; "a thankoffering from children," Carmunnock, £1; in registered letter, £2; C. M., Stornoway, £1; Mrs D. M., Inveraray, £2; Mrs R. M., 5s; Mrs A., Cambuslang, quantity of articles for New Year; Mrs M., Greenock, £2; W. H., 10s; Miss S., Gourrock, parcel of clothing, &c.; "a Friend," per Miss J., £1; Free Gorbals Sabbath School, £2 7s 3d; M. G., Gourrock, 10s; J. R., Paisley, £1; A. G., F. G., and A. G., Johnstone, £10; Mrs M., Airds, £1; Mrs S., India, per J. W., Lochgoilhead, £2; H. G., £5; Mrs K., Hillhead, 10s; W. T., Nairn, £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—R. L., Aberdeen, 2s 6d; Mrs W., Dunblane, £10; Mrs C., 10s; Miss K.'s class, Tron Parish Sabbath School, per G. W., £1 2s; M. D. G., £3; A. C., Grange, Keith, 5s 6d in stamps; R. M., £2; West Parish Sabbath School, 10s; from Lenzie, six pairs stockings, &c.; "The Lord's Tenth," 8s; Mrs M., Strathaven, £5; Miss M., do., £1; Miss M. M. F., Comrie, for the needy poor, £1; Miss D., for New-Year's treat, 5s; Miss F. L., Seaford, 2s 6d; M. J. B., 2s 6d; J. A., in stamps, 10s; Mrs B., £2; Mrs A., Edinburgh, £5; Mrs T., Bridge of Weir, for New-Year's treat, £2; J. E. C. C., Westerham, £10; Miss J. M'C., £1; Mrs F., Keith, 2s 6d; Miss G., Perth, cuffs, stockings, &c.; Miss C. M., Bonchurch, £5; Mrs W., 2s 6d; Mrs F., Limerick, 5s; J. H., Darvel, £1; Whiteinch Free Church, for evangelistic work, £5; a thankoffering, 10s and parcel of clothing; J. U. D., Dollar, 5s; J. A., Edinburgh, £1; Miss T., £1; Mrs S., Hillhead, for Young Women's Shelter, 10s; A. P., Hillhead, parcel of clothing; Miss L., Crosshill, two dozen pairs stockings and socks; Mrs R., Pollokshields, parcel of clothing; R. W., 19s 6d; Mrs L., Appin, £1.

December 30.—E. M., Paisley, 10s; Children of Stoke Newington Sabbath Morning Meeting Society, London, per J. W. M., 16s 9d; S. C., Sheffield, £3; J. C., Inveraray, per W. M., 10s 6d; a Young Man, 2s 6d; a Friend, to Help the Suffering Little Ones, 2s; a Well-wisher, 6d in stamps; Mrs R. C., Alloa, £1 and wincey for dresses; Messrs R. C. & S., Alloa, print and handkerchiefs; Miss T., Helensburgh, 5s; Innellan Established Church Sabbath School, per Miss D., £2; Miss L., Windygates, Fife, £1; I. M., do., 1s 9d; Roslin, 5s; Mrs B., Lochgoilhead, 8 pairs stockings; Two Wee Bairsns, 5s; Mr O., Creetown, £1; J. F., Langside, £5; Miss M'B., Newbury, £1; Servants, per do., 14s; A. B., Blairmore, £1; U.P. Church North Strand Mission School, Dublin, per H. B. D., 15s; Miss U., Helensburgh, £1; A. C., 10s; Miss F. and Friends, Kirkmichael, a quantity of underclothing, shirts, and odds and ends; Proceeds of Lecture by Miss Fletcher in St. George's Road Free Church, per Mr A., £7 10s; Mrs R., per Miss F., Kirkmichael, 10s; M. G., do., 2s 6d; Mrs G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, parcel of knitted articles; Miss C. R., Cupar-Fife, 5s; Mrs M., Wishaw, 15s, for Bridge of Weir Homes; Miss B., £2; L. K., 2s 6d; Mrs S., 10s; Union Church S.S., Lenzie, per J. A., £2 2s; J. D. B., £10; G. L., Edinburgh, £5; Mrs T., for Bridge of Weir Homes, 10s; Mrs R., pot of preserves; Mrs R., Hillhead, parcel of clothing and dolls for

invalids; a Friend, Liverpool, per do., 10s; "Portsoy," 10s; M. S., 2s 6d; Box, H. C., 7s 6d; a Christmas Gift from Four Little Girls at Greenock, £1 7s 6d; "Isa," Ibrox, £1; Rosevale Street Evening School, per Mr B., 10s 3d; a Widow's Mite, 5s; a Friend, a Christmas Tree; A. E. K., Aberdeen, 2s 6d in stamps; Minnie, parcel of clothing, &c.; J. S., 2 hams; Aitkenhead S.S., 12s; Mrs S., Partick, 5s 2d and 6 pairs stockings; Mrs R., 5s; Mr C., Lawmarnock, 2 cheeses; A. T., East Kilbride, £1; W. E., £10 for keep of Bridge-of-Weir Homes; S., £2 2s; Sabbath Scholars in connection with First Free Church, Blairgowrie, £1, per J. M.; E. and R. M., Lochans, to help cripple children, 5s; Mrs D., Dumbarton, 7 pairs socks; J. C., Kelvinside, a thankoffering in stamps, 5s; a Well-wisher, M. A. B. C., in stamps, 2s 6d; E. C., 2s 6d; Miss M., £1; Union Sabbath School, Ednam, Kelso, per A. M., £1 5s 6d; Mary and Bella, two little girls of five and eight years, Arbroath, 5s; Downhill U.P. Church children's morning meeting, per J. S., £2 10s 3d; ditto Sabbath School, £1; a Govan joiner, being interest of sum in savings bank, £1, for Boys' Home; three little D.'s, 4s; Mrs P., 10s; "A gaun foot aye gets something," £3; J. B. C., 2s; C. C., Helensburgh, £20; Miss C., Roseneath, £1; Mrs T., £1; Misses M., Edinburgh, £2; John and Belle's pennies, 2s; Crown Terrace Sabbath School, Aberdeen, per A. G., £1 15s 4d; "Rita," £1; Miss M., Bucklyvie, 10s; a New-Year's gift, 10s; J. K., £2; W. L., 5s; Employees of Clyde Paper Company, £2; Cranstonhill Forenoon Meeting, £2 2s; sale of work by girls held in Mearns Street Public School, Greenock, £9 9s 10½d; Mrs R., Barrochan, preserves; Bella, a servant girl, as a thankoffering to God for health and strength through the year, 10s; Mrs J. L. B., Bridge-of-Weir, £1 for New-Year's dinner; a Servant Girl, for New-Year's dinner, £5; X. Y., registered letter, £2; C. J. C., Aberfeldy, £8; a Friend, per Mrs S. G., Auchencairn, 10s; M. and W., Irvine, 12 knitted mufflers and £1; J. B., two pairs socks and 10s; A. M., 5s; Mrs E., 5s; Mrs A. J., Edinburgh, per C. A., 5s; Free St Peter's Sabbath School, per R. M'E., £2 19s 4½d; U.P. Church Sabbath School, Bothwell, 15s; J. B., Helensburgh, £5; Mothers' Sewing Meeting Leeds, per Miss L. B., parcel of clothing; W. R. C., £1; W. I., Edinburgh, 5s; J. M. Bible Class, Calton Parish Church, 10s; a Friend, per Mrs L., parcel of sweets; J. C., for keep of Invalids' Home, £50; do. for New-Year's gifts to invalid children, 10s; C., Hamilton, 10s; Mrs M'C., Kilkilt, per Miss M., £1; Miss C., Rispain, per Moffat, a Friend, 6 pairs stockings; J. R., £5 5s; Christmas offering from children, 10s; 9s 2d; children and their governess, Ilfracombe, 5s 3d; Mrs L., Partick, 7s, £36 10s; Mrs M., Govan, 3s; proceeds of ladies' sale of work, Hillhead, per Missomitte, per a Servant, Partick, 2 pairs mitts; Kent Road U.P. Church Mission, oranges for J. B., jun., £2 13s; Mrs Y., sweets and oranges for Girls' Home, Falkirk, per Mrs do.; Miss W., Rhyl, Wales, £1; Children of S.S., South Ban, per do., £2 1s 10d; W., 13s 2d; Members of a Bible Reading for Young Women, sent in for City Home Mrs W., a parcel of clothing. The following donations have Miss M., two pieces cloth; Refuge and Mission:—M'C. & Co., £2 2s; J. A., tea box, N., Loanhead, 10s; Export Mrs J. C., Cathcart, £5; A. P., for New-Year's treat, W., Dennistoun, £1; Mrs T., Department Benevolent Fund, per H. M'L., £1; M'H., Lenzie, £2; a Friend, 24 pairs Torrington, £1; do., for Children's Dinner, 2s 6d; East Campbell Street Free Church, stockings; Mrs A., a tree; Mrs M'N., Edinburgh, W. M., 6 lbs. tea; Miss F., Baillieston, for Mission Work, per D. B., £4 10s; G. P., cards, chromos, &c.; G. G., 12 varnished £5; L. C., lot of evergreens; a Friend, Chriath Street U.P. Church Mission Sabbath wall Band of Hope almanacs on roller small stockings; Mr A., Crosshill, parcel of School, per W. S., 10s; a Friend, per do., stockings, mitts, &c.; Miss M., Edinburgh, "Boys' Own Paper"; Mrs A. T., £1; Mr B., Fort-William, £1; a little boy's first £5; C. A. R., for treat for children, evergreens; Mrs C., Partick, box of toys; M. C., week's wages, 5s; Miss G., for dinner, 2s; Mrs S., Greenock, 5s; W. P., 50 copies for a poor boy or girl's treat, £1; St. David's Parish Church "In Memoriam J. T."; M'East Campbell Street U.P. Church Congregation S.S., per Bible Class, per W. A., parcel of old clothing; J. M'E., lot of rolls; A. B., Helensburgh, C. F. A., £1; a Friend, D. G., £1 2s 0½d; J. M'E., 2½ dozen rolls and 3 dozen loaves; £5; Broomhouse S boys' caps; J. S., for treat £1; Crosshill, 10s; A. & O., £2 18s; T. H. W., 8½ do 12 petticoats and 3 pairs stockings; Mrs C., Helensburgh, 2 parcels Misses L., Lev and Friends at Crown Terrace Baptist Church Sewing Meeting, Aberclothing; L. of new clothing, petticoats, shirts, stockings, hoods, tweed, &c.; Mrs L., deen, larar's treat, 10s, per Mrs I.; W. C., per do., 5s; Friends, per do., 9s; Mrs C., for New Year; J. G., Edinburgh, £1; an Old Lady totally blind, Aberdeen, 3 pairs per 2 stockings; M. D. & Co., large quantity of stationery, &c., value £22; Two knids, 10 dozen currant loaves; R. A. B., for New-Year's treat, £2; Mrs A., £1; Kent Road, £1; a Friend, £3; Friends, per W. M., to assist the children's New-Year's dinner, £8 5s; Miss B., 10s; Mrs M., articles for tree; G. & F., Wishaw, lot of fancy articles; L. & Co., 27 lbs. tea; "Susan," petticoats for the invalids; J. L., Crossford, £2; R. C., parcel of knives, &c., for tree; Miss B., articles for tree, "The Lord's tenth," 8s; P. M., Greenock, £3. The following has been sent in for Orphan

Homes' Building Fund:—J. G. O., to complete building, level ground, and furnish Invalid and Incurable Children's Homes, £1096 14s.

January 13.—W. C., £3; Miss E., Hillhead, parcel of underclothing, socks, and £5; Elgin Place Congregational Sabbath School, per J. W. M., £1; Messrs. M'D. & G., 10s 6d; Misses S., cards for Bridge-of-Weir children and £2; Co-operative Society, Kilbarchan, per M. N., £1 1s; Miss T., Greenock, stockings and scarfs for Bridge-of-Weir Homes and £1; A. M., 12 copies of "Moses' Bible" for workers in Bridge-of-Weir Homes, Sabbath School, Orkney, per J. W., 5s; "A New-Year's Gift" from T. & J. D., Coatbridge, £2; Westmoreland Road Presbyterian Sabbath School, Newcastle, per A. M., £1; J. M., Greenock, 10s; J. S. N., £50; Mission Box, per J. M'M., 5s 2d; M. H., for treat, £1; A. B., £1; Children's Missionary Box, per Mrs. S., £4 7s 6d; A. L., Broxburn, £1; M. S., Dundee, 5s; M. C. R.'s counter-box, Helensburgh, per R. B., £1; G. and family, Helensburgh, 10s; A. C., "A Freewill Offering" for the past goodness of the Lord, £1; Miss M., scarfs and cards; Calderhead Sabbath School, Shotts, per H. L. P., 15s; Mrs. M., Surrey, £1; A Servant Girl's Collecting Box, £1; C. Kinross, 7s; R. M. R., for the bairns, 10s; Scotch Independent Church Sabbath School, £1 6s 9d; A Friend, per Mrs. T., Torrington, 5s; A. O. F. and "Wee Sisters," a New-Year's gift, 3s; Mrs. W., Largs, per Miss M., 5s; "Casting all your care upon Him," 5s; "Parents and Children," £1 17s 10d; Sabbath School Class, St. Michael's Parish Church, Crieff, per M. J. M., 5s; R. M'D., £2 2s; A. K. Rintoul, Ardrossan, £1; Wigtown, with the words, "Still trust in God," £1; a Friend, per Miss D., 2s 6d; half of children's penny-box, Innellan, 5s; a little girl in Canada, 8s; H. I., Kirkcaldy, £2; A. C. Cockburnspath, 2s 6d; E. S., £1; Bishop Street Sabbath School, in connection with St. Vincent Street U.P. Church, 9s 6d; Miss L., £1; G. M'C., sweets for children; W. M'C., Elderslie, £10; Pollokshields Free Church Mission forenoon meeting, 15s 2d; J. W. O., Shotts, £1; Mrs. D., Perth, £2; G. G., Aberdeen, £1; "Widow's Mite," London, 5s; U.P. Sabbath School, Douglas, per A. C., 10s; a New-Year's offering from J. and M. A.'s box, 12s; M. E., Cellardyke, £3; Christmas tree, per Miss L., for Bridge-of-Weir Homes, 5s; "A thankoffering from a mother in humble life," £1; Mrs. G., Hawick, "with sympathy," £1; a Friend, per Mrs. S. G., Auchencairn, £1; Morningside U.P. Church Castle Missionary Society, Edinburgh, per W. S. F., £3 3s; servants at Cloncaird John, per Miss F., 10s; "a thankoffering" from Port-Glasgow, 10s; Mrs. and Miss M., and Miss F., £5; Mrs. F., £1; Miss R. M., Perth, £1; "From one of the Mizpah Band bazaar, for the orphans, 4s; R. L., Aberdeen, 2s 6d; half proceeds of dolls' Gourook, per L., 10s 6d; Shamrock Street Advanced Sabbath School, 16s; Mrs. W., Mrs. R., two S., 11 pairs stockings; J. E. M., Tarbert, £4; H. K. L., Beith, £2 10s; Mr. M., Port-Glasgow, £1; A. B., 10s; Mrs. D., £1; Mrs. A., 12 dresses and 18 petticoats; Shettleston, £1; Ne., 5s; a few servants, "with best wishes," 10s; Miss A. A., Congregational Sabbath School, offering from West Barns Sabbath School, per R. R., £1; Sabbath School of Sir M., Helensburgh, per Miss R. L., £3 10s; D. D., £1; Mission Infant Class of Parish Church Street U.P. Church, Greenock, per R. L., £2 0s 3d; Girls' children's offering for the Sabbath School, Johnstone, per R. A., 10s; W. B., 10s; Young Women's Bible Class, per Mrs. M., £1; T. F. R., Paisley, 15s; Miss F.'s 10s; Mrs. B., Selkirk, 10s; J. H., Street School, Anderston, £1; J. W., £1 10s; J. S., Campbelltown, £5; Mrs. M., £1; E. Orphan Homes, Bridge-of-Weir, £1; W. M'N., Jamie and Mary, Crosshill, 5s; Bristo Sabbath School, Galashiels, per G. C., £1; Wee per A. C., £2 19s 2d; from four very young Baptist Church Sabbath School, Edinburgh, £1; collected by Mrs. H., from friends, contributors, per Mrs. A., Paisley, 5s each; Homes, £3; Miss C. N., per Miss E., 2s 6d; Miss E., Newcastle, for Cottage Barton, £1; A. C., Paisley, £2; saved pennies, friend, in stamps, 5s; Mrs. D., Dum-Miss L., 10s; Miss L., Edinburgh, 10s; Mr. R., Nelfield Home, Edinburgh, per Nine Little Girls, Paisley, per J. K. P., 4s; I. D., Abe Kilbride, £10; Sabbath Class of Auchencairn, £1; D. J., per A. C. B., Aberdeen, £1 3s; a Friend, per Mrs. S. G., been sent in for the City Home Refuge and Mission:—the following donations have H. S. G., Helensburgh, £4; A. W., Jun., £2 2s; A. D., C., articles for tree; Miss Sabbath-school Girl, 2d; Mrs. O., 5s; Miss F., articles for tree; W. S., Dundee, £5; a £3 8s; J. R., Port-Glasgow, £5; Blairingone Parish Church Sabbath School, 5s; G. L., Mrs. W., Dollar, 10s; R. H., 18 loaves; I. F., Rothesay, four pair school, Dollar, 10s; B. M., Dollar, £2 10s; found in boxes and collections at large halls in kinks; Mrs. C., a Little Girl, Strachur, 2s; A. F., do., 3s; G. H., per W. M., 10s; collection, £23 2s; per T. H. W., £1; W. and D. M., £1; J. M'F., bread, rolls, &c.; Mrs. D., A. E. A., Boy, 2s; Mrs. A., Edinburgh, for New-Year's treat, £1; T. M., 10s; J. M'F., a Little Misses M. and D., Helensburgh, box of clothing; from a Wellwisher, £10; Mr. A., G., &c.; of tea-bread; City Hall Foundry Boys' Meeting, currant bread; Mrs. L., socks and tiny Little Marion and Jeanie, 5s; Miss C., Broxburn, £1; Mission Sabbath School, per J. W. Hs 10d; part proceeds of admission to Polytechnic Warehouse during holidays, £10; Mrs. H., Alloa, 10s; A. P., £1; Miss T., Freuchie, 10s; W. C., £1 10s; Govanhill U.P. Church Sabbath School, per T. M., £1; Mrs. T., Dalkeith, underclothing and shirts; J. D., 10s;

Mr. C.'s Class, Renwick Free Church, 8s 2d; Miss C., Ryde, Isle of Wight, £10; R. B., £1; Mrs. B., Cambuslang, per Mrs. A., 10s; T. D., Rutherglen, £2 2s. The following has been sent in for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—Legacy by the late A. F. Stoddard, Esq., Port-Glasgow, towards the completion and upkeep of Broadfield Home, per MacLay, Murray, & Spens, £500.

January 27.—New Year's Day Offering from F.C.S.S., Bridge-of-Weir, 10s; Free St. Bernard's Children's Service, Edinburgh, per G. P. M'D., £1 17s; Infant Class, Grange Free Church S.S., Kilmarnock, per Mrs. W. T., £1 12s; Mrs. M'N., £1; Mrs. F., Duntocher, parcel of clothing; Miss E. L., Edinburgh, 7s 6d; Ashfield Hall S.S., near Dunblane, per W. M'G., Jun., £1; Cardonald S.S., per J. F., £1 5s; Bluevale S.M. Meeting, per Mr. M'L., £2 16s; U.P. Church S.S., Gourcock, £1; Mission Box, Houston, £1; W. L. & Co., £2; Mrs. W., Dolphinton, 10s; Eglinton Street U.P. Church S.S. Society, £1 16s 3d; Hope Park U.P. Church S.S., Edinburgh, per J. M. M., £1 10s; S.S., Watten, Caithness, £1 10s; "an Interested One," £2 10s; Free Church S.S., Port-William, per J. M., 15s; Late Rising Fines, Hamilton, 6s 6d; Bible Class, Hamilton, 6s; Anderson Morning Bible Class, 10s; S.S., Tobermory, per A. H., 12s 6d; Mrs. A., Paisley, £20; a Mite, 2s 6d; a Thankoffering, Mrs. C., Hamilton, 2s 6d; Collected by two Little Girls near Manchester, £3; Laurieston Parish S.S., per J. M'A., £1; Established Church S.S., Dalmally, per A. W., 5s; Friends, Dalmally, per A. W., £1 3s; a Little Boy of 7½ years, Paisley, per Mrs. A., 1s; W. P. A., Calcutta, £10; Burnbank U.P. Church S.S., £3 2s; Mrs. C., London, £110; Mrs. W., Edinburgh, £2; J. R. S., for emigration, £10; A Scotchman in London, for emigration, £200; Mrs. M., a thank-offering, 3s; Teachers and Scholars of Glencairn Sabbath Schools, per Mrs. M., £1 7s 6d; Victoria Hall Sabbath School, Wishaw, £1; Mrs. G., Falkland, £5; Parochial Board, Parish of Kettle, per Mrs. G., £5; "Saved Pennies of Two Children," 7s; Mrs. W., Belfast, £3; Mrs. M., do., per Mrs. W., 1s; a Friend, £1; Tollcross Free Church Sabbath School, per Mr. M'B., 7s 6d; Queen's Park Parish Church Mission S.S., per J. M., £2 16s; Queen's Park do., Congregational S.S., per J. M., £2 6s 8d; R. M., 7s 6d; Children of Sabbath Morning Meeting, Wellwood, Dunfermline, per W. R., 10s; Miss J. H. M., Perth, £1; a Friend, Sacramento, California, U.S. America, £5; P. H., Uddington, £5; Mrs. D., per Miss C., 2s 6d; J. M'K., Langbank, parcel of scarfs, &c.; Mrs. A., Partick, £5; Public Hall Sabbath School, Newdeer, per A. J., £1; a Friend, per Mrs. R., 5s; Anonymous, four pairs stockings and piece of cloth. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—J. and Mrs. M'N., Ayr, £10; Gathering from Children's Box during 1882, 12s; D. L., Pollokshaws, crate of dishes; Employes of A. B. M'Y., Jun., & Co., surplus collection, 5s; "A Glesca Chappie," for street children's treat, 5s; Mrs. M., Prestwick, £1; Mrs. O., Ellie, Fife, 10s; W. M., Dunfermline, £20; J. R. S., £10; R. T. G., Melbourne, 10s; Bethany Hall Soiree, 5 dozen bags tea-bread; C., Millport, for street children's treat, 5s; Mrs. M., Huntly, parcel of clothing; J. M'F., eight quarter loaves; J. J., Paisley, bag of meal; J. L., Wishaw, £1; Mrs. I. and family, £1; a Thankoffering from J. R., Ramsgate, £1 1s; D. H., Helensburgh, £1; R. H., 12 loaves; Abbotsford Parish Sabbath School, £1; Baillieston U.P. Church Sabbath School, per Mr. M'K., £1 6s.

February 10.—M. L., Stirling, £20; Miss M., £1; Children's Holiday Money, 4s 1d; G. G., a thankoffering, £1; Mrs. L., parcel of clothing, &c.; thankoffering from a Free Church Student, 16s; Mr. G., Paisley, £25; J. C. S., Newport-on-Tay, 5s; Annisland Forenoon Meeting, £1 2s 3d; a Friend, magazines; J. M. S., Downhill, 5s; Miss M. S., £2; Portland Road U.P. Church S.S., Kilmarnock, per G. B., £1; Bible Class, do., 9s 6d; Miss S. G., Blairgowrie, 5s; Mrs. M., Thornhill, Dumfries, £5; a Boy, to help the Needy, 10s; West U.P. Church S.S., Strathaven, per A. B. H., 10s; Barony S.S. Society, £3 15s; Miss B., £1 10s; Hamilton Church S.S., Port-Glasgow, £1 10s; Langside Road U.P. Church S.S., per J. S., (for Cottage Homes), £1; Miss B.'s Counter Box, Montrose, £1; Mrs. W., Downhill, parcel of clothing; "A Govan Salvationist," £1; A. J., Kirkcudbright, 7s 6d; Miss G., do., 2s 6d; Mrs. M., Invergarra, £1, and 12 pairs stockings; Mrs. M'N., Braemar, 10s; Miss N. M'N., do., £1; M. B., do., 2s; G. B., do., 2s 6d; Miss M'K., do., 5s; J. A., do., 2s 6d; J. E., do., 2s; Mrs. O., do., 2s; J. M., do., 2s; R. M'D., do., 2s; a Friend, do., 5s; G. H., do., 2s; W. M., do., 1s 6d; J. M., do., 2s; Mrs. B., 1s; Mrs. O., 1s; J. G., 1s; P. G., 1s; J. A., 1s; E. M'D., 1s; J. F., 1s; J. G., 1s; A. M'L., 1s; J. F., 1s; J. H., 2s; W. M'H., 1s; J. R., 1s 6d; M. A., 1s; D. F., 1s; D. S., 1s; A. M., 1s; C. M. D., 1s; J. C., 1s; J. M. N., 1s; J. G., 1s; J. G., 1s; R. L., 1s; J. S., 1s; A. M. L., 1s; Mrs. M., 1s; J. G., 1s; G. M'G., 6d; Mrs. G., 1s; R. M'P., 1s; J. M., 1s; C. C., 6d; G. D., 1s; R. M., 1s; Mrs. T. S., 3s; a Kindred Spirit, 1s; A. M'H., 1s 6d; J. G., 1s; C. S., 1s; W. S., 1s. (The above sums from Braemar were collected by T. H.) Mrs. D., Dumbarton, £1; Mrs. M., £3; Ashfield Hall S.S., by Dunblane, 10s; Dalmuir, S.S., £1; Mrs. H., per Miss M., £2 10s; "A Well-Wisher," for Orphan Homes of Scotland, £3; Two Sisters, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 10s; R. G., Montrose, for Cottage Homes, 10s; Mrs. J. R., Croydon, £2; J. R. S., parcel of tracts, &c.; St George's-in-the-Field S.S., per Mr. V., £5; J. R., wheels, axle, and springs for cart; Mrs. B.'s Mothers' Meeting, 10s; Miss K., parcel of Graphics; R. L., Aberdeen, 3s 5d; The Lord's Tenth, 8s; R. H., Kirk-

caldy, £3; W. B. H., Matlock, £1 1s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—John Street U.P. Junior Mission Society, per W. J. L., £3; Macleod Parish Church Children's Morning Service, 10s; Miss W., Bath, per Mr. A., £2; E. K., 10s; Mr. A., quantity of tea bread; W. M., Markinch, 10s; Children's Church, Troon, per J. H., 18s 6d; Mrs. F., Lenzie, hamper of clothing; found in boxes during January, £2 6s 6d; Cathedral Square U.P. Church Juvenile Missionary Association, per J. B., £1; a Worker, 10s; Miss M., parcel of clothing; Free St Andrew's Sabbath School Society, £1 11s; J. J., Paisley, 1 cwt. corn flour; Miss D., 2s 6d; Mrs. A., Gatehouse, Kirkcudbrightshire, 10s; Friends, per Miss S., Leith, 16s; Miss M'E., 2s 6d; Mrs. W., Stirling, £1; Two Workers, £1; Miss E., druggist and winey; Mrs Boyd, Largs, remnant; Miss M., for street children's treat, £1; T. E., Stirling, £1; J. S., Kilmarnock, 19 yards cloth; F. H. S., Croydon, 2s 6d.

February 24.—*In memoriam* of dear ones, £20 for emigration; Mrs. F., £1; Mrs. R., Hamilton, £2; A Boy in Canada, 4s; J. T., £1 for Bridge-of-Weir Homes; Mr. K., Largs, 10s; Mrs M., Largs, £5; Mrs J. C., Largs, £1; Misses W., Largs, 10s; Mrs T. C., Largs, 10s; Mrs D. M., Largs, 10s; Mrs P. M., Largs, 8s; Mrs H. P., Largs, 2s 6d; Mrs K., Largs, 2s; Mr A. Y., Largs, 5s; Mrs J., Largs, 1s 6d; Mrs A., Largs, £1; Miss K., Largs, 2s; Miss B., Largs, 5s; Mrs J. C., Largs, 10s; Mr H. C., Largs, 2s 6d; Mrs J. C., Largs, 2s; Miss C., Largs, 4s; Mrs S., Largs, 2s; Mrs J. H. M., Largs, 2s; Mrs J. R., Largs, 2s 6d; Mrs J. F., Largs, 2s 6d; Miss M'C., Largs, 3s; Dr C., Largs, 2s 6d; Mrs M., Largs, 5s; J. & J. B., Largs, 5s; a Friend, £1; Mrs A., 2s. (The above sums from Largs were collected by Miss M. H. B.) J. H., Millport, 10s; Mr W., Airdrie, to take a boy to Canada, £10; Miss W., Airdrie, £5; a Friend, C., £2; a Friend, Govan, 5s; Savings of a little boy gone home, 11s 6d; Mrs D., Ayr, clothing; Mrs R. R., Hamilton, £1; Mrs C., Hamilton, 5s; A. J. K., Grimsby, £1; Gorbals Church S.S., £2; Fraser Street S.S., Inverness, per D. F., 10s; fines collected by a society for the promotion of early rising, Huntly, 5s; a Friend, for the emigration of a little boy, £20; Mrs A., 36 nightdresses and underclothing; Free Church S. S. Missionary Box, Cairnryan, per J. M'L., 4s; Free Church S.S., Bothwell, per J. D., £1 10s; Miss B., Rothsay, parcel of stockings; Baptist Church S.S., Lochee, per J. P., £2; Miss L. B., Leeds, 2s 6d; R. S., Campbelltown, 10s; A. B. K., to take five children to Canada, £50; Mrs S., Arbroath, £5; Camphill Bible Class, per J. S., £4 4s 6d; A Christmas gift from L. & Co., 3 hams; Loan S.S., Muiravonside, 2s 9d; a Friend, £20, to take two children to Canada; Children's Afternoon Service, Uddingston, per E. W., 4s 4d; Found in Boxes at Bridge-of-Weir Homes, £2 6s 4d; E. R., £1; "Your Annual Subscriber since Dalhousie Street," £1; Mrs F., Kent Road, £2; Mrs D., Dumbaron, 18 pairs stockings; anonymous letter, £1; H. B. & Co., £20, to take two children to Canada; Mrs Q., £1; a Friend, 10s; a Friend, £1; a Friend, 10s; a Doctor's Widow, £1; Mrs F., Lenrick, per Mrs S., Gourrock, £1 3s; Rutherglen Free Church Bible Class, per Mr B., £3; Princes Street U.P. Church S.S., Kilmarnock, per J. D., £1; A. W., £1; Mrs H., Macduff, a thank-offering to God for a special blessing, £5; J. F. H., Gavenwood, per Mrs H., £1 1s, for boys; E. H. C. H., per do., £1 1s, for girls; J. and A. M., Wishaw, 152 yards tweed and 125 pairs socks; Miss M., do., 7 pairs stockings and 6 petticoats; Bellfield S.S., Lesmahagow, 10s; Parochial Board, Cumbrae, £3, for keep of a boy; F. A. T., Perth, for invalid girls, £1; Mrs H., South Wellington Street, 10s; Mrs S., Edinburgh, £3; Free St. Andrew's S. S., Kirkintilloch, per W. C., 14s; Free Church S. S., Alva, per R. M'L., £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—T. S., 10s; a Friend, periodicals, papers, &c.; W. J. M., 10s; U.P. Church S.S., Larkhall, per A. M., £2; Mrs R., stockings and journals; Great Hamilton Street Free Church S.S., per Mr G., 15s 4d; Mrs A., Portobello, £1; "Matt. vi. 8," 10s; Mrs P., £2 2s; M. D., £2; Miss D., three pairs stockings; J. A., bread; K. M'L., award for detecting stolen property, 5s; G. B., parcel of magazines for distribution. The following donations have been sent in for Orphan Cottage Homes Building Fund:—A. A., Paisley, for training ship, £100; legacy by the late Mr George M'Farlane, with interest, less legacy duty, £256 16s 10d, per W. J. B. & J. Kidston, writers.

March 10.—Mrs D., Dumbaron, 8 flannel petticoats; Free Church S.S., Johnstone, per J. R., £2; Mrs C., Paisley, £1; Mrs C., Renfrew, £1; Free Church S.S., Coupar-Angus, per J. P. P., 10s; Miss H., 25 hats; two Friends in Helensburgh, for the orphans, £2; Miss T., Crosshill, £10 to take a child to Canada; J. C., Dollar, £1; Miss E., Edinburgh, 10s; Miss B., Dunoon, 3½ dozen shirts; refunded money for season ticket of a little boy now "gone home," 8s 8d; found in his money box, £1 0s 6d; J. G., London, £1 1s; E.U. Church Sabbath School, Muslin Street, per R. H., 10s; Miss M., Greenock, £5; a Young Servant's Thankoffering, 10s; A. G., for emigration, £1; Mrs H., 17 skirts; J. W., New Zealand, £2 2s; "Wigtown," for the orphans, £1; Mrs M'C., £1; R. A., Rothsay, £1; Miss B., six pairs stockings; Mrs D., Dumbaron, £1; Mrs E., Largs, per Mrs B., to take a child to Canada, £10; M. A. L., Ceres, 5s; U.P. Church Sabbath School, Kirn, per A. G., 17s 6d; a Friend, Aberdeen, £1; a Friend, 10s; Mrs J. L., Kirkcaldy, parcel of clothing; Baptist Church Sabbath School, Anstruther, £1; Mrs F., Gourrock, 5s; an Edinburgh Friend, £1; Mrs. S., £1; a Young Friend, 5s;

Mrs. M., Portobello, £1; R. C., Greenock, £1; A. C., do., 10s; T. B., do., 10s; E. M'L., do., 1s; Archie, do., 1s; Eliza, do., 1s; Wellpark Free Church Sabbath School, Greenock, £2; Houston Parish, to take a girl to Canada, £10; L. I. G., Cathcart, 12 pairs socks; Mr. B., Dundee, sets of corner pieces, borders, &c., for printing, per W. P. H., J. F., Kirkcaldy, £2; Whiteinch U.P. Sabbath School, per A. N., £1; Miss W., Brechin, £1; Miss R., Biggar, £1; "Scarf Money," 4s 6d; Miss A., 2s 6d and two pairs cuffs and garters; a few young ladies in Dunoon and Kirn, 2s 6d and seven pairs stockings, three scarfs, four petticoats, &c., per Mrs. P.; C. G., Hillhead, £1; W. D. M., Carlisle, £1; J. G., £1 2s 1d; "Saved from Housekeeping," to take a child to Canada, £10; knitted by servants, per Mrs. D., five pairs stockings; J. H. D., £10 to take a child to Canada; Buchanan Court Dorcas Meeting, 13 shirts, 12 petticoats, three dresses, &c.; W. W., in stamps, 5s; Miss M'C., Montrose, £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—An Old Couple, 10s; a Young Couple, 5s; J. L., Lenzie, 5s; Mrs. E., per Dr. H., £1; found in boxes in February, £2 5s 1d; L. E., and Pupils, Aberdeen, 3s 1d; Mr. M'F., 7½ quarter loaves; R. H., 12 half-loaves; a Friend, 6s; Uddingston Free Church Sabbath School, £4 10s 9d; Elphinstone Total Abstinence Society, per J. M'K., 6s 3d; Miss L., three pairs stockings and underclothing; a few Friends, Irvine, per Mrs. S., scarfs, socks, and underclothing; Miss T., five pairs stockings; J. A., a quantity of tea bread; Chapelhall Free Church Sabbath School, 16s; Miss M., Stirling, two parcels clothing, stockings, &c.; J. J., Edinburgh, £5; W. C., £10; "Give and it shall be given unto you," £2 9s 1d. The following has been sent in for Cottage Homes Building Fund: S. and E., £2 18s 6d.

March 14.—A. C., Nairn, 5s; "From Inverness," £1; T. K., remnants of dress material; Cranstonhill Free Church Sabbath School, per J. C., 8s 1d; T. K., for emigration, £10; Houston Free Church Sabbath School, per J. K., 6s; J. M'K., Langbank, £1; J. H., £5; J. W., Haddington, £1; Dorcas Society of Kilmacolm U.P. Church, ten pairs stockings; A. L. B., in stamps, 10s; D. S., Fraserburgh, for emigration, £10 10s; C. C. S., Partick, for emigration, in stamps, 5s; Chryston Parish Church Sabbath School, 15s 3d; Polmadie Morning Meeting, per A. B., 16s 6d; S. T., Renton, £5; Miss E. J. L., Edinburgh, to take a child to Canada, £10; Friends, Auchanairn, per Mrs. S. G., £1; Mrs. W., Hampton-Wick, £1 1s; Miss N., Gourrock, £1; J. R., to take a child to Canada, £10; J. R., £5; A. S., Govan, to take a child to Canada, £10; Mrs. W., Kendal, £1; D. D., Colmonell, £1; Mrs. A., Huntly, £1 and a box of joiner's tools; Mrs. S. and A. C. B., Aberdeen, £10, to take a child to Canada; Miss S., Aberdeen, 5s; a Thank-offering, in stamps, 5s; J. S., Dundee, £1; a Lady Friend, do., £1; Bell Street U.P. Church Bible Class, do., 9s 6d; proceeds of articles sold on behalf of four orphans, per J. F. D., Aberdeen, £2 17s; J. F. D., Aberdeen, 3s; from Montrose, £2; a Lady, per J. M., Montrose, £2; Miss T., Dundee, 10s; J. C., Aberdeen, £1; M. A. H., Cound, 10s; Ladies' Working Society of Crown Terrace Church, Aberdeen, large box of new cloth; D. M. S., for emigration, £8 14s 1d; S. S. E., London, per Union Bank of Scotland, £100 for emigration; Milton Sabbath School, Bowling, £1; Hutchesontown U.P. Church Sabbath School, £1 1s 9d; Mrs. H., Dundee, 10s; D. I., Kirkcaldy, £2 10s; Mrs. G., Edinburgh, £5; Mrs. F., Brighton, to take a child to Canada, £10; Miss K., Shandon, £2; the Gathering of a Wee Laddie that loves the Lord, 1s, in stamps; G. S., Coatbridge, who desires to have the privilege of helping, £5; Mrs. H., Pitlochry, parcel of new clothing; Hutchesontown Free Church Bible Class, per R. W., 16s; Mrs. R., Inverness, for emigration, £5; Free Church Mission Sabbath School, Johnstone, £1 3s 8d; Stockwell Free Church Sabbath School, 10s 6d; A. K. B., £2; J. P., Stratford, Essex, £4; E. J., £1 10s; found in mantelpiece box, 10s; collected by the Misses M. J., and H., Moffat, £3 1s 6d; a Friend, Gourrock, 6 pairs socks and scarfs; M. R., Helensburgh, 2s 6d; a Friend, Hawick postmark, £1, for emigration; a Friend, who wishes to remain unknown, £10; J. O., for emigration, £25; "From Somebody," £1; Mrs. F., Dumtocher, scarfs, &c.; Miss B., Crosshill, toys; Misses S. and D., Laurencekirk, clothing, hats, cotton, flannel, &c.; J., Dumbaron Road, £5, for emigration; S. S., £2; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 5s 10d; Sabbath School Children's collection box, Balruddery, Longforgan, per W. S., 10s; Miss M'C., Gourrock, £1; A. S., Dundee, 2s 6d and three flannel petticoats. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—J. A., parcel of sandwiches; Adelaide Place Church, 40 bags bread; balance of sale of furniture belonging to a family helped, £1 14s 3d; D. I., Kirkcaldy, £2; Mr. C. P., £1; "The Lord's Tenth," 8s; Miss W., Kirkintilloch, bag of old clothes; W. W., Paisley, £5 and quantity of corn flour, marmalade, biscuits, &c.; Maryhill Argyle Street Free Church Sabbath School Mission, 11s 6d; Mrs. M., Wooller, box of clothing; Mrs. W., Crosshill, 15 pairs socks; Mrs. W. S., Old Kilpatrick, lot of magazines, &c.; "Export Department Benevolent Fund," per H. M'L., £2; Mrs. H. M'L., 10s; Mauchline Free Church Sabbath School, 9s 5d. The following donations have been sent in for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—A Friend, Aberdeen, for "Aberdeen Home," £1 1s; J. F. G., do., for do., £1; a Friend, do., for do., £5; Mrs. D., do., for do., £2.

April 7.—W. J. G., to take a child to Canada, £10; H. R., Edinburgh, to take a child to Canada, £10; Miss R., Edinburgh, £1; J. W. O., Shotts, per Mr. T., for emigration,

41; Thread Street U.P. Church Bible Class, Paisley, 10s; Miss F., Kirkmichael, 24 shirts and 6 pairs socks; Miss M., 3 scarfs and £1, for emigration; A Friend, per Miss M., 3 pairs stockings, &c.; Mrs. T., for children's outfits, £5; Mrs. C., Paisley, £1; W. M.A., to take a boy to Canada, £10; Miss W., Dunlop, 19 pairs stockings, 25 petticoats, &c.; Mrs. A., Crieff, for emigration, £2; Mrs. H., 26 knitted cravats; a Sympathiser, in stamps, 5s; part proceeds of children's services held under the auspices of Crosshill Y.M.C.A., per W. S. S., £1 2s 7½d; a Friend, Sandbank, parcel of clothing; Mrs. C., per J. C. Pollokshaws, for emigration, £1; Miss L., per do., for emigration, £1; Mrs. W. P., for Cottage Homes, £1; T. P., Greenock, £5; H. B., 72 Bibles for boys going to Canada; Sabbath School Children, Arbuthnot, per Miss W., 11s 3d; W. C., £2 10s; Miss E., Hillhead, parcel of clothing and £5; T. J., for bread or the children, £3; Mrs. D., Dumbarton, 10 pairs socks and underclothing; Gourcock Y.M.C.A., per A. M., 6s; Mrs. C., 11 pairs socks, underclothing, and hats; Free Anderson Sabbath School Society, part proceeds of contributions for February, £1 3s 4½d; Friends in Uddingston, 21 pairs stockings, 13 pairs socks, wool, &c.; Scotch Girls' Friendly Society, per Miss S. Biggar, box of clothing; February and March collections of Sabbath Forenoon Meetings, Gourcock, 18s; Miss C., £5; Mr. M., £1; "The Lord's Tenth," 8s; Mr. A., Highridge, Bellingham, per J. R. W., 5s; Mrs. H., Wark-on-Tyne, per do., 5s; Mr. L.'s Bible Class, Campbelltown, per J. J., 10s 9d; R. B., sweets for voyage; W. M., jun., Sorbie, £1; Mrs. T., 8 pairs stockings; a Friend, Isle of Wight, to take two children to Canada, £20; Mrs. L., parcel of underclothing, &c.; a Wellwisher, Govanhill, 10s; Mrs. M., per J. A., jun., £5; Miss H., Stirling, 10s; W. A. C., £5; Mrs. M., Wooler, to take a child to Canada, £10; Sabbath School Children, Ayr, per Rev. G. J. C. S., £1; Two Friends, per Miss R., £1 5s; Mrs. I., New Deer, per do., £1; Mrs. M.N., Perth, per do., 5s; C. & Co., per do., £1; Mrs. W., per do., 3s 6d; Miss R., 2 pairs socks; H. M.N., Uddingston, to take a child to Canada, £10; Mothers' Meeting, per Mrs. B., 10s; a Friend, £1; "From Cardonald," parcel of clothing for boys and one for girls; Mrs. M., Renfrew, parcel of clothing, scarfs, &c.; Free St. Matthew's Bible Class, per J. M. M.L., £1 12s 5d; H. D., 10s; Linthouse Sabbath School, Govan, £2; Calton Parish Sabbath School, £1; Miss W., Windygates, 10s; J. W., for emigration, £200; "Wigtown," £1; G. M. K., Lochgoilhead, 10s; Mrs. J. L., Kirkcaldy, parcel of clothing and £1; R. L. A., 100 copies of little books for boys going to Canada; Mr. H., Hillhead, to take a child to Canada, £10; a Friend, Aberdeen, per J. H., 2s; A. B., £1; W. C. for emigration, £10; from Pollokshields, in stamps, 10s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Miss M., £1; D. M'D., New Zealand, £3; J. G. O., for evangelistic expenses, £20; Mrs. B., parcel of clothing; Miss L., print for dresses; Thankoffering from Wee Lizzie for hearing from her father at sea, 2s; do. from Wee Katie, 1s 6d; do. from Wee Maggie, 1s; J. H., parcel of clothing; J. R. W., Bellingham, large parcel of clothing; T. T., £10; J. A., pastry; a Friend, Rothesay, £1; J. P. T., Eday, Orkney, £1; Mrs. C., 10s; a Friend, 5s; from Whiteside, 9 pairs stockings; Mrs. R., 6 shirts; found in boxes during March, £1 3s 1½d; W. C., £10. The following has been sent in for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—Miss C., £2.

April 21.—Mrs. M., Johnstone, 6 mats and £1; Miss G., do., quantity of girl's clothing; R. M., Edinburgh, 10s; Sewing Meeting connected with S.S. Bon Accord Free Church, Aberdeen, quantity of clothing, socks, &c., per Mrs. M. A.; Kilmalcolm U.P. Church S.S., per Rev. Mr. F., £1 4s 1d; Mrs. C., per do., 10s; Mr. M., Port-Glasgow, 10s; Govanhill U.P. Church S.S.; £2 5s 2d; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 9s; Y.M.C.A., Auchinleck, per T. H., 17s; Miss M., Aberdeen, per A. C. B., £1; R. G., do., per do., £1; Miss M., do., per do., 10s; Miss M., do., per do., 5s; a Friend, do., per do., 1s; A. C. B., do., 4s; Mrs. H., Broughty-Ferry, per R. H., 10s; M. M. F., Comrie, for emigration, £1; Mrs. D., Cambuslang, £1; Mrs. P., Croydon, £2 2s; J. M., £2; H. S. L., Stirling, 5s; "In memory of Miss A. Logan, Rothesay," 10s; "As the Lord has blessed the sale of work," £1; a Friend, Gourcock, parcel of magazines; Miss G., per Mrs. I., 10s; Children's Box, per Mr. G., Aberdeen, 2s 6d; a Friend, 1s; Free Church Bible Class, Langholm, per Rev. J. P., £2 1s 9d; Miss J. E. B., per B. K., and S., for emigration, £10; Gartleston S.S., Wigtownshire, per A. R., 10s; proceeds of sale of work by young ladies and governesses, Penrith, £6 6s; a Friend, 10s; J. M. C., £1; A. P., for emigration, £10; Hillhousefield Mission S.S., Leith, per A. S., £3 6s 4d; S. S., per do., 5s; J. B., Edinburgh, per Rev. J. R., £2; a Baby's Gift, 1s 6d; from Greenock, to help some little ones, £15; a Lad, once helped by the Home, £1; "Sarah," wishing it were ten times more, £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—J. M.F., 9¼ quarter loaves; Mrs. and Miss A., Edinburgh, £3; Teachers and Scholars of East U.P. Church Christian Work Society, Strathaven, 10s; J. M.F., 8¼ quarter loaves; Mrs. C., Edinburgh, 63 pairs stockings and 1s 3d; J. M.F., quantity of bread; Mrs. B., Croydon, £2 8s; J. M.L., a parcel of clothing; S. S., Grange, Keith, per G. M'D., 16s 6d; M. P., Greenock, underclothing and stockings; Mr. J., £1; Mr. M.F., Dennistoun, toys, &c.; Mrs. M.L., parcel of clothing and 1s; Mrs. N., Partick, 6 pairs stockings; a Friend, 4 pairs stockings, &c., and 1s; Mrs. S., Cambuslang, underclothing and 4 pairs cuffs; Miss R., parcel of old clothing; Mrs. C., £1; R. R., sen., Port-Glasgow,

10s; Mrs. R., do., 10s; J. R., do., 5s; A. R., do., 5s; R. R., jun., do., 5s; W. R., do., 5s; G. Brothers, £5; Miss W., Sandbank, parcel of clothing; M. T., 2s 6d; A. R., £5; R. L., Aberdeen, 2s 6d; Friends, per J. K. C., 5s 9d; Mrs. H., Bridge of Allan, quantity of clothing. The following has been sent in for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—A Friend, Aberdeen, to help to furnish Aberdeen Home, £2; from Friends, seven stained glass screens for Invalids' Home.

May 5.—J. P. B., per Union Bank of Scotland, £10; Kelso Parochial Board, per G. A. T., for emigration, £10; Dennistoun U. P. Church Bible Class, £1 12s; Miss K., Partick, 12 hoods; left by a Friend "fallen asleep in Jesus," £4; Miss Q., £1; "For emigration," Hawick, £1; P. M., for emigration, £50; Mrs. I. S., Johnstone, parcel of clothing; a Friend, per Mrs. S. G., Auchencairn, £1; Mrs. M., Hillhead, four pairs stockings and 10s; "A Found Coin," 6d; a Friend, 4s; a Friend, clothing; Mrs. M. H., Fairlie, £1; Mrs. D., Dumbarton, socks; J. S., £1; "For the Bairsns' Bread," £1; Young Ladies of Miss Cumming's School, Kilmalcolm, useful box clothing; a Friend, parcel of articles for girls' outfit; Mrs. H., scarfs for girls going to Canada, and for emigration, £5; a Friend, knitted hoods; W. N. B., Hong Kong, per G. O., £5; Mrs. R., Hamilton, £2; A. C., Bridge of Weir, truck of dross; J. K., £3; M. C., Partick, 3s; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 7s 3d; Marshall Street Baptist Church S. S., Edinburgh, £1; "A thankoffering for a first birthday of a son," £1; collected by Miss M., Campbelltown, from friends, to take a girl to Canada, £10; J. P., per R. B., to take a girl to Canada, £10; Mrs. D. Dumbarton, £5; Mrs. F., Edinburgh, parcel of stockings and underclothing; Miss W., Bristol, £5; Miss R., Edinburgh, 5s; Mrs. C., brush and comb bags, and stockings; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £2 2s 4½d. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Nemo, Dunoon, £1; Mrs. M.N., £5; a Friend, 17 pairs stockings; Mrs. R., napery press; "Give and it shall be given unto you," 11s 8d; John Street Baptist Church S. S., £3 5s 3d; Miss D., 3 pairs stockings; Mrs. W., Glenluce, parcel of clothing; Mrs. A., West Kilbride, £2; Miss C., Ibroxholm, £1; G. F., £1; "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye did it unto me," Burntisland, £1; Mrs. M., Pollokshields, parcel of clothing; Mrs. T., to help a girl, £8; "A Dinner Worker, 10s; J. M., parcel of clothing; A. P., £2; Mrs. F., parcel of clothing, &c.; A. M., £2; a Wellwisher, Dumfries, parcel of clothing; Free St. Stephen's S. S., per W. B., £1 15s 9d; Wee Alick, Kilmalcolm, £4; Found in boxes, City Home, and collections at hall, £10 2s 3½d; Mrs. F., Lenzie, 12 sheets.

May 19.—Mrs. C., Ayr, "in memory of a beloved son and daughter," £1; W. P. W., Montreal, £1; R. W. M'C., do., £1; Mrs. F.'s Children, Lenzie, 15s; A. S., Hillhead, for emigration, 10s; Miss L., Lenzie, 12 knitted petticoats; Queen Anne Street Mission Sabbath School, Dunfermline, stockings, &c., per J. M.; Miss E., for the orphans, £5; Mrs. M., Johnstone, for emigration, £5; "In aid of orphans," Cardross postmark, £2; Friends, St. Leonards, per Miss E., for emigration, £5; Friends, Laurencekirk, per J. C., 10s 6d; Free Church Minister's Bible Class, do., 8s 5d; Free Church Sabbath School, do., 9s 4d; Miss F., Kirkmichael, quantity of clothing; M. G., do., 3 yards cotton; G. T., to take a child to Canada, £10; Mrs. R., parcel of clothing for outfits; E. S., Paisley, clothing; "For the Homes," Greenock postmark, 3s; Miss M. G., Montrose, articles of use for the voyage; a Friend, Keswick postmark, £1; Captain L., £1; Mrs. A., 60 print and 60 wincey dresses; Mrs. M.M., £1; "The Widow's Mite, 6 pairs stockings; Sabbath School Children, York Place U.P. Church, Perth, per D. N. M., £1; G. T., parcel of clothing; W. J., registered letter, £1 15s; Miss M., Musselburgh, £3; J. O., three-and-a-half dozen cotton stockings; a Friend, Beith, 10s; Miss F.'s Bible Class, Bishop's School Main Street, 16s; A. C., Achareidh, 5s; a Friend in Aberdeen, per Mrs. S., £1; Dr. M., Kirriemuir, £1; W. J., Belfast, for sweets, 2s 6d; Miss E., £1; Mrs. A. K., parcel of clothing; Mrs. W., Stirling, £1; Mrs. T. F., Strathaven, £1; "Z," for emigration, £20; Mrs. S., periodicals; M. B. and Mrs. B., Aberdale, 7s 6d; Mrs. A., Stirling, parcel of clothing; R. S., Lochgilhead, for emigration, £2; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 14s 9d; Miss W., Stirling, per Miss T., to take a child to Canada, £10; M. W. and L. and I. I., Tighnabruach, three pairs stockings; Misses A., £1; legacy of the late James Cumming, per Messrs. M'Clure & Hannay, half for emigration, £50; J. T., for emigration, £25; Miss W., Edinburgh, £1; J. C., £5 5s; S. T., Renton, £5; Strathaven Temperance League, 4s 4d; Miss C., Fifeshire, per Miss R., £1; Miss B., Stornoway, per do., 10s; Mr. B., per do., 5s; Mrs. H., per Miss M., for emigration, £20; Miss M., £2; E. A., Kilmarnock, £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—A few Workers in Abbotsford Free Church, Kirkcaldy, per A. M., parcel of clothing; Cunningham Free Church Sabbath School, per Mr. S., £3 4s 2d; J. M.F., 2¼ quarter loaves; Miss M., Greenock, pair of boots; Mrs. D., jacket and 2s; J. M.F., rolls and bread; a Friend, Cupar-Fife, £1; Mrs. M.L., Govanhill, knitted articles and cotton "My God shall supply all your need," 10s; J. H., £1; John Street U.P. Church Young Women's Bible Class, £1 4s 6½d; Miss W., Kirkintilloch, odds and ends; Mrs. R. M'C., books for the children; John Street U.P. Church Band of Hope, per Miss B., £10; M. H., £1 1s; "A Mite" from O. M., £2; further contributions from Queen Anne Street Mission Sabbath School, Dunfermline, 1 pair socks and neckerchief; Mrs. M., £3.

June 2.—C. S. B., Hillhead, 15s; Miss E., Newcastleton, for emigration, £10; a Friend, per do., 2s 6d; J. L. G., £1 10s; Ladies Working Society, Crown Terrace, Aberdeen, large box clothing, hoods, &c.; Miss G., do., wool, &c.; St. Paul's Bible Class, per Mr. W., £1; Miss M.L., Grangemouth, box of clothing; a Friend, per J. J., Govanhill, parcel of old clothing; J. S., 5s 5d; Miss W., Sandbank, clothing and periodicals; T. K., for emigration, £1; J. and M. C., "to assist two little orphans," 5s; M. E., Greenock, for emigration, £1; Mrs. L., Appin, box of clothing; J. N., Edinburgh, for emigration, £1; J. R. Colclace, 5s; Mrs. S., Uddingston, £1; Miss E. A. C., periodicals for Canada and 10s; An Old Friend, 6 pairs stockings; Stockwell Place Bible Class, per A. M., £1 16s 6d; W. A., Forfar, £2; J. S., to take a child to Canada, £10; a Visitor at Cottage Homes, 10s; "Nemo," to take a child to Canada, £10; a Friend on the West Coast, for emigration, £10; Miss M., Buckleyvie, 5s; East U.P. Church Bible Class, Strathaven, per A. W. D., £1; Mrs. W. S., Longforgan, 7s 6d; Mrs. D. S., Greenock, per Miss T., 45s; Miss B., do., £1; Misses B., do., 5s; Miss J. T., do., £4; Proceeds of Sale, T. C., Govan, 13s 9d; a Young Friend, R. L., 5s; Mrs. R., Bath, parcel of books for children going to Canada; R. R., Hamilton, £5; Mrs. N., Dunlop, per Miss W., £1; Miss W., do., parcel of clothing; Miss M., Helensburgh, quantity of clothing, &c.; Mrs. D., St. Boswells, £1; Mrs. W., Downhill, parcel of old clothing; collected by Miss F., Largs, from Friends, £10 10s; an Anonymous Friend, Crieff, 5s; Clyde Street Port-Dundas Sabbath School, per A. M., £1 3s 6d; Miss M. C. R.'s counter-box, Helensburgh, £1; F. H. M., London, for emigration, £100; collected at sailors meetings, per Miss W. W., £1 5s; a Friend, for emigration, £1; a Friend, for emigration, £10; Walkerburn Christian Fellowship Association, per W. S., 10s; Miss L., £1; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 16s 10d; a Servant, H. K., 7s 6d; Miss J., £1 1s; Miss M. M., 6 pairs mittens; Mrs. M., Edinburgh, £5; For work done, 6s; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £1 10s 5d; Mr. J.'s Bible Class, per J. S., 15s; Mrs. R., 5s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Mrs. P., Tillicoultry, £2; "Kent Road," £1; Paisley Road Free Church Sabbath School, per J. W., £3 4s 7d; "Australian Felix," 10s; Mrs. G., Wishaw, 7s; G. F., 10s; W. J. M., "to feed the hungry and clothe the naked," 10s; a Greenock Joiner, £1; Whip-money, 11s 6d; A. F. P., Alloa, £10 and 30 pairs stockings; Mrs. M'N., parcel of clothing and 1s; a Friend, 6 cotton hats; J. B., "A thankoffering," £1; Miss M., periodicals, &c.; Mrs. W., 12 pairs stockings; Mrs. M. M., £5; found in boxes in May, £1 1s 10d. The following has been sent in for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—W. C., Aberdeen, for Aberdeen Home, £5.

June 16.—From Wigtown, £1; H. M. L., £1; Dr. M'F., per Mrs. B., Edinburgh, 10s; E. K., London, quantity Testaments, &c.; Sandyford Parish Church Sabbath School Association, £1 19s 9d; from a Little Girl, Glencairn, pair of stockings; from a Little Girl in Canada, to help another to Canada, 6s; a Friend in East of Scotland, £50; A. M., Peterhead, to help two little children to Canada, £10; Mrs. W. S., Ottago, £2; Mrs. P., per do., £1; Mrs. G., Aberdeen, £1; "From a Friend, C," £3; Collection at meeting in Alloa, £5 4s; E. G. B., Alloa, 10s 6d; from a Wellwisher, Edinburgh, 1s 6d; J. A. B., Paisley, to help to feed the children, £10; Miss D., 6s; G. B., Aberdeen, the widow's mite, £1; from one who feels much interest in the blessed work, Row postmark, £2; Miss C. C., Queenstown, to take a boy to Canada, £10; a Friend, to help on the good work, £5; D. M. S., for emigration, £2 1s 5d; Miss M'N., Ibroxholm, £2; Mrs. D., Dumbarton, 9 pairs socks; Miss J., Springburn, parcel clothing; Lady J. G., 11 pairs socks; J. D., Aberdeen, to assist a girl to Canada, £10; from a Sympathiser, Baillieston, £1; Mrs. C., Hamilton, to assist little ones to Canada, 5s; Pollok Street U.P. Church Congregational Sabbath School, per A. L., £1 10s; Pollok Street U.P. Church Mission Sabbath School, per do., £2 3s; A. L. M'N., Kilmelfort, Argyleshire, £5; legacy from the late Mrs. A. L. B., per R. & J. M. H. B. & Co., £50; Miss S., Helensburgh, 5 pairs socks; A. C., £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission:—E. P. S., £10; Mrs. R., Crosshill, parcel of clothing; "The Lord's Tenth," 16s; Two Workers, Bridge-of-Weir, £1; Bethany Sabbath School, 5s 3d; Mrs. M'F., £5; Mrs. C., Edinburgh, per Mrs. T., 17 pairs stockings; a Friend in East of Scotland, £50; J. M'F., 15 loaves; money repaid by a girl helped in the Homes, £10; Mr. W., Craignish, £1; a Friend, £1; G. R., Dundee, £5; Capt. J. S., £5.

June 30.—J. G. O., per L. T. C., for current expenses of Invalid Home, £150; J. J. K., Hillhead, 5 pairs socks; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £1 12s 7d; Mrs. M., Govan, 3s; School Girls Working Club, Dundee, per Mrs. J., large parcel of clothing; J. C. S., Manchester, to assist a boy and girl to Canada, £20; Mrs. D., to assist the good work, £1; from a Friend, per S. G., Auchencairn, £1; M. D., £1; from an Old Woman, as a small acknowledgment, 10s; from Girls of a Bible Class in the South Parish Church, Aberdeen, box of clothing; from Cripples' Home, Edinburgh, a box of dolls; Miss H., Hamilton, knitted bedquilt for Invalid Home; "Rohr," £2; collected from friends in Campbelltown, by Miss M. E. M., £5 16s 6d; Miss H. D. C., Innishonain, Loch Awe, £3; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 17s 7d. The following donations have been sent in for the City Home Refuge and Mission:—J. & A. M., Wishaw, large parcel clothing; from a Friend 2 pairs socks; Mrs. M., £1; S. & D., Laurencekirk, parcel of clothing; A.

B. C., Callander, £1; D. I., Kirkcaldy, for evangelistic work, £1; Do., for the children, £5; a Humble Friend, Alloa, parcel of clothing; R. H., 12 loaves bread; Mrs. T., Helensburgh, £1.

July 14.—Houston Free Church Sabbath School, 15s; Mrs. B., per A. B., Helensburgh, £5; Cardonald Sabbath School, per J. F., £1 13s 3d; J. T. & Co., London, 2 half-chests of tea; the Misses B.'s Sewing Class, Leeds, parcel of clothing; "The Lord's Tenth," 8s; Mrs. S., Partick, 5s; Mrs. B., Crosshill, large rocking-horse; "From one whom our Father has helped much," £1; Mr. D., Aberdeen, per A. C. B., £1; from two friends, with best wishes, £1 5s; Mrs. C., Largs, 10s; Mr. W. C., do., 7s 6d; Miss O., do., 5s; Mrs. B., do., 5s; Mrs. A. J., do., 5s; Mrs. C., do., 5s; Mrs. F., Fairlie, 5s; Mrs. H., Largs, 3s; Miss J., do., 2s. (The above sums from Largs were collected by Miss B.) From friends visiting at the Cottage Homes, £1 5s; from a few spoolers in Anchor Mills, Paisley, per S. B., £1; legacy of the late Mrs. J. R., per D. B. & S., less legacy duty, £45; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 19s; Mrs. K., Stehousemuir, 5s; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £1 19s 7d; A. C., Grangemouth, £1; Mrs. W. S., Bridge-of-Weir, parcel of clothing; the Misses G., Rothesay, £2; from Wigtown, £1; J. M. H., Tayinloan, Argyleshire, £20; G. M. K., Lochgilhead, 10s; J. R., per J. S., £2; A. B., £1; two Friends, £2; Miss A. M., Ceres, Fife, 2s 6d; a Christian Servant, per do., 2s 6d; "The Widow's Mite," Greenock postmark, £1; Mrs. D., Dumbarton, £2; Auchtergaven U.P. Church Congregational Bible Class, per J. S., 9s 9d; W. S., £1. The following donations have been sent in for the City Home Refuge and Mission:—Mrs. A. F., Alloa, 5s; found in boxes at City Home during June, £1 4s 2d; M. R., a number of bouquets of flowers; Mrs. A., £50; R. M., lot of "Christian" and "Christian Leader;" "Give and it shall be given unto you," £1 18s 3d; Mr. M'F., 14 quartern loaves; W. Bros., rope, twine, &c., to value of £2 5s 11d; R. L. A., lot tracts, books, &c.; Mrs. T. G. P., Hamilton, £1; from a Friend, per Miss M., Ceres, 10s; E. H., Duns, £5; A. T., East Kilbride, 10s; G. L., £1; a Thankoffering, Glasgow postmark, £1; J. E. M., on her birthday, 2s 6d.

July 28.—From an Old Cobbler, 10s; saved pennies of some little girls for the orphans, 2s; Crieff Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, per H. M., 17s 8d; Rev. J. L. P., Carnforth, £2; a Friend, per do., £5; Mrs. H., Jedburgh, £1; D. G., Hawick, 3s; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £1 2s 6d; an Unknown Friend, large parcel of *Good Words* and *Sunday Magazines*; W. C., £2 10s; G. L., 7s; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 9s 11d; Mrs. I. S., Milliken Park, box of clothing; A. W., Dunfermline, £20; in memory of a loved one gone home, for bread for the little ones, 5s. The following donations have been sent in for the City Home Refuge and Mission:—W. J., £2 6s; a Friend, 5s; Mr. M'F., 9 quartern loaves; Erskine Church Mission, per Mr. M'F., £1; Mr. M'F., 6 loaves and 90 rolls; from a Friend, large lot of small Gospel books, &c.; Mrs. F., Duntocher, parcel of clothing; G. H., High Blantyre, 7s 6d.

August 11.—J. D., £15; Working Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, Port-Glasgow, per D. M. M., £1 17s 6d; "The Lord's Tenth," 8s; Whip-money, 1s 6d; Miss G., Kilmalcolm, basket of strawberries for invalids; W. M., Ballachulish, £3; Miss H., Bridge-of-Allan, £1; Mr. R., on board ship, £1; J. L., Toronto, Canada (50 dollars), £10 8s 4d; a Little Boy in Canada (1 dollar), 4s 2d; Henderson Memorial Sabbath School, per R. H., for emigration, £2; Crosslee (Paisley) Sabbath School, 18s; Mrs. D., Dumbarton, £1; a Friend, Stirling, £2; "A Shore Labourer," Aberdeen, per R. G., 2s 6d; from Lauriston Parish Church, Sabbath School, per J. M. A., £1; a Friend, a knitted skirt; D. M. S., for emigration, 19s 3d; Queen Anne Street Church, Dunfermline, Sabbath School, per R. M., £2 14s; A. M., 10s; Miss C. C. C., 2s 6d. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Mrs. R. C., £1; found in boxes in July, 14s 1d; from Oban, two boxes clothing, &c.; R. M'D., £2 2s; Mrs. M'N., Kilmelfort, box of clothing; Mrs. A., Edinburgh, £5; from a Mother, parcel of clothing; "From the Master's Treasury," Grangemouth, £2; Boys in Sabbath Class, Mission School, Bo'ness, per E. C. K., 4s; Miss S., Dollar, £1. The following has been sent in for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—A. C. B., Aberdeen, for Aberdeen Home, £30.

August 25.—Proceeds of a missionary box, £3; from "Wigtown," £1; Mrs. T., Bridge-of-Weir, quantity of gooseberries and preserves; a little girl's reward pence, laid aside for Bridge-of-Weir Homes, 5s; Mrs. A. M'N., per R. B., 5s; J. E. C. C., Chartwell, £20; Miss M., £2; Dr. M., Kirriemuir, £1; from W. T.'s Bible-class, Dalkeith, £1; W. W. S., Norwich, 5s; W. H., Jedburgh, 10s; Townhill S. S., Dunfermline, per J. S., £3; W. L., £1; from friends, per Mrs. B., Kilmalcolm, £4; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £2 12s 6d; G. B., Wigan, 10s. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—From friends, per Mrs. J. B. G., Caithness, £4; a Friend, Greenock, parcel of clothing; Mrs. E., Pollokshields, socks, stockings, &c., and £1; Mrs. C., Lenzie, basket of gooseberries; Mrs. W. M. F., quantity of collars; Mrs. M., quantity of clothing; a Friend, Stirling, 12 pairs socks; a little girl, L. L., 2s; J. M'F., £2; J. M'F., 10s; loaves and 19 rolls.

September 8.—A. A., 5s; two Friends, £1; W. J. G., £10; W. D., Faringdon, Berks, £5; J. S., Kilmarnock, £1; Mrs. C., London, £2 2s; W. S., £1; from Stirling, two parcels clothing and boots; Miss S. C. J., 11 hoods and 7 pairs cuffs; a Lady visiting

Bridge-of-Weir Homes, £1; additional legacy of the late Mrs. Janet Russell, per David Bird & Son, writers, £25; Pollokshields U.P. Church Sabbath School Society, per R. C., £4 2s 4d; J. G. C., Paisley, £2; found in boxes, £1 5s 6d; a Widow's Thankoffering, 10s; J. S., Aberdeen, £4 8s; Stirling Working Boys and Girls' Religious Society, per J. T., £1 4s; D. M. S., for emigration, £2 11s 8d; M. S., Lenzie, £1; Miss L., per J. L., Toronto, £20 11s; "A United Offering," £5; A. M., £5; A. L., Broxburn, £1; anonymous parcel of notes, gold, silver, and copper, amounting to £7 11s 5d; H. L., Edinburgh, 5s; A. and W. M., Partick, 5s; Mrs. J., 10s and a parcel of clothing; C. G. B., Broughty Ferry, 10s; R. L., Aberdeen, 3s; from "A Poor Girl, to help the orphans," Huntly postmark, 5s; from "Wigtown," £1. The following donations have been sent us for City Home Refuge and Mission:—Mrs. S., 12 pairs socks; Mrs. P., Croydon, £2; from the B. G. B. S., 7 pairs socks and 4 petticoats; Mrs. M., magazines, &c.; Mrs. M., Blantyre, parcel of clothing; J. M., £1; T. D., 2 bags salt; found in boxes, 11s 7½d; an Old Worker, 10s; E. J., Cheltenham, £2; result of reading "Jessica's First Prayer" at Appin, 11s; Mr. M'B., Rothesay, £1; Friends at Sandbank, quantity of useful clothing; a Friend on the West Coast, £30; Trinity Free Church Forenoon Meeting, per A. F., 14s 9d. The following has been sent in for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—The friend, Alloa, who promised to build the "Alloa Home," £1500.

September 22.—Anonymous, with best wishes, Glasgow postmark, £1; W. S., £1; Mrs. D., Dumbarton, £1; A. C., 2s 6d; J. H., £5; Mrs. M., Ayr, to take a girl to Canada, £10; C. A. R., £10; a Friend, Ceres, Fife, 10s; collected by Boys' and Girls' Religious Society, Alloa, per W. M., £1 10s; "In Memory of Little Willie's Birthday," Aberdeen, £1; Rossland Sabbath Class, Bishopton, per T. G., 10s; Miss E., Hillhead, parcel of clothing and £5; Free Church S.S., Crossford, Lanark, per Mr. O., £1 2s 6d; "Nemo," £10; Mrs. R. B., Blairmore, £1; a Friend, Garnethill, £1; Gourcock Parish Church Sabbath Schools, per L. M., £1 1s; Victoria Free Church Sabbath Schools, per A. M., £1 0s 3d; found in boxes at Bridge-of-Weir Homes, £2 18s 2½d; Miss E., Aberdeen, £1; "a Lover of little children," 5s; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 9s; J. T., Kilmalcolm, £12; Mrs. J. T., do., £5; "Wee Alick," do., £3; a Young Friend, Canada, £5; E. M'A., Stirlingshire, £10; Miss M'P., for Bibles, £1; "A Thankoffering," per M. M. B., 5s; W. L., Portobello, £1; M. P., in stamps, 5s; Mrs. and Miss M., Montgomeryshire, £2; J. H., £1. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Miss C., £1; Mrs. B., Leven, Fife, a box of clothing; Friends in Hawick 14s; Two Workers, 10s; "The Lord's Tenth," 8s; a Friend, "to help the children," 6s; "Saved pennies of boys at Cessnock to help their poorer brethren," £3 10s; G. S. B., £5; Miss M., Pollokshields, old clothing; a Friend, stockings; Mrs. T., parcel of clothing; Mr. M'F., parcel of books; A. C., 2s hares.

October 6.—L. K. S., Manchester, to pay for six children to Canada, £60; Mrs. A., Largs, parcel of clothing; W. B. H., Matlock, 10s 6d; J. A., parcel of striped cotton and £1; collected by Miss E. W., Bannockburn, from friends, £2 10s; Whip-money, 13s; Rossie Y.W.C.A., quantity of clothing, 54 articles; W. S., £2; R. M'G., jun., Moscow, per R. B., £2; Mrs. W. M., 12 pairs stockings; Mrs. F., 6 pairs stockings, &c.; M. M'M., Edinburgh, £2; Miss B., per do., £1; "An Ayrshire Farmer," £20; Mrs. R., Bath, £2; Miss M., £2; Mrs. G., quantity of toys; "A Thankoffering for the Bairns," £1; J. P., to take two boys to Canada, £20; Friends, Newburgh, per Miss A. D., £1 14s; D. M'A., £2; W. C., £2; A. B., £50; "A Birthday Thankoffering," £1; Miss S. G., Blairgowrie, 2s; Mrs. M'Q., Bunessan, 10s; collection at Adelaide Place Baptist Church, per H. B., £6 9s 2d; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 14s 8d; Mrs. M. H., Fairlie, parcel of clothing; found in boxes at Cottage Homes, £4 17s 7d; a Friend, per J. C., Laurencekirk, 4s; Mrs. M'N., £5; "Agnes," Maryhill, in stamps, 4s; Miss M., Dundee, £1; Wigtown, £1; St. Andrew's Hall Children's Church, Leith, per A. R., £2 3s 8d; Mrs. T., 7 pairs stockings and socks; E. J. T. J., Rothesay, for bread and butter, £1, 6 pairs stockings, and 5 shirts; A. B., £1; Mrs. P., 10s. The following has been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Kilmalcolm, £1; Mrs. M., quantity of rolls; an Ayrshire Farmer, for evangelistic work, £10; Missionary Collections during year of Children at Cottage Homes to help their poorer brethren, £10 1s 9½d; Two Workers, £1; Mrs. L., 10s; "Whiteside," 6 pairs stockings; found in boxes, 18s 1d; D. I., Kirkcaldy, £5; J. M. P., £2; Miss M'K., parcel of clothing.

October 20.—J. S. H., £10; J. H. N. G., £5; Mrs. M'N., 10s; Miss G. B., £1; Proceeds of Bazaar held by Three Little Girls, £1 10s; St. James's U.P. Church Sabbath School, Paisley, per N. P., £3; Miss G., £1; Sighthill Free Church Sabbath School, £2 1s; R. G., £2; R. G., jun., £2; Miss B., Leeds, 10s; Lyon Street Free Church Sabbath School, 12s 2d; N. M., jun., Sorbie, £1; A. B. K., £30; Mrs. T., 10s; J. G. P., Hamilton, £1; Free Church Sabbath School, Stewarton, per H. W., 17s 6d; a Friend, £1; Proceeds of Lectures by Rev. R. S. in U.P. Church, Kilmalcolm, £6; R. B., Greenock, the efforts of Three Little Girls, £1 7s 3d; A. S. C., Paisley, £5; collected by Miss T. N., Moffat, £9 13s; "Somebody," £1; a Friend, Edinburgh, to take ten children to Canada, £100; A. D., Crosshill, for Cottage Homes, £2; Friends in Drymen, £1 10s; Miss H., Pitlochrie, £1 and 8 pairs stockings; Miss C. M. A. S., do., 10s; a parcel of underclothing had by

a class of scholars in Hamilton, per E. T. M'F.; a Young Friend, 5s; G. S., £30; Mrs. S., 10s; Mrs. G., £1; J. H., Kilmarnock, 5s; Miss S., odd wools, &c.; Miss L., Lenzie, £1; W. D. M., Carlisle, £1; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 13s 9d, also parcel of clothing; Mrs. J. C., Langbank, £2; Minister's Class, Free Church, Largs, per G. J., £1 3s 6d; Young Christians' Work Society, Edinburgh, per Miss A. L., 5s; J. L., Govan, P.O. order, £1; J. A. A., £3. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—Mrs. T., £10; J. and B. S., 2 procession loaves; "The Lord's Tenth," 8s; A. B. K., £20; Miss M., Stirling, 25 boys' shirts and 42 chemises; W. B., quantity of pastry; "Give and it shall be given unto you," £20s 8d; Mrs. A., Edinburgh, £1; Miss A., do., £1; J. J., Paisley, 2 loads meal; J. S., parcel of underclothing; Partick Free High Church Sabbath School, per D. M'A., £1 6s 6d; Mrs. M. Cambuslang, parcel of clothing; Miss F., Cellardyke, box of clothing; Mrs. A., Cambuslang, £1; Mrs. C., Strathaven, cast-off clothing; M. P., Greenock, 3 shirts and 2 pairs socks; Gallowgate Branch Young Men's Christian Association, 10s; A. D., Crosshill, £1; G. S., £50; Miss J. A. K., Staleybridge, £10; Mrs. F., Duntocher, parcel of clothing; Mrs. M'L., 4s; Mr. M., quantity of rolls; Mrs. C., parcel of old clothing; Children attending Althly Sabbath Forenoon Mission Services, per A. O. L., £2. The following donations have been sent for Orphan Homes Building Fund:—M. C., "For a few stones in the new Homes," £10; "Rohr," for new building scheme, £5.

Received till October 31.—Found in boxes at Cottage Homes, 10s 8½d; Mrs. K., 10s; J. M'C., 10s; H. M., for new blankets in the cold weather, 5s; West Free Church Sabbath School, Thurso, per W. C., £2 1s 9d; W. C., do., 3s 3d; A. J., Kirkcudbright, £1; Two Sisters, Dunoon, £2; Miss A., 6 knitted petticoats; W. M'K., Elderslie, for blankets, £5; R. L., Aberdeen, 3s; W. C., £1; J. B., Govanhill, £1; Mrs. M., parcel of clothing; A. C., Govanhill, £1; Miss H., 6 hats; Miss M'C., Gourcock, 24 pairs stockings and socks; T. B., £10; Mrs. L., 10s; Mrs. R., Inverness, £10; M. S., Edinburgh, 10s; Two Young Friends, do., 2s 8d; "Little Boys in the Country," £1; Mrs. W. D., Falkirk, 2s 6d; Miss G., do., 2s 6d; W. J., Belfast, for apples for the little ones, 2s 6d; D. M. S., for emigration, £1 11s 1d; A. T., Bridge-of-Weir, 14 bags potatoes; M. G., Gourcock, 10s; Mrs. W., do., 10s; Mrs. S., do., £1; T. S., Helensburgh, £50. The following donations have been sent in for City Home Refuge and Mission Work:—T. K., £10; Mrs. M'N., parcel of clothing; Mr. G., London, £1; Mrs. B.'s Mothers' Meeting, 12s; H. K. L., Beith, £5; P. M'N., £5; Dowanhill U.P. Church Sabbath School Magic Lantern Entertainment, £1 8s 6d; W. B., old clothing; W. L., Paisley, £1; R. C., magazines; J. M'D., a little mite, £1; Surplus of Demonstration Expenses from Workmen of Elder & Co., Govan, per M. H., £2 0s 6d; "The Lord's Tenth," 8s; Mr. T., £1; "An offering of gratitude from one who received help in time of need," £1; from Sandbank, clothing and £1; "To help to put the balance on the right side, £1; S. F., Hawick, 6 petticoats and 6 pairs small stockings; Miss L., Crosshill, 24 pairs socks.

A FEW OF THE FORTY CASES DEALT WITH IN OCTOBER, 1883.

J. and S. B. at their parents' death became chargeable to the Parochial Board, by whose requisition they are now admitted. Ages 9 and 7.

J. C., a girl of 13, has proved very ungrateful to her grandparents, who brought her up. Instead of being a help and blessing to them in their old age, she has been selling their goods and robbing them of their money to spend with companions.

L. L., while only 13, has got quite demoralised through the influence of a step-mother, who drinks, and is now leading the younger children astray; very untruthful, and has been staying out at night.

P. and T. M'K., 11 and 9 years.—Mother widow for a year; is going to service, and all her earnings will be required to pay for a younger child's board.

M. M'S., 19.—Belongs to a family where drink has done terrible work, beginning with the mother, who, in her 40 years' married life, has not been five sober. Several of the family have followed in her footsteps to a greater or less extent. M. has for years been boon companion with the wretched woman, helping to sell the household goods and drink the proceeds, as well as the father's hard-earned wages. He has held excellent positions, and furnished three houses comfortably, just to have them swept clean in this manner. Let us hope that M. at least is now saved from impending ruin.

W. G. and R. T. W., 8 and 6 years.—Brought here in accordance with their father's dying request, by friends who have families of their own.

C. L., whose sister was admitted on the 9th, took a younger brother along with her, and remained away from home (sleeping in closets, &c.) for 10 days before they were discovered.

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

Dr. ABSTRACT OF CASH TRANSACTIONS, for the Year ending 31st October, 1888. Cr.

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| Oct. 31, 1882. | Oct. 31, 1883. |
| To Balance at date, being Cash on hand and in Bank, .. | £563 15 11 |
| Oct. 31, 1883. | |
| To Donations and Legacies received during Year, .. | £4829 8 71 |
| " Found in Boxes at Cottage Homes during Year, .. | 22 18 5 |
| " Proceeds of Gifts, Photographs, and Sundry Articles, .. | 31 12 104 |
| " Rent of Nittinghill Farm and Lodge at Cessnock, .. | 84 5 0 |
| " Received from other Institutions for expenses of children emigrated to Canada, .. | 185 12 4 |
| " Wages earned by Boys, .. | 148 19 3 |
| " Interest from Bank, .. | 27 9 8 |
| | £3890 6 11 |
| | £5894 1 31 |
| By General Expenses of Fourteen Homes at Elmpark, Cessnock, and Bridge-of-Weir, .. | £2750 6 64 |
| " Wages to Superintendents, Matrons, Kitchen Servants, &c., .. | 578 19 4 |
| " Furniture, Alterations, Repairs, &c., during Year, .. | 81 9 54 |
| " Rents, Taxes, and Insurance, .. | 207 16 94 |
| " Emigration Expenses of 186 Children sent to Canada, .. | 1186 0 1 |
| " Donations in Money to Miss Billbrough, Marchmont Home, Belleville, Canada, .. | 333 0 0 |
| " Reward Pennies to Children for Good Conduct, .. | 44 6 2 |
| " Printing, Stationery, Postages, Photographs, and Advertising, .. | 101 1 11 |
| " Medical Attendance, .. | 8 17 0 |
| " Cash in Union Bank on Deposit Receipt, .. | £250 0 0 |
| " Do, do, on Current Account, .. | 293 6 2 |
| " Cash in hand, .. | 3 0 10 |
| | *546 7 0 |
| | £5894 1 31 |

Above £300 of this is specially for Emigration, and the balance is subject to Rents, Wages, &c., due 11th November.

GLASGOW, 10th November, 1883.—I have audited the Books containing the Intromissions of Mr. Quarrier for year ending 31st October, 1883, in connection with the Orphan Homes of Scotland and Destitute Children's Emigration Homes, compared the relative Vouchers and his various acknowledgments of the 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 Three Pounds and Ten-pence, and the Sum of Five Hundred and Forty-Three Pounds Six Shillings and Two-pence in the Bank.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

ORPHAN COTTAGE HOMES BUILDING ACCOUNT.

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| Oct. 31, 1882. | Oct. 31, 1883. | | |
| To Balance at date, being Cash in Bank and on hand, | £243 11 6 ¹ / ₂ | By Payments to Sundry Tradesmen for work done during the Year, | £1500 0 0 |
| To Donations and Legacies received during Year, | 5095 6 10 | " Cash in Union Bank, on Deposit Receipt, | 79 9 3 |
| " Interest from Bank on Deposit Receipts and Current Account, | 42 12 11 | " do, do, on Current Account, | 11 8 11 ¹ / ₂ |
| " Sum paid back by one of the Tradesmen, | 7 10 1 | " do, do, on Current Account, | 1590 18 2 ¹ / ₂ |
| | £5389 1 4 ¹ / ₂ | | £5389 1 4 ¹ / ₂ |

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

GLASGOW, 10th November, 1883.—I beg to certify that the Sum in Bank on 31st October, 1883, at the credit of the Building Account of the "Orphan Cottage Homes" amounts, as stated above, to One Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy-Nine Pounds Nine Shillings and Three-pence, and Eleven Pounds Eight Shillings and Eleven-pence Halfpenny on hand.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

CITY ORPHAN HOME REFUGE AND MISSION.

Dr. ABSTRACT OF CASH TRANSACTIONS, for the Year ending 31st October, 1883. Cr.

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| Oct. 31, 1882. | Oct. 31, 1883. |
| To Balance at date, being Cash in Bank and on hand, | £100 18 64 |
| To Balance at date, | £100 18 64 |
| To Donations and Legacies received during Year, .. £1449 0 0 | |
| " Wages earned by Boys, .. £801 8 14 | |
| " Less Premium of One Penny per Shilling to Working Boys on Wages, and Reward Pennies for Good Conduct, 100 6 44 | |
| | 701 1 9 |
| " Collections at Evangelistic Meetings and Found in Boxes at Home, 76 17 6 | |
| " Proceeds of Hymn Books, Gifts, and Sundry Articles, 41 7 11 | |
| " Interest from Bank, 1 7 5 | |
| | 2269 14 7 |
| | £2370 13 13 |
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| By General Expenses of City Home and Refuge, Food, &c., | £1427 11 5 |
| " Wages to Superintendents, Matrons, Kitchen Servants, &c., | 228 9 0 |
| " Furniture, Alterations, and Repairs, | 118 7 0 |
| " Relief given to necessitous cases, Funerals of Poor Persons, and Street Children's Annual Treat, | 52 12 54 |
| " Evangelistic Expenses, including Rents of Halls, Payment of Evangelists, Tracts, Advertising, &c., | 335 15 14 |
| | £2162 15 0 |
| " Cash in Clydesdale Bank, Current Account, | 202 15 11 |
| " Cash on Hand, | 6 2 24 |
| | 207 18 13 |
| | £2370 13 13 |

GLASGOW, 10th November, 1883.—I have audited the Books containing the Intromissions for year ending 31st October, 1883, 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 Two Shillings and Two-pence Three-farthings, and the Sum of Two Hundred and Two Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Eleven-pence in Bank.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

CITY HOME REFUGE AND MISSION.

THIS house continues to be one of the most useful agencies of our country in the help it affords to the sin-tossed, houseless and friendless youths of our land. The work connected with it is varied in its character, from the fact that so many different branches are carried on under its roof. One of the principal of these is a

HOME FOR WORKING LADS.

where any destitute boy from 14 to 18 years of age, able and willing to work, is taken in and cared for in the same way as a respectable father would do. In the past year more than 100 such have been sheltered, and at present we have about 70 under our care, apprenticed to trades such as joiners, printers, ironworkers, painters, etc., in different places in the city. They return home for meals, or if too far away are provided with them like any other workman. Night school is held in the building, and the boys are encouraged in every way to improve themselves so as to get on in the world. Their wages—3s. 6d., 5s., or 10s. a week, or whatever they may be—are given up to us, and each boy receives 1d. off every shilling he earns for pocket-money, while we provide them with clothing and all other necessaries. A glance at the Cash Statement will show how much they have contributed towards their own support during the year. Many of them had had a hard time of it before coming to us. The habits and character formed make it a very difficult task to bring them into subjection to the regulations of the house. It is the constant aim of our helpers and ourselves to get them to act in a way that shall be beneficial to themselves and at the same time a credit to those who are interested in and working for them. We find that the relations and would-be friends are in many cases the lads' worst enemies, and as they often come in contact with them in going to and from their employment, we find it hard to undo the influence for evil thus brought to bear on them. Notwithstanding all the obstacles a number of them have decided for the Lord, and are now seeking to serve Him. This in some measure compensates for the trials we have with some of the others; but we do not rest satisfied, and are looking for much greater results.

The next important department is the

HOME OR SHELTER FOR YOUNG WOMEN

out of situations as domestic servants or otherwise, and in danger of going astray. Few of this class came or were brought to us during the year; happily this may have arisen through their having been able to secure pretty constant work in mills, warehouses, &c., which they prefer in most cases to domestic service. They have a certain amount of freedom and the evenings to themselves, and are thus reluctant to take a place in a private family which would be very much more conducive to their future well being. Many of this class are indolent and thriftless in their habits, and need a lot of training even when they do make up their minds to rise above their old level. The house is always open to receive such for training, and after trial we provide them with a suitable outfit and find them places. During the year we have helped quite a number, and have placed 29 in situations, where most of them are doing well.

THE CHILDREN'S NIGHT REFUGE

is another branch of the work, and the doors are open to receive at any time any child found sleeping-out, begging, or deserted. From 100 to 200 of such have been dealt with during the year, few if any of whom came with a true story of their previous life. It requires no small amount of caution and wisdom to get at the facts; but past experience among this class enables us to estimate their real character before they are very long under investigation. We have been the means of returning many a little wanderer to seeking parents. The following cases will give friends some idea of the kind of children we have to deal with:—

T—G—, a lad of 13, gave a false name and a carefully concocted story about his parents' illness and death, etc., so that we had considerable trouble before discovering them in a neighbouring town. He was handed over to them. He had been away for days and weeks at a time before.

M—A—, a little girl of 10, told a very plausible story about her parents' death and the cruel treatment of an aunt which compelled her to leave. Father and mother were found living apart, and the latter, to whom she was returned, came to tell us two days afterwards that she was away again. Instances of this kind are numerous, and show the necessity for immediate removal to better training and surroundings if the child is to be saved from a life of crime.

D—M—, 12½, and J—A—, 11, two youthful adventurers from Dundee. The former had stolen and pawned his sister's jacket to pay travelling expenses and keep things going until fortune smiled on them. The other has already an unenviable history, having been several times in the Police Office. Once when he was let off with a few days' imprisonment, a companion got five years. Both were sent back to their parents.

C—F—, 12 years, came to us under another name from "the Tent." Said both parents were dead—father one, and mother six months—that they lived for three years in the lot of houses which have just been pulled down in the High Street, and so did not know where anyone who knew him lived, etc. Although it was perfectly clear to us that this was all a fabrication he would not recant even when a policeman was called, and only the taste of a strap on his fingers, with the prospect of a more vigorous application, made him confess and give his father's address, at Parkhead, to whom he was returned.

A—G—, 12, and M— and A—H—, 8 and 4 years, came through from Edinburgh. The oldest expected to be able to keep the others, whom she represented as her sister and brother. Her plans got frustrated through her inexperienced confederates betraying themselves when questioned apart. The father of the younger two came in answer to a telegram, and explained that A— had got 7s. to pay the landlord, but kept the money for her Glasgow excursion, and meeting her two cousins on their way to school, persuaded them to accompany her. A— was never away from home before, but had taken things out of the house and sold them to obtain some coveted article. It was surprising the tenacity with which she clung to her false statements, only relinquishing point after point when she saw the truth was fully known.

RECEIVING HOUSE FOR OUR OTHER HOMES.

The City Home, in addition to the permanent work carried on within its walls, is the Receiving House for the other Homes at Bridge-of-Weir and the Govan Road.

Every child admitted to either of these, first passes through this Home, where the cases are thoroughly investigated, involving more labour and thought than many friends are aware of. The children are brought to us by their nearest relatives, or by missionaries, Bible-women, and others, and we have to be satisfied that they are really destitute, and have no other one able or willing to keep them before we admit them. Many others are sent to us by friends interested, who, themselves, make all necessary enquiries, and write recommending the case or cases to us. We are always glad to assist our friends by taking really deserving ones whom they send to us. There are many other applications of a different nature brought before us, and we sometimes feel as if we were moral consulting physicians giving advice to heart-broken parents with refractory children, men and women out of work or in trying circumstances, and others. The summary gives some idea of the greatness of the work carried on in the numbers that have been dealt with.

The last, but not the least department of this branch, is the

MISSION AND EVANGELISTIC WORK

which God has blessed in the past to the salvation of hundreds of precious souls. The generous gift of our friend in the East of Scotland enabled us to engage a missionary who for six months has been visiting in the district around, assisted by a large staff of voluntary workers. Regular meetings are held in our own hall on Sabbath forenoons for children and young people, and are attended by from three to four hundred, of whom one hundred are inmates of the Home. In connection with these, week-night classes, Band of Hope meetings, magic lantern entertainments, etc., were given during the winter, and many of the young people received a blessing. Our Sabbath and Wednesday evening Gospel meetings conducted by ministers, evangelists, and others, were well attended during the year and resulted in the gathering in of souls to the kingdom. In addition to these we have put forth special efforts by renting large halls in the city and inviting tried evangelists, such as Richard Weaver, George Williams, the Gipsies Smith and others.

In November and December last Richard Weaver conducted five weeks' services throughout the city. He addressed large meetings in the National and St. Andrew's Halls on Sabbaths, and during the week in Annisland Hall, Partick Free Church, East Campbell Street Free Church, and the Albion Hall. The faithful preaching of this honoured servant of the Master was well calculated to awaken the slumbering consciences of the careless and indifferent and to rouse the backsliders, and many of these classes were brought into living contact with the Lord Jesus, and are now members in various churches.

The Gipsies Smith came to us in April last, and for three weeks in the City Home Hall told in simple language how the Lord had saved and kept them and was able to save and keep others also.

In October Mr. George Barnes also conducted three weeks' meetings, which were largely attended and greatly blessed to those who had the privilege of hearing him. We have been greatly cheered from time to time by hearing of and meeting with those who have been brought out of darkness into light through the instrumentality of our special efforts. The undenominational character of the Mission makes it well calculated to be a link between the Church and the lapsed masses of our city, many of whom have through the influence of our work and workers been brought into church fellowship. We always endeavour to get the converts to connect themselves with one or other of the churches where they will be under a faithful ministry, and become a source of strength to the Church at large. We hope to be able to extend our borders in this direction by inviting other tried labourers whose preaching has been blessed to the class amongst whom we seek to labour, and thus hasten the coming of His Kingdom who is Lord of all and whose right it is to reign.

SUMMARY.

CITY ORPHAN HOME.—On the 31st of October, 1882, we had 58 boys and 24 girls in the Home, and during the year 321 boys and 233 girls have been admitted, which give 636 as the total number dealt with, as under:—

BOYS.—69 to Bridge-of-Weir Homes; 81 to Cessnock and Elmpark Homes, Govan Road; 15 to Canada; 23 left and went to lodgings, etc.; 5 were dismissed; 2 absconded with wages; 1 shipped as steward; 1 sent to coal pits; 2 to Cumberland training ship; 1 to hospital; 1 died; and 109 were restored to friends, which leaves 69 in the Home.

GIRLS.—64 were sent to Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir; 45 to Elmpark; 29 to service; 5 left of their own accord; 3 were sent to Canada; 1 to New Zealand; 3 to infirmaries; 4 were adopted; 82 were sent to friends, and we have now 21 with us.

While a large proportion of those returned to friends have been in Glasgow and neighbourhood, others were sent to places far and wide, such as New Zealand, Liverpool, Dublin, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Greenock, Paisley, Hawick, Johnstone, Helensburgh, Bo'ness, etc., etc.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR.—The year commenced with 195 children; 165 new cases have been received from City, Cessnock, and Elmpark Homes, giving a total of 360, disposed of as follows:—Sent to Canada, 67; to service, 5; died, 2; returned to friends, 8; sent to Glasgow Homes, 5; leaving at present in the Homes, 273.

CESSNOCK AND ELMARK HOMES.—The year commenced with 105 children in the Homes; 127 new cases have been received from the City Home, making a total of 232, disposed of as follows:—Sent to Canada, 77; 1 died; ran away, 4; to Bridge-of-Weir, 32; returned to relatives, 28; leaving at present in the Homes, 90.

During the year we have permanently helped 682 children, and in the same time temporary assistance has been given to 250 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 932 who have passed through the Homes.

About 200 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 our missionary and workers.

OUTSIDE WORK.—The numbers who come to the City Home for advice and assistance are continually increasing. 4000 is a good deal under the mark for this year, so that while the 636 children enumerated above may seem a large number, it gives no adequate or even approximate idea of the multitude of cases from which they were selected, nor of the spiritual results of faithful loving words in "season," as well as temporal good accomplished in dealing with them.

Pecuniary help is often bestowed after due investigation and consideration, in such a manner as not only meets the urgency of the case, but also reduces to the minimum the risk of abuse or misappropriation.

During the year many weary, destitute ones who could not be taken in have felt thankful for the 454 tickets given to "model" lodging houses.

Many are not aware of the difficulty poor people often have in getting a "subscriber's line" for an infirmary, and hence the great demand on us. Our friends will confer a favour by sending one or more as they can spare, thus saving time and labour in searching for them, and we will be responsible for their being bestowed on proper persons. During the past year we gave 40 "lines" for Infirmaries, and 16 for Convalescent Homes.

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 £148 19s. 3d. earned by boys, £5144 13s. 9½d.; for the City Home Refuge and Mission, including £701 1s. 9d. earned by boys, £2269 14 7d.; and for Orphan Homes of Scotland Building Fund, £5137 19s. 9d.—the total amount for all purposes being £12,552 8s. 1½d., besides large quantities of clothing and provisions. This amount, large as it is, has all been needed for the increased work of the year just closed. We feel sure that those who have carefully perused the Narrative will see that there is still much to be done, and will sympathise with us in our endeavours to rescue more of the perishing little ones in the coming year. Over and above the maintenance, we are looking to the Lord to send the £9,000 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, O 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, and for the assistance of our fellow labourer, Mr. R. H. Hunter, who took charge during our absence in Canada. 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, &c. 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."

CONCLUSION.

In bringing to a close the record of the twelfth year of the work of the Homes and the nineteenth of our work among poor children, we cannot but praise the Lord for the manifold ways in which He has appeared for our help in answer to prayer through the instrumentality of His servants. The large gifts and the small ones have combined to form results that to-day are marvellous in our eyes. The Lord who stood over against the treasury in olden times and saw "many that were rich casting in much," and the poor widow casting in her two mites, "even all her living," has seen the gifts that have been put into the treasury of the Homes from all sections of the Church, and from all ranks and conditions in it. We believe the practical exhibition of the love and sympathy of the Lord's children has been pleasing in His sight, and it leads us to hope that the day is not far distant when there shall be a unity of effort for the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth, and when those who turn to the Lord shall from the very day of their conversion consecrate themselves, their time, money and talents to Him who died to save them. That the Lord lays the wants of the needy upon the hearts of His children is evident from the practical help and sympathy that have been shewn to the work during the year. Some of those who were wont to give have been removed to the "House not made with hands," but we believe the Lord will raise up others to fill their places so that His work of "rescuing the perishing" and "caring for the dying" may not be hindered. We praise Him for the small as well as for the large gifts of money that have been sent in, and for the clothing, provisions, books, &c., which have all contributed to the supply of our needs; and we pray that He may bless each giver with the "hundred fold," even in this present life. Those who read the record, as given month by month, and consider the numbers dealt with, will see somewhat of the good that has been accomplished, and the need that there is for still more to be done. While grateful for the past we are hoping, if the Lord tarry, to see still greater things in the future. The £9,000 required for new buildings, the £8,000 to £10,000 for maintenance and emigration, as well as the need for additional workers and helpers in the various branches of the work, we once more roll over upon the Lord who careth for us. We are confident that His children, who delight to honour Him with their substance, will not fail to contribute according to the means which He gives them, and that in so doing they will realize in their own experience the fulfilment of the promise "Give and it shall be given unto you." The current expenses of the Homes are at present about £25 a day, which, however, will soon be increased to £30, as our numbers are rapidly growing. As to our own needs as workers for wisdom, strength, and all other things, we would ask our fellow-helpers to bear us up in their prayers to Him who is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think" that we may not fail, but have grace and strength to go forward and accomplish more in the time to come. The need for the work is only too evident in the numbers that keep applying from day to day, and in the fact that 936 destitute little ones have during the year been benefitted by the Homes. We hope to help from 1,000 to 1,200 in the coming year. £10 will pay the passage

and outfit of one child to Canada, and £12 5s. will keep one in the Homes for a year. Many of the Lord's stewards could give the means to rescue one, others for five, and others for ten. In view of the abounding sin around, and the havoc strong drink is making, the careless indifference of many, and the hatred and malice of the wicked one, we need to hear the Master's words with increasing reality: "Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

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 £1000, 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, 1883.

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Orphan Homes of Scotland and Orphan's Emigration Homes, Glasgow.



J. and H. T. as taken in Father dead; Mother in Hospital; Boys were trying to make a living on the streets.



J. and H. T. as sent to Canada this year. Now in good Homes and doing well.

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 ELMBANK 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 Mr. QUARRIER 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 Four 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 inspection. Mr. M'Connell, schoolmaster, Central Building, will conduct friends over the Homes any 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 3s. for one or three, and 1s. for each additional passenger.

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. "BETHESDA HOME," for Invalids.
13. "FERGUSLIE OFFICES," combining steam washing-house, laundry, workshops, &c.
14. FARM BUILDINGS (available when farmer's lease expires).
15. "CESSNOCK HOME," now Building, for Training Boys for Canada.
16. "MIZPAH HOME," do. do. do.