

"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 TWENTY-SECOND YEAR, ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1893.
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1893.

DEAR FELLOW-HELPERS,—Another year of blessed service for the Master has passed, and as we stand on the threshold of the New Year and view the way by which the Lord has brought us, we are lost in wonder at the greatness of the privilege He has afforded you and us in labouring together with Him to the accomplishment of so great and glorious a work. Of all the past twenty-two years of our trust in the Lord for the supply of all need, and the twenty-nine of work among poor children, there have been none so full of blessing, in the numbers sheltered and cared for, the amount of money received for daily maintenance, and in results accomplished. We can only say, as we stand to view the way by which the Lord has guided, "What hath God wrought!" It should be remembered that when the year began we had about three weeks' provision on hand, with no invested capital and no guarantee of human help, but simply the Lord's promise to rest upon; and day by day, week by week, and month by month our every need has been supplied, and with a constancy and variety that are marvellous in our own eyes, and which lead us anew to see that it is God who bestows power to give and to work according to His good pleasure. We feel constrained to say, with the Psalmist—

"O sing a new song to the Lord,
For wonders He hath done;
His right hand and His holy arm,
Him victory hath won."

The year commenced on 1st November, 1892, with 928 children in the Homes, and since then 508 from 1 year old and upwards, from all parts of Scotland, have been added to the number, making a total of 1,436 who have passed through the Homes during the twelve months. The feeding and clothing of such a family, in the usual way of things, depending on endowment trusts as well as the variety of methods resorted to in the raising of money, would be a difficult matter to face; but with God's promise to trust, and His unfailing supplies to depend on, the children, our fellow-workers, and ourselves have lacked no good thing all throughout the past year. In addition to the numbers received, 753 nights' lodgings were given in the model lodging houses to homeless, friendless wanderers, besides thousands of other needy ones helped with advice, food, clothing, etc., according to their need; and the Gospel has been preached to hundreds of others in connection with our mission and evangelistic work at the City Home. Not only has the Lord's hand been seen in the constant supply of the daily bread, but also in great spiritual blessing vouchsafed to the children in the Homes, hundreds of whom have given their hearts to the Saviour, and are testifying by their lives that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God to salvation to every one that believeth. Through no strength of our own, or our family, or helpers,

has all this work been accomplished, and we realise, as we stand at the beginning of another year, that we are as dependent on the Lord as on the first day when we launched forth relying on His bare word of promise to carry us through all difficulties, as well as give all blessings. To Him be all the glory and praise of the work accomplished, for He alone is worthy.

The amount of money sent in for maintenance during the year has been £12,502 8s. 2½d.; for building purposes, £8,028 10s. 11½d., about £2,200 of it towards the £10,000 required for the purchase of the new farm for the increasing work, making in all, £20,530 19s. 2¼d. received throughout the past twelve months, besides large quantities of clothing, provisions, etc. This grand total, in view of the inability of many of our helpers to give as they were wont, through death, failure of banks, and other causes, is truly marvellous in our eyes, but indicates that while streams of help may run dry, God opens up others to supply our need, and strengthens our faith in Him, who says "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," so that we may boldly say to-day, "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Some who read this record may think there have been no trials or difficulties in the way through which we have come. If that had been the case, we would not have accomplished half the work God has permitted us to do, for it is still true that through tribulation we inherit the kingdom, and it is through trial God fits His children to serve Him more faithfully here below, that so His will may be done on earth, "as it is in heaven."

THE ECONOMY

with which the work has been accomplished is clearly seen from the fact that, over 1,200 children and young people have been maintained at a yearly cost of less than £10 for each, and that inclusive of all expenses for educational, mission, emigration, and other purposes. We are sure facts such as these will weigh with those who value the best results for money bestowed, and we do not know that there is any other public institution which can show the same economy combined with thoroughness and efficiency of work done.

For the sake of those who do not know the nature of the work, and have not seen our former Narratives, it may be desirable to state here the principles under which the Homes are carried on. We never call on any one for money, nor do we send out collectors nor go out to give lectures to get money, or resort to bazaars or entertainments for the purpose of raising it. The work is the Lord's, and we commit everything to Him in prayer, believing that He will supply, through His children, what we require; and hitherto this has always been the case. For the first eighteen of the twenty-nine years I have been engaged in succouring orphan and destitute children, I tried also to carry on my own business so as to support my wife and family. Eleven years ago, however, I was led, after much prayer and thought, to give up the remaining part of my business and devote my whole time to the work of the Homes, my wife and family assisting me. Since then our Heavenly Father has sent, year by year through His stewards, gifts to a special fund (wholly apart from any of the funds sent in for the Homes), which has hitherto been sufficient to meet the needs of my family and myself. The work of the Homes from the first until now has, we believe, been a standing rebuke to the sceptic who denies that there is a God, or One who hears and answers the prayers of His children; and it is also an evidence to the fact that there are thousands of Christians throughout the country who, in giving of

their means, act from the high motive of not letting their left hand know what their right hand does. We trust the following records of need supplied, work accomplished, difficulties overcome, and grace and strength given day by day, week by week, and month by month, will be used by the Master to strengthen His children's faith, and bring great glory to His holy name.

Nov. 1, 1892.—Again we have entered on a new year of the work, the twenty-second of our trust in the Lord for all the needs of the Homes and the twenty-ninth of work among poor children. The path before us is quite unknown, the way untried, and we feel we should faint and wander were it not for the knowledge that the Lord our God is going before, and "He faileth not." In all the past twenty-two years, not one thing of all He has promised has failed; our needs have been met in a way not common to man, and standing on the threshold of this new year, we hear Him saying unto us, "Fear not; for I am with you," "Peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong." The needs of the coming days will be greater than in the past, but the promise of God to supply all stands as sure as ever, and we rest in Him. We had the privilege of rescuing two fatherless boys from Edinburgh to-day. Poor little things, they have been greatly neglected, and have had a hard life of it in the past, their father being long ailing and the mother sadly given to drink; we trust a bright future is in store for them. £10 12s. 11d., £1 of it from "Alice, Willie, and Jessie, wishing you all a happy New-Year," and twelve pairs stockings have reached us to-day, and we take them as the earnest of the New-Year's gifts.

Nov. 3.—Two legacies, amounting to £230, and £6 5s. from other sources, have come most acceptably for our needs to-day. A gift of 10s. is sent 'as a token of sympathy with your great work, and as a little given to our Lord Jesus Christ;' another sum of 10s. comes "accompanied by our prayers for great blessing on yourself and the work you have so much at heart," and 5s. from a little boy who says—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—This is my pennies I have saved for one year. Mother says I may have them to do as I like with. Would you please accept them to help the little invalid boys' treat at the New-Year. My sister Maggie tells us that you give them all such a nice treat at New-Year time. I would like very much to see the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir. Maybe I will have more to send to you next year.—I am, Dear Sir, yours respectfully, T. S.

In a letter received from Canada last night we were greatly cheered to hear about two of our older boys whom we sent out over ten years ago. One of them is studying for the ministry, and the other has been recently brought to the knowledge of the Saviour and is so bright. He says he wishes he could see Mr. Gillies (the "father" of the cottage he was in, but who was taken home some years ago), to tell him how sorry he is for his conduct while with him. Not that he was unruly, but he made fun of the Bible, and old Mr. Gillies used to talk to him with the tears in his eyes. "Once he was blind, now he can see," and we rejoice anew thus to find this fruit "after many days."

Nov. 7.—From Forfar, Airdrie, Glenfincastle, Edinburgh, Peterhead, Buchanhaven, Wales, Melrose, Auchtergaven, Cupar-Fife, Bishopton, Bridge-of-Weir, and Glasgow, a quantity of clothing and £51 19s. 9d.—£5 of it for our own needs—have been sent with kind words of cheer and encouragement. Three needy ones have been received and added to

our large family, and others are daily seeking the help which, through the practical sympathy of the Lord's children, we are enabled to give to them. One of our girls in Canada writes us to-day:—

MY DEAR MR. AND MRS. QUARRIER,—I hope you will excuse me for not writing sooner to you, but as I told Miss Quarrier, I did not want to write until you would hear how I was getting on. I am getting on well now; I am in a good home, and I like it very well. I felt funny at first, but I have got over that now. Dear Mr. Quarrier, I hope you are keeping well and enjoying good health, and I hope dear Mrs. Quarrier and Miss Quarrier and Mr. Frank are enjoying the same blessing. I never forget you in my prayers, and I will never forget you, and I hope the Lord will long spare you to continue your good work. I was always happy in the Homes, and would have stayed always, only I wanted to do something for myself. I hope the buildings are keeping on; is the school done yet? I have been troubled with sore eyes this little while but I think they are nearly all right now. Mr. Thomson is coming to stay a fortnight with us as he is going to hold evangelistic meetings. I hope you will get out to Canada next year. I suppose I need not tell you about our voyage as you will have heard about it before; we had a very pleasant voyage indeed. I was sick the first four days, and I just thought it was dreadful. I saw whales but was asleep when they saw the icebergs, so I missed them. I think I must conclude now as my paper is getting full, but I remain, yours ever, A. H.

Nov. 10.—One of our number, a weak, suffering wee boy, of about 2½ years, was gathered "home" from our Bethesda to-day. He was one of four little orphans we took from Kirkcaldy in the spring, and has been very delicate ever since he came to us. He used to cry a great deal, and seemed to suffer much pain; but now that is all over for the little lamb, and we feel it is well for him to be removed. Yesterday six needy ones were added to our number; two motherless boys of 16 and 12 from Langholm, whose father is very ill-doing, and is at present in prison; a boy and girl of 8 and 6 from Musselburgh, whose father, a coalminer, was recently killed while at work in pit, leaving a widow and four children unprovided for; a young woman of 23 out of work and home; and a boy of 12, whose father, after a long illness, died two years ago of consumption. The mother has been in service, and the boy was neglecting school and in danger of going wrong for want of proper restraint. From various quarters we have received £69 17s. 0½d.—5s. of it for personal use—these two days past, and some clothing, bread, etc. Our Heavenly Father is ever mindful of His large family under our care, and we praise Him anew for the daily supply.

Nov. 12.—Last night we had the privilege of having Rev. J. Hudson Taylor and Miss Broomhall, of the China Inland Mission with us. He spoke to the children gathered in the church at seven o'clock, and again to the workers at our weekly prayer meeting at nine o'clock, and both services were greatly enjoyed by all. The earnest, soul-stirring message and comforting words of this honoured servant of God will, we feel sure, linger long in the minds and hearts of all who heard them. We also trust that many of our dear boys and girls may be led in the time to come to consecrate themselves to mission work in the foreign field, and to this end we seek to bring the claims of such before them; and by giving of their saved pennies, and praying for the missionaries and those among whom they labour, their young hearts are interested. Some of our older ones have already gone forth, and we pray that the "Lord of the Harvest" may thrust out many more. A friend in Gourrock, in sending 10s. and seven pairs stockings, writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—This is likely to be a severe winter for poor people and doubtless there will be increasing demands upon your funds, but we know "in Whose

hands are the silver and the gold." May He put it into the hearts of many to assist you both with prayers and means in your most noble and Christlike work. With best wishes to Mrs. Quarrier and yourself.

An unknown helper in Elgin sends three pairs stockings, and says:—"Accept this small widow's mite. I hope it may be useful to some of your young people. God bless and prosper you in your great and glorious work, for Christ's sake"; two friends in Edinburgh send £50 and £10 each; a little orphan girl in Aberdeen, a pair of stockings for one of our little ones, and friends there also, a useful parcel of clothing; one in Edinburgh forwards six pairs of socks, and asks prayer for her own conversion; a grateful girl helped gives 8s. as a birthday thank-offering, and from other sources yesterday and to-day we have received £223 6s. 6d.—£200 of it a legacy from an old helper for emigration, and £2 for our own needs.

Nov. 16.—Our Twenty-first Annual Meeting was held in the Christian Institute, this afternoon, at two o'clock, and marks another stage in the progress of the Lord's work under our care. The day was somewhat foggy, but notwithstanding this, a large number of interested friends gathered with us, and their presence and kind words of cheer greatly encouraged us in going forth to the new work of another year. A band of children from the Bridge-of-Weir Homes were present at the meeting and sang some hymns, gave recitations, etc. In the evening we had a pleasant gathering in the church, the children having had a special tea in their cottages beforehand. They entertained us for about two hours, and towards the close, prizes (the gift of a friend) were distributed to the boys and girls for the best-kept gardens during the year. Amid the joy in the remembrance of the Lord's great goodness throughout the past year, there was a sadness all over our village in the removal by death this morning of our old and tried worker, Mrs. Halliwell. She was well up in years, and had been failing for a long time, but only quite laid aside for about a fortnight. Now she has entered into rest, and we know that for her it is gain. For over twenty years she and her dear husband have laboured faithfully with us in the work, they being our first helpers in the Boys' Home at Cessnock, on the Govan Road. For forty years they have been together, and he will miss her sorely, but is so thankful for all the tender mercy of the way. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Nov. 19.—The kind words of friends sent with their gifts from time to time do much to strengthen our hands and encourage our hearts in the work of the Lord. A donor in Dundee writes—

MY DEAR SIR,—I am glad to see from the newspapers that your "Homes" are continuing to do excellent work, that money is coming in freely, and that you yourself are in good health and spirits. Your Narrative of Facts just to hand is excellent reading and would prove an excellent "tonic" to many who have "weak hands" and "feeble knees," and whose faith is not even "as a grain of mustard seed." Go on and prosper, my dear sir, in your noble work. I enclose cheque as usual for £20, which you can apply as you think proper.

One in Edinburgh says:—

DEAR SIR,—I have just this morning got a copy of Narrative of Facts connected with your most interesting mission of love for dear little ones who otherwise might have wandered on the broad way. May the Divine blessing rest on you and all connected with the precious work. Enclosed is a postal order for six pounds, three

for your own use and three for the Institution, and 12 pairs of stockings, with every good wish for further blessing.

A friend who wishes to remain unknown sends £100—"Wishing you continued and increased success." Young people in connection with Y.W.C.A., Forfar, a useful lot of clothing, praying that "God may bless you in all your outgoings and incomings amongst your large family." A friend in Edinburgh sends 5s. from herself, and £1 from an aged helper, "who is too blind either to read or write for himself, but who will be deeply interested in hearing of your good work for God amongst the children." A donor in Motherwell asks us to send six copies of Annual Report, and sends £2 "to help on the good work of rescue, and wishing you daily strength and supplies for daily need." Among other gifts received yesterday and to-day, 5s. came from a "working man, hoping you may get plenty of them from men like myself, who, as you know, cannot afford to give very much;" 52 scarfs, a most useful gift from an anonymous friend; £2, "a thankoffering for spared life;" 2s. 6d., "a loaf for the hungry bairns;" four hares and some salmon from a friend; quantity shirting from another; 3s. from a "well-wisher;" £22 10s., a legacy from Stromness, and useful parcels clothing from other friends. Thus in many varied ways our needs are met from day to day through the kind practical sympathy of the Lord's children throughout the country. To His name be all the praise. After a service in the church to-day, at which all the children and workers were present, we laid Mrs. Halliwell's body to rest, "in sure and certain hope of a blessed resurrection."

November 23.—During the past week many cases of destitution have been brought under our notice; quite a number of needy little ones have found a shelter in our midst; some have been tided over their present difficulties, while to others advice under trying circumstances has been given. To-day seven children have been taken in; a girl of 11 from Dundee, sister to three boys received in March last; a delicate girl of 15, and little boy of 3 from Glasgow; a family of four, three girls and a boy, aged 10, 8, 6, and 5 years, from there also. The mother died very suddenly while out a message, about two years ago, and the father, an engineer, was found dead in bed on the 31st ult. Now the little ones are left without any one able to keep them, and as the wee fellow looked up into my face with his bright winning eyes and said, "You'll be my father, now," our hearts thanked God anew for the great privilege of receiving and caring for "such little ones" in the Master's name and for His sake. Many gifts from far off and near have gladdened us these three days past. An old helper in Kington, Queensland, sends £2, with kind words of cheer; a grateful girl helped in Canada, 10 dols.; a friend at a distance, £100 "from Scotland;" another, £10 "for the Master;" a little girl in Clydebank, 10 years old, 2s. 4d.; other three in Dunfermline, 6s., proceeds of a small sale of work held by them; two little boys in Airdrie, 5s., being money got for going messages; an old donor in Dunblane sending £20, says, "God's blessing maketh rich, and this you daily experience, for which we who can only look on and help when we can, must feel ever thankful;" one in Dunfermline writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I enclose a cheque for £15, of which please reserve £3 for your own use. I am glad to be able to send this, and your report came just in good time to remind me of the needs of your little orphans. As I heard of (I think) three new inmates sent to the Homes from Dunfermline lately, it seems more and more a duty, as well as a privilege, to help in your good work.

and a friend encloses 3s., and says: "Your Report is most interesting and cheering. What a good testimony to God's answers to prayer! I have been interested in your work from its first beginnings, and will never cease to pray that you may prosper more and more. May you and Mrs. Quarrier be blessed in your own souls an hundredfold." It is very cheering to us to notice in how many ways the Lord's children are led to minister to the needs of the Homes. A new helper sends £2 12s., half of it for work in connection with Garscube Hall and says—"Perhaps I may state the reason for doing so. The Lord led me to Garscube Hall a year ago last month, and I decided for Christ, and gave up the use of tobacco, which cost a shilling a week, hence the sum stated. Hoping that the good Master will bless the work done in His name." Other friends send us a quantity of roots which will help to beautify our grounds in the coming spring; one in the North a lot of live fowls; others, two webs of flannelette; parcels of clothing; box of tea, and some vegetables. Among other sums received, a legacy of £500 came most acceptably two days ago for the Building Fund. Our God is faithful, and from day to day supplies through His children our every need.

Nov. 26.—From all parts of the country the cry of the needy reaches us, and yesterday ten more children were added to our family from Edinburgh, Dunbar, Dundee, Ayr, Alloa, and Glasgow, and from many other quarters letters have come laying sad cases of destitute little ones before us. In the midst of dealing with the sin-tossed and perishing around us, letters such as the following from rescued ones on the other side of the Atlantic, come from time to time to encourage us to go forward in the work of the Lord and faint not, knowing that our labour has not and will not be in vain:—

DEAR FRIEND,—I now take the opportunity in writing you a few lines to let you know that we are all well at present, hoping to find you all the same. It has been a long while since I heard from you. I thought I would write and let you know how I am getting on. I am married and have got four children—three girls and one boy. The boy is the oldest, he is eleven years old past. I live in the village of M. I own a house and lot there with two acres of land. I am quite comfortable. I raise all my own potatoes and have a dozen apple trees. I would like to have you and Mrs. Quarrier come and see us. The church is about two minutes' walk from our house; the schoolhouse is about five minutes' walk for the children. Mr. and Mrs. C., with whom I used to live, have only two children—they are both boys; and they would like very much to get a girl out of the Home, either to adopt or hire. They would like to get a nice-looking little girl to adopt as one of their own, and I recommend them as good Christian people, and it will be a splendid home for some girl. If they could not get one to adopt, and have to hire one they would like one about thirteen or fourteen, to help Mrs. C. to do her housework, as she is not a very strong person herself. Please write and let me know who is the one to see here in Canada, or what Home would they apply to: Scotch girl preferred. When you write I would like you to send me Miss Bryson and Miss White's address, also Mr. Aitchison's, as I would like very much to write to them. I often think of the days I spent in the home at Cessnock House, and wish I were there again. Tell the boys now in the Home that this letter is from one of the old Home boys; tell them to do what is right with their Superintendents of the Home, and to help them all that they can in their work. I send my best respects to all the boys in the Home also to you and Mrs. Quarrier, and all the rest of the workers of the Homes. Write soon, as I am anxious to hear from you.—From an old Home boy, J. D.

A report of a family of four children sent out to Canada many years ago, and all received into one kind Christian home there, was also most cheering. One of the girls is now married to a son of the house, the other is a teacher and doing well for herself; the older boy is also teaching, and

thinks of studying for the ministry, while the younger one "runs the place," or, in other words, takes charge of the farm for his adopted mother. When we remember the home, if such it could be called, from which we took these children, and the poor prospect before them if they had been kept in this country, we cannot but bless God anew for the splendid outlet which Canada has afforded for them and thousands more such as they were. From Aberdeen, Balmuir, Kelso, Fraserburgh, Langside, and Glasgow, £17 1s.—£2 5s. of it for our own use—and a large quantity of salt fish have come to-day, with many kind expressions of interest in the work. An old helper in Balmuir writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—We were glad to receive your Report, and much interested in its contents. The emigration scheme is an excellent one—a blessing to the New Country as well as to the Old, and a blessing to the children sent and to those who receive them. May you be long enabled to continue your good work. Please find enclosed P. Orders, £1 for emigration scheme, 5s. for your own use, 15s. for general fund.

and another in Kelso, sending £5—£1 of it for personal use—says:—"It is indeed a great pleasure to hear of the growing success of your Homes, and of God's seal being so conspicuously placed for good upon them."

Nov. 29.—Our three little friends, "Alice, Willie, and Jessie," who often minister to the needs of the bairns, send £1 to-day. "A Clydebank orphan in the Lord" forwards 2s. 6d.; children in school, Dollar, 4s. 6d.; Juvenile Missionary Society, Edinburgh, £3; Sabbath School Children in Ballater, 7s. 6d.; a friend in Nairn, £5; Y. W. C. A., near Perth, £1; a Bible Class in Glasgow, 10s.; and other friends in Dunoon, Alexandria, Nairn, Wales, Grangemouth, Greenock, Uddingston, and Glasgow, send £15 5s. and some bread—all acceptable gifts for the daily needs.

Dec. 2.—A gift of £50 for emigration from a new donor in Ayr, who desires to remain unknown, cheered us to-day, as also a number of smaller gifts, £5 being from an old friend lately deceased who up to the age of 84 used to knit stockings for our little ones. During the past few days we have had discouragement in dealing with some difficult refractory cases in the City and Bridge-of-Weir Homes. We do need much patience and grace from day to day, and the subject—Hebrews xi., "Faith tried"—at our weekly Friday meeting to-night seemed specially suitable. May we more and more be enabled to "run with patience the race set before us, looking unto Jesus." Encouragement in other ways has come, in cheering reports brought from Canada by Mr. Thomson, who has just returned this week after visiting about 600 of the boys and girls there, and in the stimulating words of friends sent with their gifts. An invalid helper in Crieff who, though confined to bed, does much to help forward the work, asks us to forward some Reports and sends us the strengthening passage, Haggai ii. 4, "Yet now be strong . . . all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work, for I am with you, saith the Lord of Hosts." Another friend in Crieff, sending £6 and 7 pairs stockings, says:—"I wish I could do more, but what is better, I take you all with myself to Him who has all things, the Giver of every good and perfect gift." Two old workers send £1, and write:—

DEAR MRS. QUARRIER,—Enclosed is a Postal Order for one pound as our New Year's gift. We often think about you, Mr. Quarrier, and your family, and your kindness. I should like once more to see you all again. God bless you all, and may you be long spared to each other. How is Mr. Quarrier keeping?

I am glad the work is progressing: it is the Lord's work, and He will carry it on. He will not leave you nor forsake you; He is a faithful friend.

and another helper in Edinburgh forwards £1 for the Homes and £1 for personal needs, and says:—"May the Lord bless you and keep you all, lift upon you the light of His countenance and give you peace." During the past month 46 children have been admitted and there are numerous other applications before us asking help for needy little ones. Our balance on hand is somewhat larger than at the beginning of last month, and thus as our family increases so the means to keep the children does also.

Dec. 6.—Gifts from children and young people throughout the land are specially cheering to us in our work for the Master. A Sabbath School teacher in Dumbarton, sending 5s. 6d. yesterday, writes:—

DEAR SIR,—I have pleasure in sending you herewith 5s. 6d. in P.O.O.'s as a subscription by my Sunday Class of boys. Some time ago I heard of another teacher who had got his boys to subscribe towards an African Mission. This collection was to be a voluntary one, and not in any way to interfere with the ordinary Sabbath School one. I thought the plan a good one, and so I put it to my class, who at once fell in with it, and so the above sum is the result. It was unanimously decided to send the first subscription to you, as my boys feel themselves deeply interested in your work, which I am sure they all trust you may be long spared to carry on. Trusting that God may still continue to bless you in your good work.

Sabbath Schools in Glasgow send £10 19s. 5d. to-day; and from other friends £133 9s. 4d.—£6 of it for our own use, and £100 for emigration; some clothing, bread, rolls, and herring, etc., have come.

Dec 10.—This year is fast drawing to a close, and we are now beginning preparations for the coming festive season, when we make extra provision in the way of Christmas and New Year gifts, treats, etc., for our large gathered-in family, and also for the annual treat to the bigger family of the streets. We were much cheered by receiving £300 this week from two friends in Alloa to provide the special treats for the children in the Homes, and what is still required for the other will, we doubt not, be sent in good time. To-day £27 12s. 6d. have come, a few Bibles, Xmas cards, and a quantity of clothing, some of it belonging to a Christian girl now gone home. A friend in Fortrose, who frequently remembers our needs, writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I received your "Narrative of Facts," and would have acknowledged it before now, but that I have been far from well. In truth, I am a great invalid, but still the Lord in mercy deals kindly with me and still spares. You will soon be preparing a Christmas dinner for your large family, so I enclose you a mite towards it. The sight will be a pleasant one to you. May you long be spared to guide so valuable an institution.

And another in sending £1—5s of it for personal needs, says:—

MY DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I herewith send you P.O. for 20s., five for domestic use for self, the balance for your large family. I have read with great interest the report, and also with deep gratitude the wonderful fulfilment of our Father's many promises to the widow and fatherless. May our faith and trust be greatly strengthened by His continued care of us and ours. This month I shall have been 32 years a widow and my boys fatherless, and though we have met with many difficulties, still we are the living now to praise Him for every blessing. Will you unite with me in asking a fuller and deeper consecration for each of us? Wishing every blessing to attend you and your work at home and abroad.

Yesterday, eight new cases were added to our number, all with distressing histories of misery and suffering. Two of them, boys of 10 and 8, have a blind father, who gets some work in Blind Asylum, but the mother is a very drunken, bad character, and very cruel to the children, selling

their boots for drink and even burning clothes in her mad freaks; the poor boys seem to have been greatly neglected and are barefooted, etc. The others received are a boy and girl of 9 and 13 from Eaglesfield, whose mother died in October, leaving besides these five children who are of age to provide for themselves. An uncle kept them since her death, but wont do so longer, and there is nothing for them but the poorhouse; an orphan boy of 14; a girl of 13 from Coatbridge; and two boys of 10 and 7 from Midlothian, whose mother died three years ago, and father, a coal miner, in 1890, of rapid consumption. There are some brothers and sisters able to do for themselves but not to keep these young ones.

Dec. 14.—We were much cheered by receiving a legacy of £500 from Edinburgh to-day, and have placed it towards our Building Fund. Yesterday from Edinburgh, Helensburgh, Dolphinton, Norwich, Grangemouth, Kirriemuir, Largs, Bargeddie, Motherwell, and Glasgow, £6 6s. and some parcels of clothing, tracts, etc., also a good set of lantern slides with views of the Homes, taken by a friend—quite an acceptable gift for the work, reached us; fifteen articles clothing came from Edinburgh “for the little orphans, with Lillie’s love”; 10s. from “a worm”; £1 from “Alice, Willie, and Jessie”; and £1 from Motherwell, from a young friend, who says:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Another year has come and gone, and truly the Lord has been mindful of us; and now I have passed into my 19th year in good health and comfortable circumstances. As a small thankoffering to the Lord, accept of this P.O. for 20s., and may the Lord bless you and keep you, and I have no doubt He will. His word says: “According to your faith, be it unto you.”

Many other gifts have come to-day from busy hands and loving hearts, and we are truly glad and thankful for all the kind practical sympathy of the Lord’s children, who in so many ways minister to the needs of our big family. A friend in Callander writes:—

MY DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Our meeting last night passed off well, notwithstanding the severe weather. To-day I have great pleasure in enclosing Post Office Order for £2 16s. 9d. received at meeting, and to tell you that by goods train to-day five boxes have been sent off, containing 348 articles of clothing, 75 toys, scrap books, etc., 310 Xmas cards, six pots of jam, and 12 numbers of the *Girls’ Own Paper*, all sent in by the members of our branch of the S.G.F.S. I am so glad to think that each year makes them take a greater interest in your noble work. Our earnest prayer is you may be more and more blessed in it. Your letter (which I always have printed, and a copy given to each contributor) is a great stimulus to do what they can. Thanks for the lantern slides sent; they were greatly enjoyed. They, I am told, are packed in one of the boxes of goods, and I hope will arrive all safe.—Trusting you and yours are all well, and with Mrs. R.’s and my own hearty good wishes to Mrs. Quarrier, yourself, and family.

An old donor in Cupar sends 10s., with Isa. xlv. 21; one in Aberdeen 5s.—“a few crumbs”; another in Lenzie £1, with the words, “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me”; a frequent helper sends a quantity of articles made by Esquimaux to be sold; a friend in Prince Edward’s Island, £1; two workers, £3; one in Helensburgh, 20s. from counter box; an anonymous friend, Peebles postmark, £1; the Religious Tract Society, London, forward a quantity of magazines, booklets, cards, etc.—a most welcome gift at this season of the year; and two friends on the West Coast, £100 for emigration. To-day we took in three girls of 11, 8, and 6, from Ayr, whose father died from effects of a fall in 1889, being mentally deranged for a long time. The mother is not very strong, and children seem delicate also. A young woman of 20, in need of a helping hand, and a boy and girl of 13 and 10 were also admitted—six in all. The latter were under

our care before, but taken out by friends in 1890. The mother was then living, but had a shock of paralysis, and was not strong. We tried to persuade her to leave the children with us, but without avail. Now she is gone, having died in the City Poorhouse four months ago; a brother has enlisted, and sister now married cannot keep them. They have been sadly neglected since they were returned to friends. How often is this the case; very seldom but that relations come back asking us to help again, if children have been taken out against our advice. A number of other cases of destitution, sickness, etc., were helped in various ways at City Home this afternoon.

Dec. 17.—A friend in Holland in sending £1 writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Many thanks for the very interesting Narrative of Facts regarding your orphan children, which I duly received. Praise the Lord for the great things He has done in the past! The future we can leave entirely to Him, feeling assured that He will do all things well. I wish you, and all your helpers in the noble work a very blessed Xmas, and a prosperous New Year. May God’s presence go with you, and may He give you health and strength to carry on the work to His glory and honour.

One in China sends £2, “with all good wishes for blessing and prosperity in the Lord’s work in your hands;” “a servant,” Crieff, £2, for servants’ cottage; another, 10s. for the same, and 10s. from herself and fellow-servants “for the bairns;” and a few friends in Hamilton send £2 5s., with the cheering words, “He faileth never.” The kind thoughtfulness of invalid friends who, amid their own suffering, remember our needs, is most encouraging to us; one in Tullymet writes yesterday:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—As I am very ill with cancer, I am sorry that it is not in my power to knit stockings this season. Enclosed you will find 3s. in stamps for the work of God in your hands; and may our Heavenly Father supply all your need out of His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Two friends in Fairlie send £2 from themselves, and 2s. from “dear old Granny;” and from various other sources £207 15s. reached us—£10 of it for personal use—and £180 from two friends for the half-year’s keep of 30 children in a Cottage. A most acceptable and useful lot of clothing, dolls, toys, scrap books, etc., came from a sewing meeting of young people, who, engaged in work themselves during the day, set apart a night weekly to sew for our bairns, providing their own material, etc. We feel sure the Master who takes notice of the least thing done “in His name,” will reward all self-denying labour such as this. To-day, from many different quarters, £66 5s. 6d.—£3 2s. 6d. of it for our own needs—and a quantity of clothing, Christmas cards, and magazines have been sent in, accompanied by kind words of cheer. One of three sisters sent to Canada a few years ago writes:—

DEAR SIR,—I got your letter all right, and was glad to see it. I neglected to answer your letter, but we have been so busy with thrashing that I never had time to write you. Dear Sir, I am going to Brockville at the New Year. I will take Mary Ann with me. She is getting on splendid. Her mother is going to let her learn music on her organ. Oh, she is just a splendid woman and Mary is so fond of her. I want to tell you a little about Lizzie. She is but a child, but big for her age. She milks two cows night and morning, washes dishes, goes to school, is in the second book, will pass into the third. She weighs 100 pounds; she is as tall as I am; she is so fleshy. They are going to teach her any trade she wants to learn when she is done going to school. I cannot complain about anything; I feel as happy as a queen. I hope Mrs. Quarrier and you are well. Please give my love to mother—I mean Miss Fox. I hope she is keeping well. Give them all my love, to every one. “Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy.” I will draw to a close, but remain your loving girl,
C. H.

Dec. 22.—Very many varied gifts have come these few days past from young and old in many parts of the country, gladdening our hearts amid trials and discouragements by the way, and leading us anew to praise our covenant-keeping God who so abundantly supplies our every need. An old helper writes :—

MY DEAR FRIEND,—I have to thank thee very much for the interesting report giving such a delightful record of the Lord's loving kindness and fatherly care during the past year. How good it is to "walk by faith!" Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men. So may we be co-workers together with Him, and show our faith by works in practical sympathy and help. Therefore I enclose cheque for £1 10s. with my best wishes and prayers for the dear Lord's blessing on those who are so nobly bearing the burden and heat of the day, faint at times, and often cause for trial and discouragement, yet still pursuing the noble work of rescuing the perishing, and being a true father to the fatherless ones.

A new donor, sending a gift from a Sabbath class, says :—

DEAR SIR,—My sister and I have for some years had a Sunday class for the children about the place, as we live at a considerable distance from the village schools. Thinking it would be nice to interest our children in some charity, we this year proposed that they should collect some of their pennies and halfpennies in a box for the benefit of their poorer neighbours. They agreed to this plan with great pleasure, and from various charities they chose your Orphan Homes as the object they would like to help. We began to collect at the beginning of April, and last Sunday we opened the box, of which I now send you the contents to the amount of 22s. 6d. The children have shown great interest in collecting the money, and also in what we told them about the Homes from the report you sent us. I am sure it would gratify and encourage them greatly if you would be so kind as to write them a few lines of acknowledgment when you receive the money. I hope you will not think this too much for us to ask of you, knowing how fully your time is occupied. I have never yet seen your Homes, but I hope to be able to visit them some day, as they must be a most interesting sight. Wishing you and all your children a bright and happy Christmas.

and another, in Port-Glasgow, writes :—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Many thanks for book with report of the Lord's work as carried on among the children at the Homes; it is very interesting indeed. The letters are grand, so many of them seem to know Jesus, whom to know is life eternal, it is most blessed. I pray our loving Father that you may be long spared to labour on in the sphere in which He has been pleased to use and bless you so much in the past always looking unto Him from whence cometh our aid. If it would not trouble you too much, I would be very thankful if you could send on a letter to read to the children of the S.S. at our annual treat next week. I believe it would cause some of them at least to take a greater interest in the Master's work, more especially some of them who have decided for Jesus within these last few weeks. There has been and is still a blessed work going on for Jesus.

Among the numerous other gifts received, are £1 from "three wee brothers, whose father and mother send this with gratitude to God for His goodness to them, and their desire to help you in your good work of bringing to other bairns left helpless and destitute the blessings of food and home, and the knowledge of a Heavenly Father"; £2 from three little girls, Bridge-of-Allan, "the result of their Sunday missionary pennies, which are always put aside for the orphan children at Bridge-of-Weir"; £70 from an old donor in Dunfermline—£5 of it for our own use; a Christmas card and booklet for each of our family of 1100, from friends in Alloa; £8 from "four little J.'s," Edinburgh; 152 Christmas articles, dolls, toys, sweets, booklets, clothing, etc., from Y. W. C. A., Longforgan; 108 articles clothing, dolls, etc., from ladies' sewing meeting, Stewarton; 5s. from family collection box, Salcoats; and 3s. from S. S. scholars there also, who are poor themselves, and have little to spare for others; £2 from a frequent donor in Glasgow, "wishing you many years

to continue your valuable work, and the blessing of our Father upon it"; some toys from a friend, who says :—"there are a lot of hearts in this small remembrance, who all send their best wishes to you and your dear wife"; 5s., "gatherings of the little ones, Dunoon"; £2 5s. 6d. and parcel clothing from a kind helper in Bonnybridge; two dolls and three pincushions made by an invalid lady; 2s. from "little Elsie, aged 3 years"; 15s. from family missionary box, Langholm; 10s. from some little folks, and a scrapbook from another. May our loving Heavenly Father abundantly bless each donor. Among a number of letters received this month from members of the larger family across the seas is the following :—

MY DEAR FRIEND MR. QUARRIER,—I thought I would write you a few lines. It is a long time since I heard from the Home. I often get to think about you and Mrs. Quarrier and the Homes. I hope you and Mrs. Quarrier and young Mr. Quarrier are well. Oh, I do wish you and Mrs. Quarrier could get to see us, we would be ever so glad to see you. It is three years since I have seen any one from the Home. Well, Mr. Quarrier it is drawing very near to Christmas. I know you will have a lot of work to see after. I am glad when I get your New-Year's letter. I am living with Dr. K—. He is a good Christian man. I have been showing him my little books and papers that I brought from the Home and what I got sent me; he thinks you must be a great man. There is a lot of ministers stay with us and they read my books, they think they are just fine. I once heard a young minister who stayed at our place talk about you, it would just do you good to hear him talk about you, it went to some people's hearts. I heard some one say that they could have stayed all night to hear him tell about your works. Well, Mr. Quarrier, it is just now that I have got wages, and I intend sending some of it to the Home, for I know I should do all I can to help, and I think we should all do all we can for the Home. I had a letter from Maggie. I was very glad to hear from her. I intended to go and spend New Year with her, but I think I will wait till the summer time; it is so cold in the winter time, it will be so nice in the summer time. And for Norman he has lost his Grandma. They were only the two old folks where he lives, so Grandma died. He thought that there was no one on earth like her. Norman is working for himself. She was a good old Christian lady, and Barbara and I miss her. It was just like home to us when we all got together. She was just like a mother to us. She would tell us to get up for ourselves whatever we wanted; but I hope we will all meet her in heaven. Norman and Barbara have grown very big, they are far bigger than me, they are leaving me behind altogether; but if we are as good as we are big we will be all right. Barbara and Norman send their best love to you. Hoping to find you and Mrs. Quarrier well and all the rest of the friends. Good-bye, hoping to hear from you soon.—I remain your little friend, K. M.

A grateful girl placed out in this country also writes, a few days ago :—

DEAR SIR,—I got all safe to Edinburgh; mother was waiting for me. Mrs. D., the lady I am going to, said I could come home and spend Sunday with mother, and I am going to my place this afternoon. I am going to do my very best with God's help to do well, and I shall ever remember with gratitude the kindness shown to me at the Homes. I went to see Mrs. S. on Saturday night, and she had a long talk with me. She asked me if I was sorry to leave Bridge-of-Weir, and I told her that I was sorry to leave, but was glad to be beside mother again; and I told Mrs. S. about all the nice treats we had, and how kind you were to us all, and she said she was very pleased indeed that I had been so happy there. Dear Mr. Quarrier, mother bids me say she can never thank you as she would like, but she says your reward is sure in the world to come. I am going to write to my cottage mother after I am settled in my place. I send my love to Mrs. and Miss Quarrier, and I trust that Mrs. Quarrier is keeping stronger. Now, dear Mr. Quarrier, again thanking you for everything, I am, one of your loving girls, M. S.

Dec. 26.—A few days ago a case of four fatherless (and almost motherless) children, aged 10 to 2 years, in Paisley, was brought before us. The father died two years ago, and the mother, who has been ill with consumption for some time, passed away to-day, and the children were brought by kind neighbours and admitted to the shelter of the Homes.

The mother was visited by us two days previously, and seemed very thankful to know her little ones would be provided for by the "Father of the fatherless" after she had gone; two fatherless boys of 8 and 6, from Aberdeen; a little boy of 5, whose father is dead, and mother is a very bad character; and a young man from Ayr, were also taken in to-day. Many other sad cases have been laid before us these days past, and it has been our privilege to afford relief to quite a number of them. As our family increases, so do the means to keep them, and day by day we realise the fulfilment of the promise, "They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." To-day from many friends far and near £195 9s. 9d. and £2 for personal use have come, also useful parcels of clothing. A S. S. teacher writes:—

DEAR SIR,—I have a class of boys in connection with St. Vincent Street U.P. Church Sabbath School. Some time ago I started a self-denying fund with a view to interest the boys in something outside of themselves. I found, too, that some of the older ones had commenced smoking, and thought if I could induce them to give part of their pocket-money to a better use it might lead them to have higher aims in the future. We agreed to give the sum gathered—about £1—to you, and as the boys are very anxious to take it to you themselves and see the Homes, we have arranged to go out on Saturday, 17th, weather permitting, leaving Glasgow with the 1-5 train.

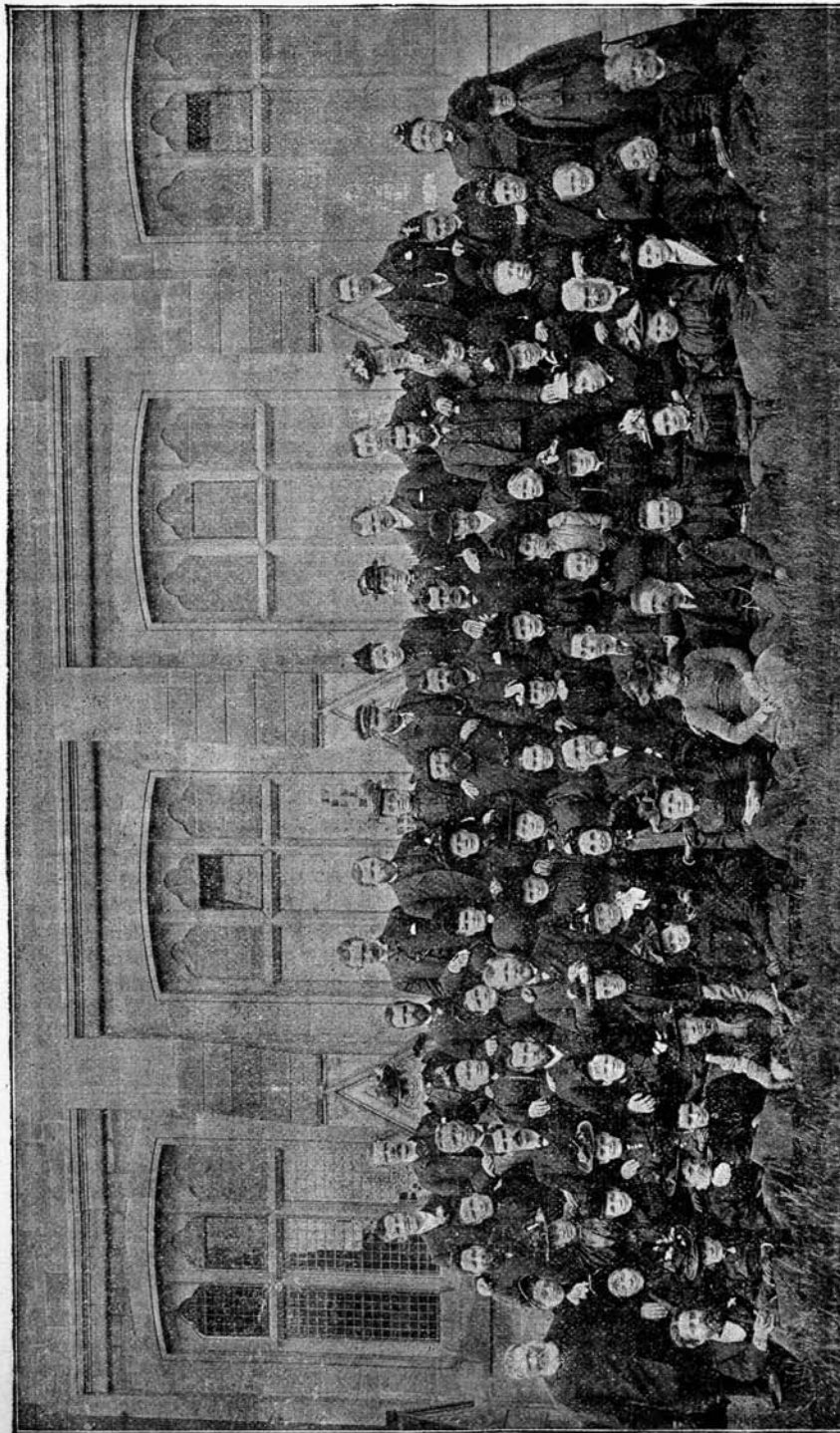
Another sends eight pairs stockings worked by her S.S. class of girls, from 8 to 12 years, as a "Santa Claus" for our little ones; and among other gifts received are 10s. from "a few dressmakers," Castle Douglas, with Matt. xxv. 40; £2—"two Christmas cards of a useful if not ornamental type"; £1 from a few spoolers in Anchor Mills, Paisley; 10s. from East Newport, contents of children's money boxes; £1 10s. from friends in Walkerburn—10s. of it part of two little ones' savings "for their little brothers and sisters"; 5s. 6d. from other two in Cullen, "wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year"; a lot of beautiful little toy beds, scarfs, etc., from young helpers, Dunoon; 5s. from the Lord's box, Dundee; 8s. from "George and Jenny," Milnathort; £2 10s. from Berwick-on-Tweed, proceeds of children's work made and sold on behalf of our little ones; 10s. from a number of little girls in Langholm lately brought to the Saviour; quantity clothing, toys, etc., from a class of young girls; 100 dols. "in His name," from an old lady in Massachusetts who used to reside in Paisley, and who is interested in the work for the orphans being carried on so near her native town; £2 from another helper in Wellington, New Zealand, as a thank-offering to the Lord, "Who has so prospered us as a family through another year"; and a number of scrapbooks from little friends in several parts of the country. The Lord abundantly bless each donor, known and unknown, who has remembered and ministered to our family at this festive season, and give them in return the "good measure, pressed down, and shaken together."

Dec. 31.—Again we are brought to the closing day of another year, the last of 1892. How very quickly the years go past. May we more and more seek to redeem the time, filling up each moment with loving service for the Master, who has called us "with an holy calling," and made us co-workers together with Himself. There have been many changes, trials, and difficulties in the work during the past year, but, through all, the Lord has been our "strong tower," and we have had abundant tokens of His loving, watchful care and goodness, both in temporal and spiritual things. Oh, for more consecration and devotion to Him in the coming year. We closed the day with a watch-night service with our fellow-

workers, praising our Heavenly Father for all the tender mercy of the past, and commending one another and the dear children and work, in all its departments, to His loving care for the coming days. "Hitherto the Lord has helped us," and for the future we rest on His unchanging promise, "My God shall supply all your need." "Jehovah Jireh."

Many friends throughout Scotland have not yet heard of the Homes, and others are not aware of their extent and usefulness. They hear about the number of houses built and hundreds of children received, and many have the idea that these are ruled and guided by a few helpers. We have thought that the picture on following page, taken from photo, of our band of workers in the Bridge-of-Weir Homes will be interesting to friends, and give them some idea of the staff we require (and these do not include our helpers in the City Home and Canada) for the large work the Lord has laid to our hands. They have consecrated themselves to the Lord's service among the little ones, and are as dependent on our Heavenly Father for the daily supplies in money gifts sent in as we and the children are. Let me say here that helpers who join the work must do so with true love for service and a determination to please God: in other words, those with the missionary spirit, willing to consecrate their lives to the service of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. While we have not lacked true yoke-fellows to help us in the past, we have not had one to spare in the exacting work laid to our hands. It tests character and develops dependence on God who giveth them and us richly the grace of His Holy Spirit to fit and prepare us for service or suffering from day to day while here below.

Jan. 2, 1893.—Another new year entered on. May it be brighter and better than any of the past, because of the Master's blessing in our midst. Yesterday (Sabbath) we had three very profitable services in the church, Mr. John Currie, evangelist from California, being with us. We trust there will be much fruit that will remain and be seen in the coming days. The promise, "Fear not, for I am with thee," comes to us with fresh power, and "laying aside every weight," we would seek to press forward in the strength of the Lord God, knowing that He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think. Our first gift received on entering this new year was one of 10s. from three little boys "to help the poor wee boys and girls." Numerous letters reached us to-day, containing gifts, smaller and larger, with many, many loving expressions of interest in the work, and prayers for the Lord's blessing upon it. Among them a donation of £500 came as a special encouragement to us in setting forth on this untried year. The New-Year's-Day festivities among our gathered-in family were everything that one could wish for. The day was beautifully clear, with bright sunshine, and added much to the comfort of the gatherings. In the morning each child received a New Year's remembrance in the shape of cards, booklets, bags of sweets, etc., then a special breakfast was provided for all, and at 12.30, dinner, consisting of roast beef, steak-pie, potatoes, plum-pudding, etc., was done ample justice to. At 2 o'clock we all assembled in the church, where two Christmas trees, 20 feet high, stood on either side of the platform, and between them the ship's boat fully rigged up, and all laden with toys and useful articles as gifts for the children. It was indeed a lovely sight, and we wished the many friends through whose kindness the gifts were



GROUP OF WORKERS CONNECTED WITH ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR.

provided could have been present with us and witnessed the enjoyment of the dear children as each one was made the happy possessor of his and her gifts. At 3.30 our dear invalid little ones in Bethesda had their tree dismantled; and at 5 o'clock tea was served for all, when a bountiful supply of sweetbread (our own baking), fruit, etc., was given to each, after which three happy hours were spent in the Church, when the boys and girls, infants included, entertained us with singing, musical drill, recitations, etc. We brought this "red letter day" to a close with united worship, commending the family party at Fairknowe, who will be gathered in like manner (although a smaller number), as we were to-day as well as the thousands of our children scattered throughout Canada, all here, and our kind friends throughout the country and elsewhere, who so generously minister to our many needs, to the care of our God and Father for the unknown year which lies before us. With many of our friends there will be sadness at this time because of vacant places in the family and social gatherings. That the God of all comfort and consolation may cheer and sustain such is our sincere prayer. A frequent helper in Glasgow writes:—

MY DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—A truly happy New-Year to you all. Please use the enclosed 10s. to advance God's work among the children which He has put into your hands, as He shall direct you. It is a tiny sum, but let it be an earnest of this, "My God shall supply *all* your need"; and earnest, you know, are generally small in themselves but sure promises of great things to come. The need of 1893 will be great, doubtless, how great only our Father knows, but then He has the supply all ready, and you shall receive it in good time. So Dr. Bonar has entered into his rest, thank God. Who shall tell his happiness to-day? God comfort those who sorrow for him. How little we know what lies in store for us in the year that seems so close at hand, but we know God in Christ, the one great reality and certainty, and in Him we have all things. "My grace is sufficient for thee," He says. Shall we not reply, "I will go in the strength of the Lord God, I will make mention of Thy righteousness, even of Thine only."

Another at a distance, sending £20, says:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Enclosed £20, with best wishes for you and your work for 1893. The calls this year are numerous and urgent. It is a great privilege to be fellow-helpers with you and others in the same work, and then to think, "Of Thine own have we given Thee." Have you ever thought that our Lord's words, "There are but twelve hours in the day; the night cometh in which no man can work," "not even I," were uttered in connection with works of *mercy*. It has struck me as very touching. He spoke then as a man—as a man, He, too, had only His twelve hours—*His* night, as a man, was coming, when even He could not work *here*, so He worked on. What a lesson, and what encouragement to all who walk, however feebly, in His steps. A dear sister of mine engaged in work like yours in Edinburgh, where she has been the mainspring for many years, lies at the point of death. She has worked in her twelve hours. Will you pray she may be spared suffering, and have an entrance ministered to her abundantly?—Yours in Christian sympathy.

We have been greatly touched by gifts from the little ones in many parts. "Aggie" in Paisley writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I come by this letter to wish you and all your little children "A Happy New Year." I cannot come myself, but this letter will do as well, I hope. I was once at your Homes with mother and my two brothers, and we saw through all the places, and we all liked it very much, and since that we have gathered a little money now and again. The last time mother wrote the letter herself, and she thought that it would be nice for me to send it myself; so please find enclosed postal order for 9s., which we send with our very best wishes to help for the children's New Year's Treat. Mother encloses £1 for the same thing, and hope you will have a very prosperous New Year. Good-bye, and if spared, we hope to come and see you again.—We are, yours truly,

JAMIE, TOM, AND AGGIE.

"A Nurse" sends £6, and 10s. for personal use "from the nursery;"

three little boys write: "We have been gathering up our pennies to help your poor wee children and so have much pleasure in sending you five shillings." A little boy, aged 4 years and 8 months, writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I have collected some money (5s.) to help to feed your orphans. I have a little brother, and we will both try to get some more.—Your loving friend,
G.

and another little friend says:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I, and my brother and sisters, are very pleased to send you the small sum of eight shillings to help you to give your little orphan boys and girls a New Year's dinner. We have not been saving all the year, or we should be able to send you a lot more. We will begin next year and try and save more than we saved this year. We are coming to see the Orphan Homes some day, and that will be very nice. I hope all the children that are ill will soon get better.

and one in Wishaw writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I enclose half-a-dozen hoods, with best wishes; hope they may prove useful. We only wish there had been more. As this is our first time to do anything for your children, and we feel interested in the noble work that is carried on, we wanted to do just a little, if such would in a small way help. We have been giving and getting presents, and wished to give something to some poor children who needed more than we. The three undersigned have made the hoods. They are learning to be milliners, and have agreed to send these articles. Hoping they may be warm and comfortable to six little girls. Some day we intend coming to see your Homes at Bridge-of-Weir.

The Lord bless the dear children; we are sure they will be all the brighter and happier for the joy and gladness they have brought to other little ones who in the past have not seen much, if any, of the bright side of life.

Jan. 5.—During the past few weeks our hearts have been greatly cheered by seeing and hearing of many of our boys and girls being led to give themselves to the Saviour. The Holy Spirit has been working in our midst, watering the seed sown by our dear aged helper, Mr. Halliwell, who goes in and out among the cottages from night to night, as well as by the fathers and mothers in the different homes, and at the public services in the church. We praise God for what He has done in the past, and look up for "showers of blessing" to fall on our village. Thankofferings from those we have been the means of helping are always very cheering to us. Yesterday a girl sends 10 dols. or £2 1s. 8d., and another £1, in gratitude for what has been done for them. To-day a letter enclosing gift of 1 dol. reached us from a rescued one sent to Canada 10 years ago. She writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—When I read your letter to-night I felt I could not go to sleep without answering it, and it is with great pleasure I write these few lines to let you know that I have given myself up to that dear Friend of the friendless. He is such a loving Saviour, and He is my Saviour. I could not do without Him, and I have been asking Him to lead me to help others to come to Him. He is such a precious Master. I am sure if all the girls and boys would come to Him they would find Him the same. I suppose you have forgotten my face, although you have not forgot that I am one of your children. I remember Mrs. Quarrier's and your kind faces. Many a time they rise up before me, and when I think of all the kindness you have shown me, I feel as if I could do anything to repay you. I write to Mr. Burges sometimes. He was here to see me a few weeks ago, and we had a good long talk about old times. He was telling me the many improvements that have been made since I came out here. He told me, as I also see in your Christmas letter, that you and Mrs. Quarrier are coming out in the spring. I hope you will be able to call and see me. I suppose you have no snow over in Scotland yet. We have lots over here, and very cold weather. My brother Jamie is learning to be a carpenter; he likes it very well. And Bella, she is in the country. We are all well, and enjoying good health. I have had very good health since I came out here. I often think of going back to see all my friends again, and I need not say that Bridge-of-Weir would be one of the first places I would visit. Give my kind love

to all the girls and boys. I suppose there are none in the Homes that were when I was there. Give my kind love and best regards to Mrs. Quarrier and all kind friends. I will enclose one dollar for a thank-offering. It is a very small one compared to my feelings, but I know it will not be refused. I must close now, wishing you all a bright and happy New Year. Yours faithfully,
M. W.

Among many other gifts received these three days past are 6s. from Falkirk, "the Lord's portion of our little darling who is delighted to have it to give," with the cheering words, "The Lord will go before you;" 5s. from "five wee lassies;" 2 barrels fish from Fraserburgh, a most acceptable gift for our bairns; £1 and 2s. 6d. for our own use from a friend who says:—

May He who has so marvellously helped you in the past still continue to guide you with His counsel in your increasing work, and lead you into a greater knowledge of His unsearchable riches, and into a more complete trust in Him.

6s. from "Allan, Mary, and John;" £2 from friends who adopted one of our little girls some time ago; 2s. 6d. from an unknown source with the words, "He giveth power to the faint;" £6 "for little May;" £5 from a donor in Tarbert, £1 of it for personal use; £2 from "two grown up little folks;" a large quantity stationery and fancy goods, etc., from friends in Glasgow; 17 articles clothing from helpers in Aberdeen, and pair cuffs knitted for a sick child by a young lad there who has been ailing for over 9 months; 20 scarfs from another invalid; £4 from Dunfermline, "part of the savings of our elder son whom God has taken home;" 5s. from four little ones there also; 5s. from a working man in Edinburgh; £5 from a friend at a distance who had it in his heart to send a larger sum, but through failure of bank and building society in which he had money, cannot do so; £50 from a new donor in Glasgow; 2 dols. (8s. 2d.) for our little invalids, from a friend in Manitoba; £1, "a new year's thank-offering;" 10s. from a friend in Prestwick with the words, "the silver and the gold are the Lord's;" and £23 9s. 8d. from Sabbath schools and young people in many different parts of the land.

Jan. 11.—For many weeks past the poor children of the streets have been looking forward to their annual treat of tea and supper, which was held to-night in the National Halls. This has become quite an institution in the city, and long before it takes place we are often accosted on the street by a nod and a "Please, Mr. Quarrier, when's oor meeting to be? Will it be lang noo?" About 1,800 accepted our invitation, and it was a sad sight to look on the faces of so many young people from 6 to 17 years of age, and some even above that—all of the classes included in the card of admission, namely, newsboys and girls, shoeblacks, match, pipe, and vesuvian sellers, singers, and beggars. After tea and a short address, to which they gave an attentive hearing, a number of our rescued boys and girls from the Bridge-of-Weir Homes entertained the company with recitations, singing, musical drill, etc., which, with a magic-lantern display, kept up the interest all the time. On retiring, supper, consisting of two large sausage rolls and an orange, was given to each, also a Christmas card and a book, with Mrs. Quarrier's and my own best wishes for the New Year. A number waited at the close, and we trust, after investigations are made, some, if not all of them, will be taken in and permanently helped. At the meeting, it was again proposed, and unanimously carried, that the Lord Provost and Magistrates should be asked to control the street children, and make laws and regulations for their supervision, so as to save them from the evil influences of street life as it is at present. There

was sorrow in our hearts that the officials of our city have not given sufficient attention to the needs of this class. Nevertheless, we must labour on amid the sorrow, and endeavour to lessen the evil caused by the neglect of those who ought to be the first to assist with their practical and legal help. From many different sources, £80 8s. 4d., £2 of it for our own use; and a quantity of clothing, bulbs, bread, etc., have come to-day, with many strengthening words of cheer. "An old City Home worker," in sending £3, gives us the promise, "He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him; He also will hear their cry and will save them." A friend in Coatbridge writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—For some years past at this time, being the anniversary of my dear little daughter's death, I have sent you a small donation towards the good work you are engaged in. This year I see my way to give £12, the sum I understand which pays for the keep of one child for a year. I trust the Lord may continue to bless you more and more abundantly in the blessed work you are engaged in.

And another in Dundee says:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Enclosed please find P.O. for 10s.—5s. from my sister and 5s. from self—in aid of your work. We feel it a privilege to send you our small gift to be used for the Master. May He give you real success in 1893; many souls for your hire, and abundant means to carry on the good work. Acknowledge as first fruits, 1893. Thanks for copy Annual Report. We were much blessed in the reading of it. Much reason have we to call upon our souls and all that is within us to praise, bless, and magnify His Holy Name. God is able to make all grace abound toward you.—2 Cor. ix. 8.

Jan. 13.—One of our sailor lads writes us yesterday from Peru:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I write this letter to let you know that I received your letter. I was glad to hear you were all keeping well. I hope you are still keeping well. I am glad to say I am still keeping well myself and the other two boys also; they had only about two days' sickness. They have often said they would rather be in the *James Arthur* and I have said the same also. The captain and officers are very good to us. We had a pretty fair passage; we were only 60 days to the Horn and 97 days on the passage—the smartest passage that has been among the vessels that are lying here. I was glad to hear you had a visit from D. M'L. and P. S. I am also glad to hear of the nice Thanksgiving meeting and the number of visitors you had. We are just finished discharging the coal; we are getting the ballast in and the sails ready for sea again. We are going to Pisagua to load nitre, and expect to be home about May. I send my best wishes to Mrs. Quarrier, Miss Mary, and Mr. Frank. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New-Year. I will be wishing I was along with you again, for I know I won't have a very happy New Year. Good night. The Lord bless thee.—Yours faithfully, A. P.

£100 from Paisley for emigration was a most welcome gift to-day in view of the coming needs for that special department. Two little friends in Leith send 15s.; pupils in school, Paisley, £6 10s., proceeds of sale of work held by them; eight children in Glasgow, 15s.; Sabbath schools in Galashiels, Dunfermline, Edinburgh, Chapelton, and Guildtown, £6 0s. 9d.; and other friends, £31 16s., and five parcels of clothing. One of our little girls sent out to Canada last summer writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I write you these few lines to let you know that I am getting on well, and am going to school every day. I like my new home: mamma is so kind to me, and I have got four little sisters and brothers; I like them very well. It is very near Christmas. I think you will be getting ready for Christmas the trees and toys. I hope you are all well in the Homes. I send my love to Mrs. Guild and all my friends. Wishing you a happy Christmas and a happy New Year. My little brothers and sisters have lost their papa last New Year. It is a sad New Year for them. We live with grandpa and mamma. We have lots of honey, and bees, and apples. I wish I could send you some honey for a Christmas treat. There is lots of sleighing, and the horses have got their bells; they ring when they go, and it is so nice. It is a far nicer country here than in the old country. We have lots of things to eat;

we are never hungry. I got the books all safe, and I thank you for them. This is only a little letter, but I will write a bigger one next time I write,—I remain, yours truly, M. M. S.

Jan. 18.—During the past days very many distressing cases of need have been brought before us, and this afternoon seven children were received under the shelter of the Homes. Three of these, the youngest 2 years, came from the west coast. Their parents have never had a house, but have been real "sojourners, dwelling in tents," etc. The mother, a quiet, gentle woman, died in Oban Poorhouse last month. The father, her senior by 20 years, candidly admits having lived by begging exclusively. He is a disabled soldier with no pension. A little girl of 12, suffering from spine disease, and with open sore, for whom, humanly speaking, there is no prospect of recovery; a boy of 10, whose father, a ship-steward, left his vessel at Melbourne three years ago and has not been heard of since. The mother is a most respectable, hard-working woman, but her boy is getting beyond control, would not attend school, stayed out at nights, etc., and she is thankful to have him taken by us; an orphan girl of 10 from Edinburgh and a boy of 12 from Glasgow are the others added to our number to-day. A friend from Maryhill called about a motherless family of four—10, 8, 6, and 2 years—whose father drinks, and children are much neglected; a widow belonging to Helensburgh came to see if we could advise or help her with her boy of 8, who is getting beyond control, and another called about her boy of 10, who is given to pilfering, etc. "A broken-hearted father" writes about girl of 13 who is addicted to stealing, and he has tried everything he could think of to change her, but of no avail; and other cases have been brought before us recently from Dunoon, Edinburgh, Johnstone, Greenock, Pittenweem, Cambuslang, Nairn, Belfast, Carlisle, and Glasgow. From Irvine, Caithness, Brechin, Nairn, Paisley, Galashiels, Cullen, Crosslee, Stornoway, Blairgowrie, Lothianburn, Leith, Helensdale, Rutherglen, Cupar-Fife, Dunfermline, Elgin, Perth, Dundee, Uddingston, and Glasgow, £20 1s. 5d.—2s. 6d. of it for personal use—have been sent in to-day, also some useful clothing. Yesterday we were gladdened by receiving a gift of 50 dols. (£10 8s. 4d.) from Canada, as "a thankoffering from boys and girls gathered at Fairknowe on New Year's Day." Some do return to give thanks for what has been done for them, and it is cheering to us when they remember to do so. A kind helper in Dunfermline writes:—

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed find postal order for the sum of 7s. 6d.—5s. for your work, and 2s. 6d. for the workman, who I consider is worthy of his hire. I pray that God may long spare you and yours for the Christ-like work in which you are engaged, and that your faith may be strengthened for whatever trials you may have; for, if we have the childlike trust, God will do the work.

another in Lothianburn sends 5s., and says, "I am thankful that the Lord enables me to send even this mite, which I do very thankfully. May the beloved Master, whose you are and serve, bless you more and more;" one in Blairgowrie encloses £1 12s. 6d. from herself and friends, and sends us the old, tried promise, "My God shall supply all your need;" a frequent donor sending £4 says, "Jehovah-Jireh is your promise for the future, and you may rely upon His faithfulness;" another forwards £3 10s. as a New-year's offering, with the words "He is 'faithful' You have proved this in all these years of your work and labour of love for His sake, therefore you can 'trust' and not be afraid;" and a bereaved one writes:—

DEAR SIR,—I wish you and all your dear children a very happy New Year. I have had sad bereavements. My husband and my dear daughter who used to send this to you have gone to be with their dear Saviour. I have found all His promises true. Hoping the Lord will bless you in your work. I enclose the sum of five shillings.

Words such as these, sent with gifts from time to time, do much to stimulate and encourage us amid trials and difficulties by the way, and we pray that the Master, who takes notice of the least service rendered to His little ones, will abundantly reward each.

Jan. 21.—Many cheering letters have reached us these past days from members of our family on the other side of the Atlantic. One of our lads sent out last year writes:—

DEAR MR. AND MRS. QUARRIER,—You must forgive me for not writing sooner and wishing you a happy New Year. I did not forget, but somehow or other I put it off till now. I hope you had a pleasant time on New Year's day. I am sure the children had a good time of it, for I know the time we had the year before. I got a picture of the "display" in 1891-92 in the New-Year's letter that Mr. Burges sent me; the Christmas trees and the boat covered with presents, also the text, "God is Love," that I helped Mrs. Bullin to make. I hope all the boys were as pleased with the presents this year as No. 11 boys were last year. I can't forget seeing all the boys after they got home with their presents, every one trying their trumpets, their games, and every kind of toys they had. I was just like the rest trying the sound of my concertina. I had a very pleasant time. I went to Kingston and spent a few days with D. G. and his brother Tom. We had a good time sleighing and skating. One night David and I went to have a skate on the lake. After I got my skates on, and was going to do some wonderful skating, I started, and down I went through a thin sheet of ice over the knees. I got out, and before I knew what happened my trousers were frozen as stiff as a board, and spoiled our fun that night. I was none the worse. T. took me over to the Y.M.C.A. on New-Year's morning to a Bible-class, of which he is a member. I may say now that I have had a taste of a Canadian winter. One morning it was 30 degrees below zero. I was out driving a sleigh to the country, when a man who was passing in a sleigh hollered out—"Your nose is frozen." It was only too true, and not only my nose but the lower part of my left ear. They made me rub the frost out with snow, which I did. My nose was all right, but my ear swelled up a little. I feel disappointed in my prominent members being Scotch. I thought it was almost impossible for them to freeze, but I know different now. We have lots of snow, and I think there is more threatening to come soon. I don't feel the cold too bad. I think I stand it better than most Canadians. I had a letter with some photos from Mrs. Bullin at Christmas; one of No. 11 Cottage; another of the boys, and of Mr. and Mrs. Bullin, Bertie, and baby. I would like to see baby. Mother seems to be very fond of her. You will soon be choosing the boys to make up the next band; how quick old time moves. Now I must close, wishing you all a happy New Year and a prosperous one for the work. Every year is prosperous in the work, and I trust that it will increase every year. I was so glad to hear you had got a sea-side home for the sick ones. It will be so nice for them, especially in the summer time. I am a member of the Y.M.C.A. here, and I like the work. It is just a year ago, on the 10th, that I decided for Jesus, and now I know I have been far off the mark I intended to be, but I pray God with a renewed effort I will be nearer it this year. I am far from being sorry for deciding for Christ; but I am real sorry for not serving Him better than I have done. I hope and trust that all the boys will take Jesus for their Leader; when they come to Canada they shall always be glad they did so; for in Him we have a satisfaction—a support that none other can give. I must now close with my best wishes for all the orphans and the workers, and trusting that this will find you enjoying as good health as I do. Kindly remember me to Miss Mary and Mr. Frank. May God bless and prosper the work.—Believe me to be yours very truly, one of your old boys,

T. W. R.

Yesterday six needy ones were admitted, four of them orphans from Dunoon, oldest only 9 years, whose father, a joiner, died of consumption about three years ago, and mother of same trouble on fourth of this month; an orphan girl of 11 from Alloa; and a young woman in need

of a helping hand. Our money gifts for the day amount to £8 10s. 3d., 5s. of it from Aberdeen "In Memoriam," £3 2s. from Sunday schools in Langbank, Leith, and Lockerbie, and 3s. 3d. sent by an invalid in Elie; a most useful quantity of clothing from Y.W.C.A., Longforgan, and parcel from a friend in Aberdeen also came.

Jan. 25.—A new donor in Edinburgh who desires to remain unknown sends us a contribution of £50 to-day; and from others in Helensburgh, Edinburgh, Castle Douglas, Stanley, Greenock, Wishaw, Pittenweem, Dunfermline, Broomhouse, Macduff, Arbroath, Lochgilphhead, and Glasgow; £43 9s. 2½d. have come, £2 7s. 4½d. of it from young friends in Glasgow who have formed themselves into a club for helping our little ones. Ten bags of flour, 48 loaves, and some books; and a large quantity of useful garments from friends in Broughton, Peeblesshire, sent this week, were also very acceptable gifts for our family. Six needy ones were added to our number; a boy of 14 and girl of 6 from Pittenweem, whose mother is very ill-doing and quite unfit to have the care of them; and two girls of 11 and 8, and two boys 12 and 9, of one family, whose father, a drapery salesman, got imprisoned for assaulting mother about two years ago, and seemed to feel so disgraced he absconded and has not been heard of since. The mother died in June last and an old son kept on house, but gave way to drink and is now living in a model lodging house.

It is very cheering to receive letters from time to time from our boys and girls in Canada, telling us they have decided for the Lord, and are seeking to serve Him. Two of them write as follows:—

DEAR FRIEND,—I hope you will excuse me for not writing to you sooner, but I know that you will be glad to hear the good news that I have given my heart to the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and am trusting in Him every moment and every hour. I am quite well sure that if this was all you heard from me you would rejoice with me. But I will write you a few more lines. I received your letter from Mr. Burges before the New Year, and was glad to hear of the many mercies the Lord had given to those who love Him. I was at the Home on New Year's Day in Brockville, and I tell you we had a good time. There must have been somewhere over 100 boys and girls, and I am sure we did not forget to speak about the Homes there and you. I received a Bible for my New Year's present from Mr. Burges, and I intend to make use of it, what I never did before. I am sure you would like to hear how I have got along since you sent me here. I went to my farm and worked at farming till I got hurt, and had to leave; and I came to Brockville, and found Christ as my Saviour, and am now working in the carriage works here. There is plenty of work for us all if we are only willing to do it. There is no need for any one that is not willing to do it. I have joined the Church, and was baptized on the 22nd of November. I belong to the Baptist Church, and am striving to preach the Gospel of Christ. I will now close with this text, "As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." J. M'L., The carter boy who was in No. 11.

DEAR SIR,—I write you these few lines to let you know that we are well, hoping to find you all the same. Well, Mr. Quarrier, it has been some time since I wrote to you before. I would have written, but I did not have time and I write to you to ask if you would tell me where my mother is if you please. I have not heard from her for about four months, and I wrote to her, and my letter came back to me, so I have been waiting all this time for a letter until I could wait no longer, and I thought you would know where she was. I received your books the other night; it is just a pleasure to get them. I have been fine since I came here, and I like it fine. I don't think I shall go back to stay. I might go for a while; probably if I ever get married I will go on my tour, but it is not likely to be for a while. Well, I am glad to hear you are getting along so well. I suppose things are quite different now to when I was there. Well, we are having a nice time here. We had revival meetings this time last winter, and we had a great time in praising God. The most in our neighbourhood have entered into Holiness. O, I tell you it is grand to be filled with the Spirit. There is nothing like being out and out for Christ, and that

I intend to be as long as I live. There are a great number of people who do not believe in it; but how can they when God has told us so plain in His word that without Holiness we cannot see God, and yet they will get around it. Well, Mr. Quarrier, I think I have told you all I can think at present, and I think I will have to close. I have my sister right near me now, and it is so nice. I hope Mrs. Quarrier is well, and all the rest. I would like to see you all again; we will trust our dear Saviour, if we do not meet here again, we will all meet in Heaven. I still remain as ever, yours truly,
J. I.

Jan. 28.—We were cheered yesterday by receiving a letter telling us that the resolution passed by the children of the streets at their annual meeting, requesting their control and supervision, has at last been considered by the Magistrates, and a committee appointed to meet with me. We trust the matter will be carried to a successful issue, and when it is so, we believe it will be one of the best movements on behalf of children that has been attempted within the last thirty years. Yesterday and to-day, £40 19s. 8d. have been sent in—£5 of it from Massachusetts as a thankoffering; £1 from South Africa; £1 from Dundee, with the words, "Keep believing," and Prov. iii. 9, 10; and 5s. from Hamilton, with the following letter:—

DEAR SIR,—Thanks for your Annual Report, it is just so cheering to hear of all the work God has again strengthened you to do amongst the little orphans. Will you please accept of enclosed, which is a cause of gratitude that I have it in my power to contribute toward your large family.

A most useful gift of 50 pairs boys' boots from a friend in Ayr; 31 lbs. tea from others in Kirkmichael; 102 articles clothing from a ladies' sewing party, Broughty Ferry; 42 articles, "the result of the Sunday morning breakfast collection of a family in Dennistoun," and some bread, etc., were also very acceptable donations.

Feb. 1.—Again we are entered on another month, the first of spring, and we have to record the continued loving kindness of the Lord in the supply of all our need for our large and increasing family, as well as our own. To-day we have added six new members from Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Carluke, to our number, each with his or her own sad tale of misery and suffering. A friend, who wishes to be his own executor, sends £200, "with best wishes for the success of your many efforts in carrying on the Lord's work." We believe where friends have means lying past, it is their duty to disburse them in their lifetime, and in so doing, obey the Master's injunction, "Occupy till I come." In some cases it may not be practicable, but we feel sure it is too often the case that men hoard up their money, that at their death they may have it said of them they were worth so many thousands. How much better it would be that their treasure should be laid up in heaven, and they have the pleasure of seeing while here the good their money accomplishes. Gifts from Sabbath school children, and young people throughout the land, are always very cheering to us. To-day the children of the U.P. Church S.S., Bridge of Allan, send 75 articles of clothing made by them; 4s. 6d. came from a little S.S. class, Glamis, all of them poor children; and £4 13s. 8d. from others in Aberdeen, Coldstream, Beaully, Wishaw, and Glasgow, "A well-wishing girl," Alexandria, writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I feel sorry about not sending this small sum of money before this, as I have had it before Christmas for the dear little children. I have not been well, and have lost the best friend on earth, a mother, as we all know it for there is no love like theirs. May God bless both you and the dear little children, and prosper you in all your ways. I now send you one pound with love.

and among other gifts received these few days past, £1 came from unknown friends as "a thank-offering for God's goodness to us;" 22 scarfs from an old knitter, "hoping they may give comfort;" 5s., "a mite" from a friend in Airdrie who frequently helps us, and 5s. from her Mission Class; four pairs stockings, "a thank-offering from one now with the Lord;" £1, with the word "Inasmuch;" 5s., "quarterly mite" from Alexandria; £7, "a thank-offering" from Broughty Ferry; and £12 3s. 7d. from S.S.'s in Carluke, Innellan, Largs, Greenock, Galston, Maxwelltown, Alexandria, and Kirkmuirhill.

Feb. 6.—A friend writes as follows about a very sad case—"A very painful case was brought under my notice the other day as having occurred in the regiment just come to Maryhill Barracks. It seems that Sergeant M., a God-fearing man, became so anxious about spiritual matters that he became despondent, and a few weeks ago took his own life, leaving a widow and six children. (He had sunstroke when out in India, which may account for his state of mind.) His wife was born and brought up in the army, and has no relations alive to whom she can go for advice or assistance. The sad death of her husband has so undermined her health, and partly her reason, that she has to be guided in all her domestic affairs. Ages of the children are 10, 6, 5, 3, 2, and 8 months. Trusting the Lord who has hitherto so guided and strengthened your hands, may enable you to see your way to open your door to the soldier's orphans. The mother has consented to give her children to the care of such Christians as will bring them up in the fear of the Lord." We are truly glad to be able to stretch out a helping hand by receiving these little ones bereft of their breadwinner in such a trying way. Many other needy cases have been brought before us these few days at City Home and by letters from Kintyre, Largs, Edinburgh, Crieff, Uddingston, Muirkirk, Peebles, Inverness, Ayr, and Glasgow. A gift of 6s. 6d. from a poor aunt of boy we helped, touched our hearts. She was needing food and succour herself, and some money had been collected for her by friends, and she wished to show her gratitude to us and the Lord by giving this portion of it as a thankoffering. Our gifts in money for the day amount to £9 6s. 6d. A large quantity of clothing from working party in Aberdeen, friends who often help in this way; a beautiful large bed quilt from Bathgate; parcels clothing from others in Glasgow; and some tea, bread, etc., were also most acceptable gifts.

Feb. 11.—One of the older members of our family, Mary Gardner, a young woman about 18 years of age, passed away to be with the Saviour to-day. She, along with a brother and sister, orphans, came to us about two and a half years ago, but she has been more or less delicate all the time, the seeds of consumption and heart disease being sown. While in the Homes she was led as a sinner to the feet of Jesus, and has left such a bright, happy testimony behind her. She suffered a good deal, but was most patient and anxious to avoid giving trouble in any way. Yesterday morning, after she seemed to have a glimpse of the glory beyond, although very weak, she sang the hymn beginning—

"Oh, weary pilgrim, lift your head,
For joy cometh in the morning"—

and said to the kind matron who was beside her, "Oh, if I could only let you know how happy I am, but I can't express it," then she joined again in singing the hymn—

"When the mists have rolled in splendour,
From the beauty of the hills;
And the sunlight falls in gladness
On the river and the rills.
We recall our Father's promise,
In the rainbow of the spray;
We shall know each other better,
When the mists have rolled away."

This morning about three o'clock, an hour before she died, she joined in singing "Joy cometh in the morning" again, and just as she passed away, her last words were, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee," and said, "He is with me." The matron says she will never forget her deathbed experience, and truly, for dear Mary, "absent from the body," is "present with the Lord." Yesterday three girls of 13, 8, and 2, brought to starvation and misery through drink, were taken in from Peebles, and four of a family were arranged to be received from Glasgow; and from the north, east, and west other sad cases have been laid before us these days past. From Johnstone, Dunfermline, Helensburgh, Musselburgh, Kilbarchan, Pitlochry, Hawick, Rothesay, Greenock, and Glasgow, £12 10s., a quantity of clothing, some eggs, etc., have been sent in to-day, with many kind wishes for the work. One of our rescued girls and boys writes us from across the seas:—

DEAR FRIEND,—I take the pleasure of writing you a few lines to let you know I got your New Year Letter, and was much pleased to hear from you and to see the Christmas Tree and all the boys and girls round the Home; it put me in mind of the Christmas and New Year I spent there. I like my place well, and hope I will never have to leave it: I have not been as good a girl as I should have been; I have done things I should not have done; but I hope God will forgive me, and help me to lead a better life. We go to Sunday-school in the summer, I and the two oldest boys. We had a social for the Sabbath school scholars, and we got nice prizes, a book apiece. We have quite a little piece to go, and we can't go in the winter, for the snow is too deep. Our family here are four boys and three girls, the oldest a boy of 10 and the youngest a baby boy a month and half old. We have a very cold winter here, the coldest we have had for some time. I have now told you all the news I know of. I want you to send me yours and Mrs. Quarrier's picture, if you please.—No more from your ever true friend,
K. C.

DEAR FRIEND,—It is with pleasure I write you these few lines to let you know that I am well, hoping this will find you all the same. I am glad to hear that you are so prosperous with your work in caring for the fatherless children of Scotland whom God has placed under your care. I am happy to know that God has called you to such a high calling as to be a father to the fatherless children of Scotland. You may be surprised to hear that I have left the place which I had when you were in Canada. I left two years ago this fall, but was at home this summer and stayed five months. While I was there my old and well-beloved master, whom you will remember the night you had the pleasure of being with us at a strawberry festival at M., was called to leave this world of sin to his Father and our Father in Heaven. It was a very sudden death, the heart disease; may we all be ready, for in such a time as we know not the Son of man will come in His glory. I am working in the shanty this winter, and I met with a young friend here who was one of the first band of boys who came to the Fairknowe Home, Brockville. I am in the woods in the winter and in the sawmills in the summer, so you will see that I am leading the life of a lumberman for the present, although I intend to be a farmer in time to come. I will now close this letter by sending my best respects to all.—Yours truly,
W. B.

Feb. 14.—We are now in the midst of preparations for the going forth of our boys' party to Canada. Out of the 1100 children at present in the Homes, we intend sending 250 this year, and the first band, numbering 130 boys, is to sail, the Lord willing, on the 15th of next month, and the girls' party some time in May. During the past months we have received up to date over £1,200, and this almost completes the

sum required for the 130 boys we intend sending next month. Thus our Father is beforehand even earlier than former years with the supply needed for this outgoing band, and for all that is still required we will trust in Him. Yesterday eight more children were added to our number, five of them, oldest 10, youngest 2, a soldier's family, regarding whom a friend wrote us a few days ago; an orphan boy of 15 from Ayr, one of 11 from Glasgow, and another of 4 from Edinburgh. Yesterday and to-day we have received £18 12s. 11d., £2 of it for our own needs, five of the donations sent being from anonymous friends. A large quantity of tracts from Stirling; two parcels clothing and 32 leaves have also come. An aged friend in Campbeltown writes:—

DEAR SIR,—It is with pleasure I enclose bank draft for £6 to help on the blessed work to which you have given your life under your Lord. £2 of this please keep for your own personal use. The remaining £4 appropriate to the part of the work which you may deem most in need of help. May the Holy Spirit bless the means used to bring the wandering lambs into the fold, and send a rich blessing, too, on every under-shepherd. May the joy of the Lord be their strength. I have often wished to be present at your annual celebration at the Bridge of Weir, but do not hear when it takes place till too late to arrange for going. Is it too much to ask that a post-card might be sent me telling the date some little time in advance? With kindest regards and hearty good wishes, I am very truly yours.

One in Edinburgh sends 5s., "praying that the Lord may long spare and bless you in His work"; another £1 from Lanark Juvenile Missionary Society, "wishing you God-speed in your work"; one unable to help with sewing as she has been wont to do, 10s., "wishing it were much more"; another in Brodick writes:—

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed are a few semmets, sox, and cuffs, which I hope you may find useful. It is only as a grain of sand in comparison to what you need for your large family, but it is all I can afford, and hope it may help to keep some little one warm.

From Strathaven a donor sends £1 3s., from Junior Bible Class, with many kind wishes; and another in Glasgow sends 10s. from herself and 10s. from a friend, "praying that the Lord may continue to bless and prosper you"; a grateful relative of children we have helped, in sending a letter of thanks, says:—"What a sense of relief, gratitude, and reverence I felt while worshipping yesterday, and all owing to God's goodness, and to your extraordinary kindness to me and mine. God for ever bless you is my fervent prayer."

Feb. 18.—On Wednesday this week I was called to meet a sub-committee of the Magistrates in regard to the matter of street supervision. Nothing definite was arranged, but we trust it may be soon. Yesterday we took in seven children, whose sad histories, if written in detail, would fill volumes. Three of these, boys of 10, 5, and 3, came from Edinburgh. Their mother, a woman of delicate health, is now unable to keep children, having been left destitute, with a family of eight, by her husband's desertion. Her eldest boy, aged 14, earns 4s. weekly; she has 4s. off Board, and this is all her income. A girl of 12 from Gourrock, brought by a friend who found her on a stair one night; two little girls of about 5, and a very sad case of a boy of 9, were others received. His father, a returned convict, has spent seventeen years of his life in prison, and is now on ticket-of-leave. His health is shattered, and he is quite unfit for work, owing to weakness and dizziness in the head, but is most anxious to save this boy from following his example. The mother, not well-doing, is supposed to be dying of consumption. Friends in Whitehaven, Aber-

deen, Dunfermline, Largs, Rothesay, Maybole, Hamilton, and Glasgow, also write about needy cases, and others have been calling at City Home. Five pairs stockings, "knitted by grandma in her 87th year, with her best wishes for the prosperity of yourself and large family," came from an unknown friend in Stirling; £10 from another anonymous donor, Edinburgh postmark—"a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, who, constrained by the love of God, desires to lay up treasure in heaven, to take the youngest boy to Canada;" 50 pairs of beautiful black stockings, a most welcome gift at this time, from a frequent helper in Edinburgh; 59 articles clothing from a working party there also; 15 from Largs; 30 from young people's sewing-meeting in Glasgow; 38 from near Campbeltown; three pieces dress material from an unknown donor; parcels from others, etc., and £42 0s. 4d.—2s. 6d. of it for personal use—have come these few days past with many kind expressions of interest and sympathy. A friend in Edinburgh who has been sending the *British Weekly* and other books and papers from time to time, says:—

MY DEAR SIR,—I wish you every success in your great and good work. I envy you the satisfaction, pleasure, and joy it must give you to be so useful in your day and generation. I have been sending you the *British Weekly* because I am a great admirer of the Rev. Dr. Whyte's lectures on the characters in the "Pilgrim's Progress." I have often thought if they were read to your boys and girls they might be found very useful and instructive. It is a suggestion by the way.

One of our family in Canada writes this week:—

DEAR SIR,—I am almost ashamed at my long delay in the answering of your letter. I was very much pleased with your New-Year letter and card. The view of your house and "Elim" looks fine. It is past time sending cards, but you will excuse mine coming so late. I have had lots of sleigh rides this winter, and I guess you would like one too. It would be very nice if you had a good big sleigh. The sleighing is not very good just now; the snow is going away. Christmas and New-Year passed very quietly with me. To-morrow is my baking day; we bake all our own bread. I don't know exactly how old I am, nor the date of my birthday. If you know, will you please send it? I'm going to join the Presbyterian Church, and I would like to be sure of my age. I hope you and Mrs. Quarrier and Miss Fox will be able to get out this year with the girls. Indeed I would like if Miss Hall could come too, but I guess she couldn't. However, I will be looking for a visit from you. I was glad to see Mr. Thomson in the summer; he was an unexpected visitor. Jeanie S. has not been very strong since she came here. Her eyes have been sore, and she was sick for about two months. She looks brighter now. Mrs. C. asked me if I knew when her birthday was. I didn't know, so Mrs. C. is going to hold it on the 14th of June, because that was the day we both came here. Mr. C. thinks a lot of Jeanie. She goes to meet him coming home from his work. Santa Claus brought her a nice big rocking chair, a box of China toys, and two dolls. I think this is all at present. Hoping you are all keeping well,—Yours sincerely, S. C.

Feb. 24.—To-day our house by the sea at Ardnadam, purchased for us by a friend in September last, was opened for alterations, and the matron and first little one to get the benefit of the change are now there. It is an additional responsibility; but we feel it will be a great boon to the work, in enabling us to give many of our delicate little ones and helpers a change and rest from time to time. The promise is, "My presence shall go with thee," and we would rest in that assurance. The picture on opposite page will give friends some idea of the size and appearance of "Springfield," our Seaside Cottage Home. An orphan boy of 13 from Edinburgh; three of 11, 9, and 8 years from Paisley; and one of 7 from Glasgow have been admitted to-day. A quantity of clothing and £35 2s. 5d. from friends in different parts have come—£1 of it for our own needs; £10 10s. as a thankoffering for recovery from

serious illness; 8s. from a working girl, Perth; £1 from Pitlochry, "in memory of a dear sister;" £1 from Sabbath-school, Bonhill, "praying that you may have much of the Master's presence and power;" £10 10s. from "mother and the bairns, with best wishes, and prayers that our gracious Heavenly Father may bless you more and more abundantly," and £1 from an anonymous donor, Rothesay. A friend in Canada writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Will you accept my best thanks for sending your most interesting annual report. With pleasure I enclose you 5 dols. to help as you see best, and only wish it were more. I always pass on your report to friends with a silent prayer that the Lord will open their hearts and purses too to help your large family needs, and perhaps indirectly have stimulated more helpers in your work. At any rate that has been my aim. I prefer you not to give my name in your printed report, only my initials. With every good wish for the best welfare of all under your charge, and that yourself and family will be encouraged and strengthened for all the work laid to your charge.



SPRINGFIELD—OUR SEASIDE HOME.

Yesterday we received 3s. from "Sartus," Greenock post-mark, towards the purchase of the needed farm for the increasing work, and we take it as the earnest of the £10,000 required for this special object, and which we feel sure will come at the right time. Among other gifts received are £3 14s. from "Willing Helpers' Society," £20 for general purposes, and £20 to take a boy and girl to Canada, from a regular donor, who writes:—

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed you have £20 for your general account, and £20 for emigration as above. You will soon be getting ready for transplanting, and I am glad to see from the report that they continue to thrive in Canada, and in time blossom and bear fruit, filling your heart with joy and gladness. The Lord bless you and strengthen you for your increased labours, and grant all your desires in His own good time.

A little adopted girl and an older one in Canada send us the following letters :—

MY DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I am ashamed for not writing to you sooner. I have received your letter and mamma and I think it was very kind of you to send it. We have moved to G— Street, and you have not to forget to come and see us. I like the home that I am in very much, and I go to Sunday School and I go to day school; and I got five honour cards for good conduct and industry, and I got my report, and I got seventy-four marks, and I am in the second book; and I have got five dollars in the Post Bank. I am growing and I can get up to mamma's arm, and I eat very heartily. Mamma and papa and I and my little dog is well; and I was up town with mamma and my little dog would bite mamma. I am getting along very well with my lessons for school, and I get out every Saturday with mamma; and I can darn stockings and I can sew very well, and I can attend the door when mamma and papa is out. I weighed 46 pounds when I came to mamma and I weigh about 60 pounds now. I went with mamma and papa to Kirkferry, and my little dog, too, and I picked the berries with mamma. I got the annual letter you sent me, and I got my Christmas holidays; and I got on Christmas two new silk handkerchiefs, and I got two new dresses, and a pair of rubbers, and a parasol, and knife, and a book and eight cents, and a singing book and three oranges, and a lot of candy. My little dog has got a cover to keep the cold out of her; and we had a festival, and I recited at the festival. I only go half a day to school. I send my love to Mr. Quarrier and Mrs. Quarrier.—Your loving child,
I. B.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I take the pleasure of writing to you to let you know that I am very thankful to you for sending my brother and I to this country, and providing us both with a good home. I have not been to see Mr. and Mrs. Burges since I left, but I hope to go soon if nothing happen. The place I am in is a farm, and they have 28 or 30 cows. I milk four cows once a day, and they have five horses. Mr. Thomson was preacher at Mainyard in the afternoon, and he came here for his tea, then he went up to Algonquin and preached there, so I heard him twice that Sunday. I went to school last winter for four months. I am not going this winter because I am too big. I have grown a lot since I came to this country. I am glad the cold weather has come so we can have sleighing; I would like to have sleighing all the winter long. I hope this will find you all well, as it leaves me. I am glad to hear how the Homes are getting more and more all the time. I hope all the little ragged children will be brought from off the street.—No more at present, but remain, yours truly,
S. M.

Feb. 28.—To-day, among other gifts received, 250 beautifully-bound Bibles came for boys and girls going to Canada. The friend who sends them has, from the beginning of the work, given one to each child who has gone forth—in other words about 3,700 Bibles. Another helper kindly provides each child with a copy of the Pilgrim's Progress. An aunt of children received, in St. Andrews, sends 10s.; “a worm,” 10s.; servants and friends in Hydropathic, Edinburgh, six pairs stockings and two articles clothing, made by them in spare time; a donor in Banchory, who has been laid aside for some time, 10s., regretting she cannot send more; and Sabbath school near Dunblane, £2 9s., contents of missionary box, “wishing you every blessing.” A little friend in Paisley writes :—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—My little sister Bessie and I had each a little sale of work for the benefit of your little boys and girls, at which we got 11s. 6d. between us, which we now send to you.—Yours respectfully,
M. C.
and an invalid in Elie :—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—This is 4s. for the Lord's sick ones from His bank of nine. Yes, He blesses my little box, His pennies, and He sends me *all I need*. He takes away all desire for things I cannot get, and oh, I long to praise Him more and more for all His wondrous love to me. I do pray you may have oh so much of His love for all your great work. I ask every penny to be multiplied by Him for the work, and all get a rich blessing. Do not mind answering this, as you have so much to do and mine so little, not that I do not prize a note from you or Mrs. Quarrier to cheer me in the valley. Oh, it is sweet to be there with Jesus in the green pas-

tures, getting refreshed when weary. Thank you much for the reports. I have sent them out to others to see, with prayer.

March 4.—A legacy of £800 received to-day is a most acceptable gift for the increasing needs of our Building Fund; £3 1s. 3d. from other sources have come, and £53 16s. 10d. yesterday, £30 of it for emigration, also a large quantity clothing, dress material, hats, etc., these three days past, from friends in Wooler; S. G., F. S., Fort William; Ladies' sewing meeting and friends, Montrose, etc., with many expressions of interest and words of cheer. A friend in Wooler writes :—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—We duly received the reports, which we distributed as well as we could, so that as many people could see them as possible. We have now got all the different parcels sent in, so we got the box and bale sent off yesterday, which we hope will arrive quite safely, and that all the things sent will be useful for some branch of your large and ever-increasing work amongst the orphans. I enclose names of ladies who sent something, just to show you who are interested, although you do not know them. We have great pleasure in working for the Homes, although we do miss our dear mother, who helped us so much last year at this time but she has gone to a better world above to serve her God and Saviour in a different way, and may we all be up and doing all we can for others while we have time and opportunity, for how short our time is at the longest, and how long is eternity. I trust you and Mrs. Quarrier and family are all well. We hope to make your acquaintance some time, perhaps this summer, if we are all well, as my sister and I have always wished to visit the Homes. With our best wishes for yourself and family, and trust you may be strengthened for all the work you have in the Homes. We read the report with great interest.

To-day we laid to rest in our “God's Acre” the body of one of our little boys who died in “Elim,” our Invalid Boys' Home, this week. For some months past he has been ill with bronchitis, etc., and doctor gave no hope of his recovery. He was one of a family of four orphans we took over a year ago; now the little lamb is safely folded and “shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more,” for “of such is the kingdom of heaven.” Quite a number of cases were at City Home this afternoon, and three children have been admitted. The mother of two of them is sister to two girls we received some time ago, and who are now in Canada. It would have been better had she, too, come with her sisters and gone where she would have had a chance of getting on and having plenty, instead of being, as she is now, in need of help and succour. A minister called about two orphans of 5 and 10 years; a mother about boy of 7; a lad of 16 who has been in prison; a man about two children wishing them helped; and lodgings, meal, etc., were given to other needy ones. We are pressed for accommodation, every cottage that is up is already filled, and we are desirous of having more houses that we may be able to shelter the needy ones who keep coming from day to day. We have never yet needed to refuse any needy, fatherless or orphan child, and this is a matter of great thankfulness to us.

March 7.—“Alice, Willie, and Jessie” send £1, half of it for our own use; “Help,” 10s. 6d.; “Thistles,” 1s. 6d.; a young friend in Garnkirk, 10s.; one who regularly gives a portion from his business to the Lord's work in our hands, £4 for emigration; Sabbath Schools in Bo'ness and Carriden, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Port Appin, and Aberdeen, £8 11s. 5d.; children in Glasgow, £2 2s.; and others in Paisley, Bannockburn, Port Appin, Edinburgh, Bridge of Weir, and Glasgow, £8 13s. 6d., and some clothing and bread. A young friend writes :—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I very unexpectedly received an increase of 10s. on my last month's pay. This increase was as much needed as it was unexpected; but I

think I could not spend the first 10s. better than by sending it to you, the others I will enjoy all the more for myself.

and two helpers in Edinburgh send £1 and say:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Please accept enclosed for your little ones. We are sorry to be later in sending it this year, but have been in great trouble lately, having lost a loved mother who loved you and your work. O may we who are left pray that God may be pleased to make some use of us in our day. May He give us the spirit of prayer and love, and set our affections on Himself more and more; then our hearts will warm to His servants who have the burden of such a blessed work as yours.

March 10.—We were greatly cheered to-day by receiving a cheque for £2,000 to build and furnish a cottage in the national group at Bridge-of-Weir from a friend who desires to remain unknown. The need for more accommodation is very great, and we praise our loving Heavenly Father for this new house, which will shelter so many hundreds in the years to come. We still require six additional houses. Two of these we should like to set apart for consumptives, one of them for young men, another for young women. The present hospital accommodation we have is already fully occupied, and is not of the kind that we would like for this purpose. Some of our grown-up family are suffering from this disease, and will require to be nursed until they die; and we have many applications from outsiders, whom we could shelter in these houses were they once erected. We look to the Lord to supply these as well as all other needs in His own good time. This is a very busy anxious time with us in view of the outgoing party to Canada. We have had a great deal of annoyance from ungrateful relatives of the children going, and were it not for the Lord's supporting grace and the knowledge of the great boon it is for the children to get away to the good land across the seas we would have given up this department of the work long before now. Other trials have come, in changes among workers, waywardness of some we are trying to help, etc., but above and through all we realise the fulfilment of the Master's promise, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." How much the encouraging words of friends, sent with their gifts, strengthen us; they are like cold water to a thirsty soul, and we oftentimes bless God for them. To-day we have received two gifts of £100 and £10 from friends in Edinburgh for emigration, and these will go towards the expenses of the girls' party. £1 10s. from Sabbath Schools in Bannockburn and Culter-Cullen; £1 from Glasgow and Edinburgh; and £5, "the widow's mite," with the cheering promise, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms," have also come. Among other gifts received these days past were £34 1s. 6d., collected by a kind helper for many years past, in Campbeltown; 5s. from Dunfermline as "a thankoffering for our wee Jean attaining her third year"; 4s. 3d., "the saved pennies of a little girl in Nairn, 5 years old"; and £8 5s., collected by a friend in Largs. Three new members were added to our family to-day, and many others are applying for help.

DEPARTURE OF OUR FIRST BAND TO CANADA THIS YEAR.

March 15.—Our boys' party, numbering 128, the thirty-fifth band to cross the Atlantic from the Homes, sailed for Canada at 9.30 this morning, in the S.S. *Buenos Ayrean*, of the Allan Line. Owing to the early hour of starting, the Farewell Meeting to commend the party and those going in charge to the care of our Heavenly Father, was held yesterday after-

noon in the Christian Institute, Bothwell Street. There was a large gathering of interested friends, and we were much cheered by their presence and kind words of encouragement. The testimony of the Rev. Dr. Black, who visited Canada recently, as to the homes there and conduct of our Scotch children, was most encouraging, he having made inquiries at ministers and others regarding this. The testimony of legal witnesses as well as voluntary ones, is that 97 per cent. of our boys and girls do well in Canada, and this result after twenty-eight years' work, is something to praise God for. In the evening we had a gathering in the church at 6.30, all the children having had a special tea beforehand. The ship got to Greenock about 12 o'clock, and after seeing them settled we said good-bye to them at 2.15, and they sailed out just at once, accompanied by many prayers and hearty good wishes for the coming days. Mr. John Thomson, of Cockenzie, who has gone with parties of children twice before, is in charge of the band, assisted by a young friend.

Yesterday we received £201 for Emigration, and to-day £12 have come for the same purpose; also £78 0s. 3d. for the daily needs—£10 5s. of it for personal use. An old lady writes:—

DEAR SIR,—I enclose £1 for your own use. I wish I had more, but I am thankful for the little I have. God has given me good health to work for nearly 86 years, and I like as far as I can to show kindness to His own people. May our Heavenly Father bless your own soul and all your family and still prosper you in your labours of love. I can do little, but I never forget you at the proper place, that is at the throne of grace daily. I beg to thank you for the nice report I received last week. I will be obliged if you will send me two of the yearly reports as I would like to give them to some people that they might read and help the work. I gave the one I got to a lady in Edinburgh in hopes that she might help and encourage others. It is a grand work to help the helpless little ones, and may every blessing attend you and your labours of love.

In sending forth another band to Canada, letters such as the following from rescued ones there are very cheering:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I don't think I have written to you since I came here, but I have never forgotten you. It will be four years in June since I came to this place, and I have been in it ever since. I am ashamed of myself for not writing to you sooner. Martha and I have been living together this last year or more, but she has left at last; she has gone to a place about three miles away from me, but that aint very far. She is only going to stay for about a month, and then she is going to learn a trade at turning bonnets in town. There is a woman wants her to come and learn her trade, and this woman can earn 25 dols. a day easy enough, so Martha said she would go. I am on a farm of 150 acres. We have eight milk cows, seven calves, and eight young cattle; we have three little pigs and an old sow. We killed five pigs on Monday, and they averaged 150 lbs. weight each, and pork is pretty dear here now—it is 8 dols. 25 cents. a hundred pounds; and we have 76 sheep and an old ram. We have about 50 hens now and three roosters. I was reading the annual report, and I thought I had better write, for you have been a father to me. I shall never forget you. I hope the Lord will keep you and your great family. I suppose I would hardly know the Homes, they have changed so much since I was there. I am trying to serve the Lord in everything that I do. I have five dols. in the bank, and, Mr. Quarrier, if you come out in the summer time you come and see me, for I long to see you. Tell me how James is getting along, if G. and T. M. are away to sea yet. "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days." Write soon.—Yours truly, R. M.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—In answer to your affectionate letter which I just received Thursday. I was so glad to hear from you and to know you were all well, and I thank God to-night for His goodness to me in health. Well, I hope you all had a good time at New Year, as I spent mine at Fairknowe. I was there a week, and had a good time of it. We held it on Monday, we had a lovely dinner, turkeys, and all sorts, and at night we had a Christmas tree and entertainment. I recited a

good Scotch piece, it was, "The Queen nodded to me." and I helped to sing a piece, "The Model Church." We got to bed about 12 o'clock, then the rest of the week they kept going away. Oh, Mr. and Mrs. Burges had everything as comfortable for us. I suppose you will be preparing for the boys leaving, as Mr. Burges is started. I have been to see Tom, Minnie and dear little John, they are all well and happy in their new homes. Dear Mr. Quarrier, how much we have to thank you for, and how good God has been to us. I feel I cannot work enough for Him, but by His grace and help I will ever trust Him. It is just six years ago to-night since I stood by my dear mother's death-bed, and how faithfully I promised I would meet her in Heaven. Dear friend, pray for me that I may. I have letters regularly from my dear sisters; they are well and trusting in Jesus. I hope you will be able to come out in the summer. I will be very glad to see you if you come. Is your family increasing any? May God bless them and the dear fathers and mothers. You had no word from Miss M'Taggart after she left. I wrote her a long time ago, but never got an answer as yet. I did feel it hard to part with her, for she did her duty to us and acted as a mother. We have had a pretty cold winter of it, worse than in Scotland, but we will get used to it. I think I must close now with love to all the children and to dear Miss Quarrier and Mrs. Quarrier and yourself. My prayer is that God's blessing may rest upon each one of us and that we may serve Him faithfully and at last meet in heaven when we shall meet to part no more.—I remain, yours,
N. H.

March 18.—A gift of £250 from a new donor, which we have placed towards the purchase of the needed farm, sent with the following letter, was most cheering to us to-day:—

DEAR SIR,—I read in the *Scotsman* yesterday the account of the last year's operations of the Orphan Homes of Scotland. I have been intending for some time to send you a donation, as I do not consider that any charity in Scotland is more deserving of support than your Homes. I therefore take the present opportunity of sending you a cheque for £250, which you can apply to any of the objects which are most in need, and I must say that I do so with far greater pleasure from the fact that you do not annoy your supporters with continual appeals and volumes of literature.

Many other gifts have come these few days past, accompanied by strengthening words of cheer which have greatly helped us amid the daily worry and toil. A friend in Perth sends £100 for emigration; one in Aberdeen, four articles of clothing, "for your little lassies, with prayers and best wishes;" an unknown donor in Glasgow, 4s., "a thankoffering to Him who gives us all"; "one of His stewards," Wales £3, "for your own personal needs as His faithful servant"; a frequent helper in Whiting Bay, 10s., "praying that the Great Master may continue to bless and prosper all your efforts for the extension of His kingdom among the young"; friends in Dundee, 25 articles clothing, "praying that the Lord may spare you long, and use you very much, not only in caring for the bodies, but that you may be the means of leading many, many of the children to the feet of Jesus"; an old donor in Linlithgow sends £2—half for personal use—and says:—"The reward is not now, but in the future. He that endureth to the end shall be saved. Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life"; another, in Edinburgh, 10s. for emigration, and writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—The way our blessed loving Father in heaven keeps up the wants of the Orphan Homes strengthens me greatly to trust more and more in Him to fulfil the promises I have claimed. O it is blessed to have the childlike faith. Enclosed you will find P.O. for 10s. to help in sending out the girls' party to Canada.

Windygates Mission School send £2, "a small mite from the scholars and teachers, who are all, with one exception, working men and women"; anonymous friends in Dunbar, Ballantrae, Gourrock, Kilmarnock, and Pollokshaws, £2 7s.; a helper in Methven, £5, "praying that our gracious Lord may direct, strengthen, and encourage you, and add greatly to

the amount I now send you for the glory of His blessed name"; a suffering Christian, whose written words have oftentimes comforted others, 5s., and says:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I have been longing to let you know I had left when both your letters reached me. My place, you know, is the furnace, but there is One like unto the Son of Man with His children there. I have a very tiny mite to enclose, accept it for the Lord's sake. I never forget our first meeting at the Bridge-of-Weir, when the Lord led me there and sent you as His messenger with words of cheer. "Your children shall rise up and call you blessed." I cannot write more, but I am yours in His blessed service.

and one in St. Andrews, £1. She writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Though I am by no means rich. I can't resist sending the enclosed £1 for your emigration fund. This country is over-populated. May the Lord open many hearts, especially the rich, for my experience is theirs are hardest. I admire your work; but don't be lifted up, it's God does it all.

The glory of all the work accomplished in the past is the Lord's, and we realise from day to day that we are only privileged instruments in His hands, and can be dispensed with any time He chooses. The cry of the needy is very urgent, and yesterday we took in nine boys and girls, five of them of one family from Dunbar—orphans, and with nothing for them but the poorhouse. The minister who brought the case before us wrote as follows:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Some time ago you were good enough to take into your Homes a boy from this town on my representing the case to you. Your kindness then encourages me to appeal to you a second time in view of another most distressing case here, viz., that of a family of five children, whose parents are dead, and who are left practically friendless and absolutely destitute. Their ages are 15, 13, 9, 7, and 4, three boys and two girls, nice children, of whom something could be made. The father, who died a year ago, was a notorious poacher and a drunkard, and the mother, who died two days since, was a woman of excessively dissipated habits. The only relative left is a sister, married to a man who is very poor, and who is not by any means a good character. The only thing for the children is the poorhouse or outdoor relief; but if they are left here they can only be contaminated by surroundings of the worst description. If you can see your way to do anything in this case you may rely on it that a more needful one could not well be.

Other letters regarding needy cases have come this week from Edinburgh (several), Belfast, Keith, Crieff, Duns, Tarbet, Aberdeen, Lanark, Falkirk, Alloa, Kirkcaldy, and Maryhill.

March 24.—A friend in Crieff writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I meant to have written you when I sent off the parcel of clothing, which I trust you got all right. The things were made and given by the same old lady who gave them last year—a real love gift to the Master for some of His little ones. I was glad to get your Occasional Paper, from which I see that the blessing of the Lord still rests upon your labours, and that you are still enabled to respond to the gracious command, "Feed My lambs." May the Good Shepherd sustain you in all your work of faith and labour of love for His blessed cause, and more and more bless you, keep you, and make His face to shine upon you. I enclose P.O.O. for £1 to help the little emigrants across the sea.

An old helper in Arbroath sends £20—£2 of it for our own use; a new donor in Edinburgh, £5, "to be placed to the credit of your oatmeal account"; a Sabbath School in West Calder, 10s., with the words—"I will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord is my strength, and He is become my salvation"; a friend in Alexandria, parcel wool work, and says:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I herewith send you a small contribution to your good work, trusting you may be much blessed in it, and see "the pleasure of the Lord prospering in your hands." I was at your biennial meeting last September, and enjoyed much seeing the children in such beautiful Homes, and all the surroundings.

The addresses also were very interesting, and some who were there are now in glory—Dr. A. Bonar, etc. How much one feels the need of attending to the word, "Be not slothful, but followers of those who through faith and patience are now inheriting the promises."—With every good wish.

one in Penicuik, 2s., with the following letter:—

DEAR SIR,—I received your "Occasional Paper" a fortnight ago, and was much pleased to see from it that you had got all the money for the boys' emigration party so soon on hand. I was remembering about them last Wednesday, and I trust you may soon hear of their safe arrival, also that all the money needed for the girls will be forthcoming. When I noticed from your paper that you had two small sums for your farm project, I thought that perhaps the two shillings I now send might go for that too. It seems so small when one considers how much is needed; but it might encourage someone else to give a little more for the same purpose, and there is a great power in the littles. Feeling sure that "My God shall supply all your need."

and another in Fraserburgh, £5, from his Bible Class, towards purchase of needed farm; sewing meeting, Tullymet, send 28 articles clothing; a donor in Perth, £50; and one in Vidlin, Shetland, parcel of Shetland stockings. He writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—With this I am sending you by Parcel Post 12 pairs of stockings that can suit either boys or girls. I send them as a small contribution to your "Homes." There is also one pair gent's socks which I send for yourself. I am glad to see from your occasional paper that your wants have been so well supplied this year, both for the passage and outfit to Canada, and the daily expenses. It occurred to me to buy some stockings for you. I employed some poor and needy women to knit them, and they were so glad of the work and the few pence thus earned. My wife was wishing we had been able to give you money to build a cottage. Please say whether the stockings are the kind and make you would like, as I am thinking to send a few more pairs. Is there any other sort of knitted work I could get for you? With kindest regards from us both to Mrs. Quarrier and yourself.

Another in Carnforth, sending £20, says:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I have great pleasure in sending you £20, to be used as you like in your work for the Lord. I am sending my donation earlier in the year than usual, because my health is in such a state that I feel as if the end of my life may be near at hand. Still I am anxious to live, and pray God it may be so if it is His will: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us;" henceforth let us trust Him fully. My God shall all your need supply. May I ask you and your family to pray for me. God prosper you in your work, is my prayer.

And friends in Glasgow send a large quantity of cloth and hair brushes to about value of £40. Other gifts have also come this week, and we have been greatly cheered by all received, and by the kind words of sympathy from many all over the land. This afternoon we had a very busy time at City Home dealing with needy cases, 27 in all being brought under our notice there. Ten boys and girls have been added to our number, and so the vacant places left by the party gone are being filled up day by day. On Monday last a minister in Glasgow wrote about a very sad case of five orphan children, eldest 13 years, youngest 5. The father, a packing-box maker, died in 1889, and the poor widowed mother, who had been mentally deranged for some time, took her own life on Sabbath last. We at once agreed to receive them, and to-day they came under our care. The others received were three girls of 9, 7, and 5 years, from Lanark, whose father, a miner, died three years ago, and mother is not now able to keep them, but will try to manage with a young child; a boy of 11, from Aberdeen, whose father, a seaman, died about eight years ago, mother goes out to work, and this boy has got quite beyond her control, wont attend school, etc.; and boy of 12, from Glasgow, whose father, a brush-maker, has been ill

two years, and unable for work since July last, and when visited was to all appearance dying. The mother died in 1888, and there are no other friends able to keep him. Ministers in Whitburn and Dumbarton write about sad cases, and others in Airdrie, Edinburgh, and Glasgow bring needy ones before us. What a privilege it is to be able in some way to relieve the distress, misery, and want that are around on all sides.

March 28.—Two of our rescued ones in Canada write:—

DEAR MR. AND MRS. QUARRIER,—I write you this letter to let you know that am well, hoping this will find you the same. I got your letter and also your Christmas one, and glad to hear all is going on well. I suppose by the time you get this letter the boys will be on their way to Canada. I was very much pleased to hear, in your letter, that you are coming out to Canada this year. I know all the boys and girls will be glad to have you come; I know those that are in our neighbourhood are saying "Oh, won't that be joyful!" We were saying that we didn't suppose you would be coming around little places like this, so we came to the conclusion that you would be sure to go to Kingston, and while you were visiting you could write to us and tell us when to meet you, and we could go some day and see you, because we wouldn't think of having you go home without seeing you. I was just saying to Lucinda it was no wonder that we all thought a lot of you, because you always had a kind word for everybody. Ever since I heard you were coming out I have been wishing the time were here, and the rest of the girls too. I suppose you won't come out until the girls come. I often wonder what happened Miss M'Pherson. I wrote three letters to her and I only received one. She then said that she was very ill. I hope, if you can have time, you will answer this letter soon, as I will be very anxious to hear from home. Our folks are all well, and send their kind love. I like my place very much.—I will have to close, with love to Mrs. Quarrier and yourself, your loving girl,
M. H.

DEAR FRIEND,—I now take the opportunity of answering your kind and loving letter hoping this to find you and all the family in good health. My brother Willie and myself are quite well. I received a letter from my sister Selina the other day, she is in the Edinburgh Home. I should like very well if you could send her to Canada this year. I have a splendid home for her here, the next neighbour to my brother's home. They have no girls in the family, only two boys grown up. They spoke to me the other day about writing to you to hear what you had to say in the matter and I promised to do so. Please write soon and let me know if she is coming. (She is to go with our girls' party in May). The weather out here is getting a little milder; this has been a very cold winter. There is quite a stir here about the World's Fair, the big cheese that weighs eleven tons was made twelve miles from here, and the two oldest railway engines in the world came through here the other week from the old country going to Chicago. You can tell Willie Johnston if he is in the Homes yet, to write and let me know how he is getting along with his trade. I think there is no more at present.—But remains, yours sincerely,
J. K.

One of our number, little Robby White, 9 years old, was taken from the "Somerville Home" to the better one above yesterday. He and two sisters and a brother came to us in 1887, none of them strong. The two sisters died of consumption in 1888 and 1889, and now Robby has succumbed to the same trouble. He had every care while here from the kind cottage father and mother, who were very fond of him. Now he is safely folded—another little lamb gathered home. Yesterday, again, very many needy ones were seeking help, advice, etc., and five children were received, two of them brought by agent of Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Dundee. The father, a sailor, died in July last year, and the poor mother is a confirmed invalid through disease in her feet. She has been ill 22 years, ankle-bones had to be removed, and she has to crawl on hands and knees. The others taken are two boys of 7 and 8½, whose father, a commercial traveller, and latterly a ship-steward, died at sea in one of the Anchor Liners in 1888; and a lad of 18, fatherless, and who has not been well-doing. We will give him a trial, and trust he may yet

do what is right and get on well. Yesterday £4 5s. 6d. reached us, 5s. of it all the way from Kimberley, Africa; and to-day £24 10s. 7d. from different quarters have come—6s. of it for personal use. A friend in Monifieth sends £10, and says:—"I hope the little girl, whose passage it pays, will have a happy and useful life in the new country over the sea"; one in Edinburgh, in sending £2 from a friend, writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—The enclosed cheque for £2 is from Miss B., to whom please acknowledge receipt. It is for the benefit of your Homes at Bridge-of-Weir, in which she is much interested. I am glad you are able to emigrate so many. It is a great advantage that many of your children are sent away from the moral pollution in which they had been reared, and put in the way of obtaining a respectable living—not to speak of the higher blessings they receive in your Homes, and hear of Jesus and His love, and may tell it to others in the land of their adoption.

An old helper in Helensburgh forwards 48 pairs stockings and some clothing; one in Glasgow a set of slides for our lantern; and another, an invalid at a distance, sends some scarfs and other useful garments. Our boys' party reached Halifax to-night, news of which greatly cheered us, and leads us anew to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His watchful care over this, another rescued band.

April 3.—During the past month 63 new cases were added to our family, the largest number admitted during any one month of this year, and we feel truly grateful for the practical sympathy of the Lord's children, which enables us to extend a helping hand to so many of the destitute little ones of our land. To-day a delicate boy of 14, belonging to Wick, and another of 13, from Airdrie, were taken in. We had also to give a little boy back to his grandmother, who, before we received him, could not manage him, and we fear she is no more fit to do so now. We are sorry for the sake of the child that he should be removed. From Nairn, Paisley, Dunfermline, Greenock, Edinburgh, Bridge-of-Weir, and an anonymous source we have received £10 12s. to-day, and six pairs socks, £1 10s. of it towards purchase of needed farm. A friend in Rothesay writes:—

DEAR MR.— have sent by rail a perambulator for the use of some of the wee ones under your care. When I was last at the Homes I noticed some in use, and thought another would not be counted lumber with you. I hope you will receive it safely. I pay the carriage of it. With warm sympathy in your good work. This acceptable gift came last night, and has already gone to one of the cottages for the use of a lame boy.]

A young helper in Walkerburn sends 10s. "in memory of my dear motner, called home to be with Jesus, 1st April, 1892, praying and believing your needs will all be supplied from day to day," and a minister in Lochgelly writes:—

MY DEAR SIR,—You will receive, carriage paid, hamper with 27 pairs of stockings for the young people in your Homes. They are the work and gift of the members of the Young Women's Guild connected with my congregation. The help and sympathy of young people is one of the encouragements which cannot but cheer you in your work, which has grown so marvellously, and which has proved so abundant a blessing to the thousands you have rescued and befriended. With prayers for your increasing success and encouragement.

April 8.—£146 have been sent for emigration these few days past, and a number of other gifts, among which were quantities of clothing from sewing meetings in Dunfermline and Row, from Y.W.C.A., Craigro, S.G.F.S., Innerleithen, and other friends in Elie, Perth, Dumbarton, Paisley, Thurso, Aberdeen, and an unknown friend; four bags oatmeal for distribution to the poor; 10s. from "Thankful," £1 4s. from "Praise

Meeting," Yetholm; 4s. 2d. from Michigan; £5 from Manitoba; 15s. from "Alice, Willie, and Jessie;" a quantity of tracts, cards, etc., from Hamilton; book for library, "Bunyan's Characters," and magazines from Edinburgh; 18s. from "A working man's wife," Elie, 10s. of it for personal use, and 15s. collected by her from friends; £5—£2 of it for our own needs—and eight dressed dolls, quantity booklets and cards and purse of foreign coins from a "well-wisher," Helensburgh; six coverlets for sick children from a friend in Paisley; £1 5s. 6d. from a class of young children, 4 to 10 years of age, Ruthven; 12s. 6d. from S.S. scholars, Fochabers; the same amount from Bible Class, Paisley, "with best wishes for continued blessing on your good work;" £9 1s. 7d. from Sabbath schools in Wick, Peterhead, Portsoy, Troon, Ayr, and Glasgow; 5s. from South Ronaldshay, praying that "the Lord may bless you and your great family of bairns;" £1, for "Christ's sake," from an anonymous donor, Laurencekirk; a quantity of bread, buns, etc., and 10s., "an acknowledgment of God's providential care over our business." A special gift of £1,413 14s. 4d., being residue of estate left to Homes, and which we have placed towards the purchase of the farm, also gladdened our hearts this week. A frequent helper in Greenock writes:—

DEAR FRIEND,—Accept the enclosed £10 to assist in taking a girl out to Canada, believing that this is the best way to put them to do well for themselves, removing them from their associates and surroundings, and putting them in a better country. Hoping God may long spare you to carry on His work amongst the "nobody's bairns."

Yesterday seven children were taken in—two, of 7 and 5 from Banff; two aged 10 and 6 from Leith; girl of 13 from Haddington; and two from Glasgow. A friend in Edinburgh writes regarding a needy case as follows:—

DEAR FRIEND,—I have been asked to bring before you the sad case of a widow in Leith, left with six children. The eldest, a girl, works in some sort of a factory, the second is beyond her mother's control, all night in the street. There is a lame boy of 14 and a girl of 10. A lady who takes an interest in them said she thought your Home was the only place of safety for them. I know you must receive many applications, but a large heart can take in many helpless, needy ones. I may add that my dear sister who is gone used to take a great interest in the family.

and others, in Belfast, Dundee, Clackmannan, Gourrock, Largs, and Govan, asking our advice and help about various cases.

April 12.—Yesterday we received £19 8s. 9d. from Glasgow Sabbath School Union, which, with £260 got last month, makes a total of £279 8s. 9d., amount of annual collection given this year towards the "Sabbath School Home" which is now building. Among the many houses in the national group, none will have a warmer place in our hearts than this Home, erected from farthings, halfpennies, and pennies of the dear children throughout our land, who, though poor, have, in some measure, denied themselves for the sake of their less favoured brothers and sisters. To-day, from Kepplehills, Londonderry, Annan, Kintore, New Cumnock, Pershore, Pitlochry, Forfar, Frickeheim, and Glasgow, we have received £53 19s. 1d.—£20 of it for emigration, and £10 for our own needs; also parcels of useful garments, four dozen loaves, etc. Acceptable help was also given us in the way of a large quantity of clothing, made up for the children by poor women, and paid for by two friends. An old donor in Leith, sending £2 6s. 6d. collected from friends, says:—"It seems so

little for the great work you have, but may the blessing of the Lord accompany every penny of it, and may you day by day be cheered and strengthened in such a noble, self-denying work for the Master."

April 19.—The help which friends render to the work in knitting stockings and in making clothing, etc., for our large family is most acceptable to us, and often have we cause to bless God and take courage for the kindly interest of young and old shown in this way. Among gifts sent these few days past were 163 articles clothing from S.G.F.S. and other friends, Biggar; also a complete outfit for three boys from another friend there, and 16s. 6d. in money, with the words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, My brethren, ye have done it unto Me;" 36 pairs stockings made by Harris women and paid for by an Edinburgh friend; 55 articles clothing from Luthermuir Y.W.C.A., Laurencekirk; 53 from Irvine and Fullarton work party; 36 and £1 11s. from another in Newport-on-Tay; 76 and quantity worsted from Sewing Society, Brechin; 18 pairs stockings, and jersey knitted by two aged friends and young servant, Greenock; 50 articles clothing from "Helping Hands' Society," Cardonald; 22 garments and remnant tweed from a frequent helper in Glasgow; and a doll's house for Bethesda, and parcel woollen articles, beads, etc., from another in Lenzie; £25 10s. for emigration from friends in Busby, Paisley, Otago, New Zealand, Edinburgh, and Crieff; 20s., contents of the bank of three wee boys, Bathgate; 8s. 8d., "Maggie and Jack's" weekly pennies; 4s. 3d., "a widow's mite," and from friends, Perth; £5 from Kilmalcolm, with the words, "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love;" 3s. for personal use; 2s. 6d., "to help buy the working farm," from an aged donor in Crieff, with the text, "The wise and their works are in the hand of God;" and £350, part of legacy from a friend belonging to Dunfermline, towards the needed farm also. The Lord is daily loading us with His benefits, and our hearts go out in praise to Him for all. Two of our number in Canada write us:—

DEAR FRIEND,—I wrote to Mr. Burges last week asking if you were there, because I would like very much to have you come and see me when you come. Mr. Burges said you would be here with the girls, if all went well. I suppose you would like to hear something about my home? Well, I am adopted, and have a very good home here; the people are very good to me. They have a grocery store and millinery, but they are trying to sell out their groceries and dry goods. I was down at the Home on New Year's for two or three days, and had a very pleasant time. I would rather go to see Mr. and Mrs. Burges than any place else; I think she is so good and motherly to us all. I wanted to live there, and cried because I had to go to a home; but I am satisfied with my home, and try to please the people and do right. Robert is only seven miles away from me; I see him quite often. David is 30 miles. I guess May is 40. Maggie and M. C. and A. D. live out in the country around me, but I am the only Home-girl in the village. I see them at Sunday-school and church; we all go to the Methodist, it is just across the road from me. We have had a very cold winter here, plenty of snow; but it is nearly all gone now, and the weather is warmer. I often wish I could come and visit you all, but when I think of the ocean I let it drop at once, as the thought of the ocean frightens me. Give my best respect to all who know me. I have heard Miss Milne has left the Home, and I am very sorry, because I thought she could not have been any kinder to me and all the rest of us girls. Give my love and remembrance to Miss Mary and Mrs. Quarrier; I hope Mrs. Quarrier and all the rest of my friends are well, as I am at present. Be sure and come to see me if you come. If you have time before you leave Scotland, would you please buy me a good Scotch recitation book, and I will pay you when you come.—As ever your friend,
J. C.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I have been wishing to write to you for a long time, but as I was going to school all winter, I did not seem to have much time; but this is Good Friday, and I have a nice time. I am in the same home as I was in at first,

and I have grown from a small girl to a tall young woman. I have a good home, and a kind father and mother. I hear from Rina now, and I am going to get a dollar's worth of pictures taken soon. I am going to send one to Rina, and if I send one to you would you be so kind as to send me one of yours and Mrs. Quarrier's. Father is a farmer, and keeps four horses; one is a nice quiet one that I can drive. I have four foster sisters and two foster brothers, the oldest is ten, and the youngest is two years old. I see Mary every day I am at church. We had six cows last summer, but we are only going to have four this summer. Mary B. is still at grandma R.'s, and I see her often, as she is only a mile from us. We got a book once from Mr. Burges, it was a kind of report; if you have any of that kind we would be glad to get one. If you can find time to write me, I would be very glad. I think I will close now.—Your loving girl,
M. M'T.

April 24.—Our gifts in money to-day amount to £28 12s. 8d., 2s. 6d. of it for our own use, and £20 7s. 8d. for Seaside Home from an aged friend in Canada. A helper in Kilmalcolm sends a large lot of clothing made by a class of young girls and from friends; and others in Stirling, Strathaven, and Glasgow, useful parcels clothing. We were cheered by the following letter sent with a gift of £7, 14 articles clothing, and two scrapbooks from Foveran, Aberdeenshire:—

MY DEAR SIR,—Our Children's Guild (the Foveran Boys' and Girls' Religious Guild) has been interested this season in your work. We had lately a small sale of work, and have much pleasure in sending you, to aid in your work, the greater part of the proceeds—the sum of £7. We would gladly have sent twice that sum, and we hope you will accept our donation as a token of our sympathy with you in the great and good work you are doing for the Master and for His little ones. You will receive also a small parcel containing some clothing and two scrap albums, which may amuse the sick children in your hospital. You will apply the money to whichever object you consider most in need. Praying that you may be sustained, and more, even than in the past, encouraged in your labour of love.

The needy cases brought before us these past days have been numerous and distressing, and this afternoon ten were taken in and added to our number; three boys of 10, 8, and 7, whose father died about a year ago of consumption, and the poor mother, who is apparently dying of the same trouble, is very thankful to have them sheltered in the Homes; a boy and girl of 11 and 9, whose father, a ship carpenter, died suddenly some years ago on board a Donaldson liner between Montreal and Quebec, and the mother is married again to a man who has deserted her for the second time; she is behind with rent, and is about to be turned out of house. There are other four children by first marriage, a boy and girl working, a very delicate one of 8 whom we may receive also, and one of 6, who is blind; a boy and girl of 12 and 10, from Edinburgh, formerly belonging to Crieff, whose father, a most respectable coachman, died three years ago very suddenly, and under sad circumstances, leaving a young widow and six children, eldest only 11 years, youngest a few months. By the aid of friends she took a small shop in Edinburgh, but being a helpless woman and ignorant of town ways, it was an utter failure, and now she is much in debt, and can do nothing for the children. The boys, aged 10 and 8, are getting into wild ways, and are quite unruly and need looking after; a girl of 9, sister to lad taken before; and two orphan boys, aged 11 and 9, whose mother only died this month; an aunt in Dunblane was to have kept them but is unable to do so. Superintendent of mission school brought the case before us. We gave a line for convalescent Home to a man who has been ill for 10 weeks, and lodgings to other poor ones, etc. Very many other cases are applying for help, and letters regarding such have come

from Aberdour, Tynemouth, Clydebank, Langholm, Ayr, Prestwick, Edinburgh, Campbeltown, Castle-Douglas, Ladybank, Greenock, and Glasgow.

April 29.—Frequently gifts are sent us in memory of loved ones gone home, and we think there could be no better way of perpetuating their memory than in thus ministering to the needy orphan and fatherless little ones of our land. An unknown friend sends £8 10s. "In memory of L., who took a great interest in the Orphan Home, £1 for yourself, and the remainder for the children; and one in Edinburgh writes:—

MY DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Will you accept of a few shillings just as a small "In Memoriam of our beloved sister gone before?" I am sorry it is not more, but the Bible Class has gone sadly down since she was taken, so in consequence their contributions are very small indeed. We would like to continue as far as lies in our power those little contributions to the Lord's work, in which she took such delight while with us, so send Postal Order for 5s. and 1s. It should have been sent sooner, but I know it will not be inopportune even now. Wishing you all encouragement and success in the Master's service.

We were touched by the following letter received yesterday, and pray that the Lord will greatly bless the young helpers and their teacher:—

DEAR SIR,—Please accept of the enclosed small articles from a Sabbath School class of little girls. The things are very trifling in themselves, but the little girls who made them, though poor, were very willing to do something for their still poorer sisters. Wishing you every success.

A SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER.

Among other gifts to hand are £8 from an old donor in Illinois; quantities of most serviceable clothing from busy workers in Aberdeen, Milnathort, Edinburgh, Wishaw, Hamilton, Shetland, Dundee, Helensburgh, Doune, Glasgow, etc.; £15 from a friend on the West Coast, £5 of it for personal use; £4 from a friend at a distance who writes:—

DEAR BROTHER IN THE LORD,—I enclose an order for £4 for the orphans. I hear that Willie M'C. is now beyond his mother's influence, for which I feel very thankful. How many boys would be useful men if it were not for the evil influence exercised over them by bad mothers. What a blessing your Homes have been in this respect alone, but what an everlasting blessing they have been besides, for in all human probability very few of the children rescued through your Homes would have heard of Jesus Christ coming to seek and to save them.

£5 from Kennoway towards expenses of our Girls' Band; £2, a thank-offering for Divine goodness during a time of great trial; a gymnasium for our girls' park at Bridge-of-Weir; 11s. from girls in *Citizen* Office; £2 for emigration from a Millport friend; and quantity bread and rhubarb from others. One of our boys sent to Canada this year writes as follows:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I have now arrived safely at my new home, and I am very happy where I am. I have plenty of books to read at night when I am done, and plenty of apples. I have never been done eating them since I came here. I would like when you come over that you would come here, for we would like very much to see you. There is a girl that came from the Homes nine years, and she would like to see you too. We have lots of cows, sheep, pigs, hens, and horses, and two dogs and two cats, and I am living with very nice people and I feel very happy. We were all sick the first night; I was sick nearly all the time, and I was glad when we got landed. I am keeping quite well now, and I hope you are the same and Mrs. Quarrier too, and Master Frank and Miss Mary. Will you please tell Mrs. M'Lelland that I am well and have a good place. There are no boys about the place, just three girls, one from the Homes and other two nice little girls I am very fond of. I am in a very nice place; I am getting two dollars a month; I get plenty of pumpkin pie. Will you please come and see us when you come? I think I will close now, hoping you are well, I remain, one of your orphans,

J. H.

May 3.—We are now very busy getting 'our girls' party ready for Canada, and have arranged for them to sail on the 26th inst. in the S.S. *Sarmatian* of the Allan Line. Towards the outfits and passages of those we purpose sending we still require about £200, but have no doubt all will be sent in good time. An old helper in Greenock sending £10 10s. from herself and friends, says, "The time draws near when you and Mrs. Quarrier purpose setting out with the girls on your Christ-like mission. May the everlasting arms be around and underneath, bringing you safely back to us to carry on the work the Lord has so signally blessed in your hands." Another sends £1 from a Bible-class in Glasgow, and 5s. "from a dear member who is dying." An aunt of four boys we sent to Canada some years ago writes: "I never forget to ask that you may be strengthened in body and mind to carry on your good work. The last time I heard from my nephews they were all well



NEW FOUNTAIN—LOVE SQUARE.

and happy; they have never had a day's sickness since they were sent out to Canada." A friend in Edinburgh sends £5—£1 of it for our own use, and £4 "in memoriam of a dear sister gone home in February;" two, in Edinburgh also, 18 pairs stockings, knitted by poor Harris people; a working man, 6d.; an Athletic club, a large bag used tennis balls; a friend in Leith, £10 for emigration; one in Portobello, parcel of brush and comb bags; "Isabel and James," £2; a working man, Alexandria, 5s., as his "quarterly mite;" two friends in Bridge-of-Weir, £1, and 5s. for our own needs; and other friends in Glasgow, £14 for emigration.

May 6.—To day (Saturday) our children had their special annual May-Day Treat, which is long looked forward to by them. The usual accompaniments of the day, curds, with an abundance of good milk, biscuits, fruit, and sweets, were served in our general playpark, and were

followed by games, etc., which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Afterwards the children ranged themselves in companies, headed by their several standard-bearers with the cottage flags, and marched by way of the new roadway along the burn-side, past our new swimming-pond, which has just been completed, and across new bridge at head of grounds, thence to our beautiful "Love Square," which is just finished, to witness the opening of the new fountain which has been erected in the centre of the square. It is one of Doulton's make, 13 feet high, and with 16 feet basin, and greatly enhances the beauty of this lovely spot. Several appropriate hymns were sung by the children, and after prayer the water was turned on by Mrs. Quarrier. The sketch on foregoing page gives a little idea of the fountain and gathering of the day, which was one not likely to be soon forgotten by our large family. Yesterday and to day we have received £79 19s. 7d.—£24 of it for emigration—and quantities of clothing, etc., from friends in Strathaven, Dundee, Houston, Watten, Norham, Thurso, Melrose, Bridge-of-Weir, Helensburgh, Dollar, Paisley, Port-William, and Glasgow, with many good wishes and prayers encouraging us to go forward and faint not amid the trials by the way.

May 11.—Letters to hand from Canada tell us of the placing out of the boys' party, for whom there are far more applications than we can supply. This is how it should be, for if there were only one for each child, we would consider the work of emigration overdone, but as it stands now, we are able to select good homes for all our children, and year by year we are led more than ever to see that no part of our work is so satisfactory in permanent good, as that of finding homes in the greater Scotland across the seas for the orphan and fatherless little ones of our beloved land. A boy of about 11 years, who went out with our boys' party to Canada this year, writes us to-day:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I now sit down and take the opportunity to let you know how I am getting on in my place. I have got a good master and mistress, who are very kind to me. We have got seven horses, eighteen cows, four calves, eleven sheep, and ten lambs. I hunt for the eggs every night. Some nights I get thirteen, other nights twelve, other nights six, or five, or four. Sometimes I get five dozen of eggs in a week, sometimes three or four. Sometimes I give the cows their oats, let them out, and water them, and drive them up to the park, then I go into the barn and put out straw for them. After that, I go and see if they are needing anything in the house. Sometimes they are needing water, other times sticks, then I go and fetch it to them. After I get my dinner I go and help to feed the horses, and water them. After that is done I feed the sheep, and then feed the pigs, then I go and get some chips to make a good fire; then after, if it is not raining, I go and rake the yard. After I get my supper then I go and get the cows in, and water them, and help to put them into their places, then father and mother go to milk the cows. After milking is done I go to the house and get my Sunday school lesson learned, then on Sunday I go to Sunday school. I got two very nice books from the Sunday school. One of them was "A Night and a Day," the other was "Sister Cora." I have not gone to school yet, but I will be going in winter. I just went to school one day. At four o'clock I got a paper with the names of the books I had to get, but I couldn't get them, as I was so high in standards, so I never went to school any more. This is all I have got to say at present.—Yours truly, C. C.

Our children very soon get to feel at home in the houses to which they go, and are treated very much as one of the family, sitting down to the same table, etc. Yesterday, from various sources £12 3s. were sent in, also quantity clothing, dishes, etc. During the past few weeks we have had trial in the outbreak of scarlet fever in our City Home, and several cases have had to be removed to the Hospital. We trust it may not spread further, and would seek to rest in the Lord, knowing that He doeth

all things well. The encouraging text, "Thy shoes shall be iron and brass, and as thy days so shall thy strength be," sent along with a gift of £10, was most encouraging amid the extra work and trials, daily worry, and trying cases we have had to deal with at this time. To-day from Alloa, Addiewell, Wales, and Glasgow £6 7s. have come, also quantity clothing and lot remnants of tartan from Y.W.C.A. Glengarnock and friend in Port-Appin, and bread from another in Glasgow.

May 15.—Although summer has begun, and with it there come brighter days, our work of rescue is never ending, and seems to be even heavier in the summer months than during the winter. The breadwinner is killed or succumbs to disease, and the widow is left to struggle on with two, four, and sometimes eight children. She also gives way, and the fatherless and motherless bairns have to be reckoned among the paupers or be rescued by us. It has been our joy and privilege during the past fortnight to help many needy little ones, who otherwise would have been a burden on the rates, not to speak of the possibility of becoming criminals. The national character of the work is seen from the fact that the children come from so many parts of Scotland, and the money is also sent from nearly every quarter. In the past fortnight alone needy cases in Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Kirkcudbright, Cupar-Fife, St. Boswells, Duns, Kirriemuir, Greenock, Perth, Dundee, Gibraltar, Bangor, Manchester, Paisley, and Glasgow have been brought before our notice. From Melrose, Ayr, Bonnybridge, Blairgowrie, Portsoy, Ardrossan, Hamilton, Helensburgh, Fraserburgh, and Glasgow, £32 5s. 4d., some clothing and quantity pastry have come to-day.

May 20.—In view of the outgoing party of girls to Canada, who are to sail on the 26th inst., and whom Mrs. Quarrier and I hope to accompany, we have received many gifts these few days past, sent along with warm expressions of kindly interest and sympathy. A friend sends £100 from Crieff; two others, in Glasgow, £35 for emigration; one in Alloa, £50; another in Bridge-of-Allan, £5, and says:—"I pray that the Lord may give you a good and safe passage across the deep with your party of girls, and in due time bring Mrs. Quarrier and yourself home again in safety. Numbers vi. 24-26;" an aged helper in Glasgow sends nine pairs stockings and socks—"a small help for your large family, and should have liked it to have been many times more"; "Janie, for the dear orphans," £25; a donor in Grangemouth, "in memory of little Alick," £5; friends in Tillicoultry, £10—"our family contribution to help you with your large family"; others in Blantyre, a parcel of stockings, etc., with the promise, Isaiah lviii. 10, 11, and praying that the Lord "may bless you and yours abundantly, and be with you in your journey over the mighty deep, and when you arrive on the other side may you be greatly cheered by the good news of your former bairns"; a donor in Newport, £7 7s. 11d.; "Inasmuch," 5s.—"the Lord's half-yearly portion"; a grateful one whom we have helped, £2; friends in Bonnybridge, quantity hats, ribbon, clothing, etc., with many kind wishes; an old friend who often ministers to the needs of our little ones, £2, some tea, and parcel stockings; friends in Laurencekirk, 15s.—"praying that the Master may still continue to bless you and yours in the work, and as you contemplate going out to Canada, may He give you all a safe and speedy passage"; a family in Greenock, who desire to remain unknown, £15; an anonymous friend,

Kirkcudbright postmark, £5; three others, £1 12s. 6d.; and a friend in Airdrie writes:—

DEAR MR. AND MRS. QUARRIER.—I enclose you P.O.O. for £1 from father for your Consumptive Home wanted. It will be one stone. May God soon send in the rest, and our household prayer is that you and Mrs. Quarrier may be brought back safe to your great work for the Lord. I have been very busy. I dare say you would think I had forgotten your work. I hope to have the pleasure of seeing the children before they go. With kind love to you all.

We felt quite relieved to-night by receiving word from writers that a case which we thought would require to go to Court has been settled without, and for this, another answer to prayer, we praise our covenant-keeping God. We realised anew the truth of the promise, "The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea." There has been very little annoyance from the relatives of girls going to Canada at this time, for which we praise our loving Father, who knows what His children are able to bear, and who "stayeth His rough wind in the day of the east wind."

OUR SECOND BAND OF CHILDREN TO CANADA THIS YEAR.

May 26.—Last night we held our usual farewell meeting in the church at Bridge-of-Weir with the children, they having had a special tea beforehand. Although there was sadness in our midst at the thought of parting on the morrow, still an enjoyable time was spent, the outward bound entertaining the others with recitations, singing, etc. To-day, after a united gathering in the church, the party, numbering 119 girls and 21 little boys, 140 in all, left the Bridge-of-Weir Homes about one o'clock. A public farewell meeting was held in the Christian Institute at 3 o'clock, when a very large number of friends gathered with us to commend the outward bound to the loving, watchful care of our Heavenly Father. We left the Institute at 5 o'clock (by three 'buses), and reached the ship, the s.s. *Carthaginian* before 6, where the Messrs. Allan had a special tea-dinner prepared for the children, after which they got on deck and entertained the large crowd who had come to see them off, by singing, etc. The ship set sail about 8 o'clock, and reached Greenock at 10.15, where our son and daughter went on shore with the tug, and we steamed out immediately afterwards, on one of the finest evenings we have ever experienced on leaving. Mrs. Quarrier and myself go in charge of the party, and have the company of the Rev. Mr. Duncan, Bridge-of-Weir, and his wife. In going forth, we have been greatly cheered by many kind remembrances of friends, and we have no doubt that the Lord will lay the needs of the Homes on the hearts of His children during our absence, so that there may be no lack. Among gifts received are the following: £100 "to send out young Scotchmen to Canada;" 150 garments of various kinds, etc., from busy workers in Kirkcaldy, "with many, many prayers;" a piece shirting and some clothing from old friends, Lanark; a very useful parcel of boys' caps, remnants, etc., from anonymous donors, Port-Glasgow, who often minister in this way, with 1 Cor. xv. 58; scarfs and cuffs from others in Elgin; £1 from America; £2 from friends, Kirkcudbright; £180 for the keep of 30 children in a cottage for six months and £10 for our own use from two friends in Glasgow; 68 articles clothing from a helper in Greenock; 7s. 6d. from "Winnie and Gertie, to buy sweets or tempting extras for the voyage, to be enjoyed when sea sickness is past;" £10 to send a boy or girl to Canada; £1, "first sheaf of children's shore

services, Dunoon, hoping to keep up the usual £1 a-week, and more to follow;" an American organ for the "Elim" Invalid Boys' Home, in loving memory of a dear little boy of 9, a patient sufferer who never murmured, but always said, "Jesus loves me, and He knows best;" 4s. from grateful relatives of children received from Ayr; 20s. from one in Glasgow, and 2s. 6d. from another; £1 from a young friend now at home from India; £2 from Carluke, "in memory of May 4, 1887;" £1 and parcel most useful remnants cloth, from an anonymous friend who often helps in this way; £2 10s. 9d. collected by a servant in Shawlands; 50 pinafores, etc., from an unknown source; £150 towards keep of Bethesda; £22 9s. 8d. balance of legacy of an Aberdeen friend; £200, another part legacy from Glasgow; £4 and £1 for our own needs, from an old friend, with many kind wishes; £10 from "Nemo;" £1 from a City Home lad now able to go into lodgings, as a small acknowledgment of what has been done for him; £1, the gift of "a departed friend;" £5 from another; £1 from a lady, sent by an old friend with hearty good wishes; and 10s. to help the invalid boys, from a little boy of 4. These and other remembrances, showing the hearty sympathy of so many friends, have greatly cheered and strengthened us in leaving the work here for a little while for that on the other side of the Atlantic.

May 27.—We had to pass through a very unexpected and new trial this afternoon in the sudden death by drowning of one of our older lads, Harry Walker. After a busy morning's work, he, along with some other boys, went to our swimming-pond for a bathe. Harry seemed to get on all right at first, and swam from one side to the other, but in coming back he appeared to take cramp or a fit, and sank under water. He was got out and taken to the nearest cottage, where all that could be thought of was done to restore breathing. Two doctors were immediately sent for, but when they came they could do nothing. It is thought death must have taken place just after the body went under the water. It has been a sharp, terrible, and altogether new trial to us in our work here among the children, and we can only look up and seek the needed strength and grace to sustain us through it all.

June 3.—Some weeks ago a Sabbath School teacher in Galashiels wrote as follows:—

SIR,—My Sunday School private class, a few very poor children, give me a few pence the first Sunday of each month, and they think they would like to give the few shillings to you for some little boy's board. As we do not open the box till end of May, if you would kindly send me some of your papers telling me what a small sum would benefit most, I would be much obliged, and when we do send it if you would acknowledge it by writing a few words to the children (farm children), I think it would encourage them to persevere, and make them cheerful givers.

To-day she sends 18s. from the class towards the Sabbath School Home. From Dundee, Edinburgh, Broughty Ferry, Paisley, Moffat, and Glasgow, £5 0s. 6d. have come, and some clothing and wool balls; and yesterday, £27 6s. 2½d. from friends, young and old, in Thurso, Birkenhead, Stoneykirk, Galashiels, Motherwell, Bridge-of-Weir, Kilmarnock, and Glasgow reached us. Among other gifts this week, 10s. came from "a worm;" £10, "Commission on money spent on extra house furnishings;" £1 from "Alice, Willie, and Jessie;" 2s. 6d. "A Thankoffering;" 39 articles clothing from Young Women's Dorcas Evening Class, Elderslie; 2s. 6d. from "Barnabas," a two-year-old boy to whom the Lord has given a good

home; £1 from children's shore services, Dunoon; £2 "Of Thine Own;" £1 from a grateful uncle, who says:—"The memory of your wonderful Homes will last as long as I live. Much as I have heard and read of the places, the reality far exceeded anything I had imagined. I cannot express to you all my gratitude for the special tenderness and consideration which is being shewn to my little niece. Her surroundings are infinitely better than anything I could provide, and I am glad and thankful she is in your hands;" and a nice patchwork quilt sent with the following letter:—

MY DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I send per parcel post a quilt, patched and made up by a Mrs. W. She is 93 years of age. I gave her one of your "Narrative of Facts" to read, and she was so impressed by the good work done by your Homes that she said she would patch a quilt for one of them. Her sister, who lives with her and who is 83, said she would also like to do something, so she has sewed some shirts for the boys, but I will not send them till I send my annual box in December, if spared. I have six or seven old people who help me in knitting and sewing for my box as they best can. They are good, Christian women, and anxious to help what they can in the work you are doing for the Lord. If you have time (but I know how occupied you must be), a few lines from you to Mrs W. would be much appreciated.

The Lord accepts our gifts "according to that a man hath," and we feel sure His blessing and reward will rest upon all who thus minister to Him in the person of His little ones. To-day a boy and girl of 12 and 9 from Leith were added to our number. Their father, a brushmaker, died two years ago from effects of taking vitriol when drinking heavily. The mother works in a paper-mill and has only 7s. a week, gets nothing off parish, and has to make an effort, after deducting 2s. for rent, to keep herself and the two children on 5s. a week, and finds it impossible. Another case in Leith brought before us yesterday, was that of two orphan girls whose father, a seaman, died and left no provision for them. An uncle has had them since parents' death, but his wife having died, the children need some person to look after them. Other cases have come before us this week, five of whom have been received, some advised, etc. Two of the children taken are from Gibraltar, orphans, and with no one able to keep them, whose sister was drowned in the sad loss of s.s. *Trinacria*; a boy of 7 from Alloa, brother to one taken before; one of 16, who has also two brothers and sister with us; and another of 14, whose mother is dead, and father, a sailor, is at present in Dundee Prison awaiting trial before the Lords on a charge of ship-scuttling. Boy has been on ship for about two years, and wishes to be a sailor. One of our lads, home from Canada on a visit, came to see us at Bridge-of-Weir. He has got on well, likes the country, and is now helping to keep his mother; says there is every chance of succeeding there if willing to work, etc.

June 7.—On Monday morning we got the joyful news that the *Carthaginian* with its precious cargo had passed Cape Race on Saturday night, and this afternoon we received a cablegram from our Home at Fairknowe, Brockville, with the words, "Tuesday night, Hallelujah," letting us know the dear ones had been taken to their journey's end in peace and safety. Our hearts and voices praised the Lord for His preserving care, and the village chimes and bells rang out the joyful tidings, cheering one and all. The picture on the following page, printed from a photo taken at Fairknowe, will give our friends some idea of the appearance of the girls as they have been equipped and sent forth to the brighter

land beyond the seas. Two of our number there, a boy and girl, write us this week, as follows:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I take my pen in hand to answer the letter I received some time ago. I like staying here very well. Pa and ma are very good to me. I go to school, and like my teacher very well; I am in the third book. We have four calves and seven cows, and about forty hens and two geese, and we hope to have some goslings on Saturday; we have no ducks. It is cold out to-day, but other days it would be too hot. I was harrowing to day, and we have the crop about half in. I hope to find you and Mrs. Quarrier out in the summer. Effie was very sick, but she is getting better now; she is able to walk about, but she is not strong yet. I was up to see her three weeks ago yesterday. I was glad to get the papers and the pictures of the Christmas tree you sent me; I just got them on New Year's Day. In the fall we had a good time pulling turnips. The whole family was out, and the snow thick on the ground, but we did not get them all pulled. It was a very cold winter here; there was hardly a fine day in January. I often think of the night when Mrs. Lang died—that was our mistress in the Home—and of the night when I first came to your house, and I remember when we were coming to the Home we came along a place where we could see men working, which we thought to be Bridge-of-Weir. I would like to see you and Mrs. Quarrier now very well. I must bring my letter to a close. Good-bye for this time. I am sending two letters to you, one for you, and the other if you would please send it to my mother. I am sending you one of my cards. When I get enough money I am going to get my picture taken, and will send one to you. —Your sincere friend, WILLIE.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—You will be surprised when you hear from me, but as I have not written to you since I have been here I thought I would join the number that would write to you this year. I think Canada is one of the nice places in the world. I wish very much I could see Scotland again; I want to see my mother and the Homes again. Those hills, parks, cottages, churches, and fountain were always so nice, and I suppose are nicer yet now. Don't be surprised if you see me back just for a visit. My desire is growing stronger every year. I suppose things will look very different from what they were five years ago. It all seems like a dream now. I have a lovely home, and the friends are so kind. I go to school every day, and am quite along in my studies. I study twelve different branches. The books are many and very hard. I attend church, Sunday school, mission band prayer meeting, regularly. The country is very pleasant. I live in a nice quiet village of about one hundred and fifty. I will name you some of the charms of it:—Brick church, town hall, hotel, saw mill, tailor's shop, bake shop, two blacksmiths' shops, a shoe shop, two large stores, and a cheese factory. We have splendid wharves, and four large steamers stop every day. It is a resort in the summer time. I am trying for the entrance to the High School and College. Our nice large brick house was burned on the 25th of March. We are expecting carpenters, masons, and other men next week. I was going to Brockville and the Thousand Islands this summer, but I cannot go now. I am very glad to see Mr. Burges when he comes. I hope he will come soon again. I write regularly to my mother. There are several large towns and villages not far from here. Belleville is one of them. When you come to Canada now I wish very much you would come and see me. I have seen your picture and an account of your work in the *Montreal Witness*, but it does not look like you when I saw you last. Please send me my age, for I do not know exactly. I must close now. Wishing you all success, and kind regards to all and yourself.—I remain, yours truly, M. M.

During the past weeks there have been several new cases of scarlet fever in our City Home, and one young woman removed to hospital died there a few days ago. We look to the Lord to stay the trouble, and for the needed strength through it all. The promise is sure—"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, Thou wilt revive me."

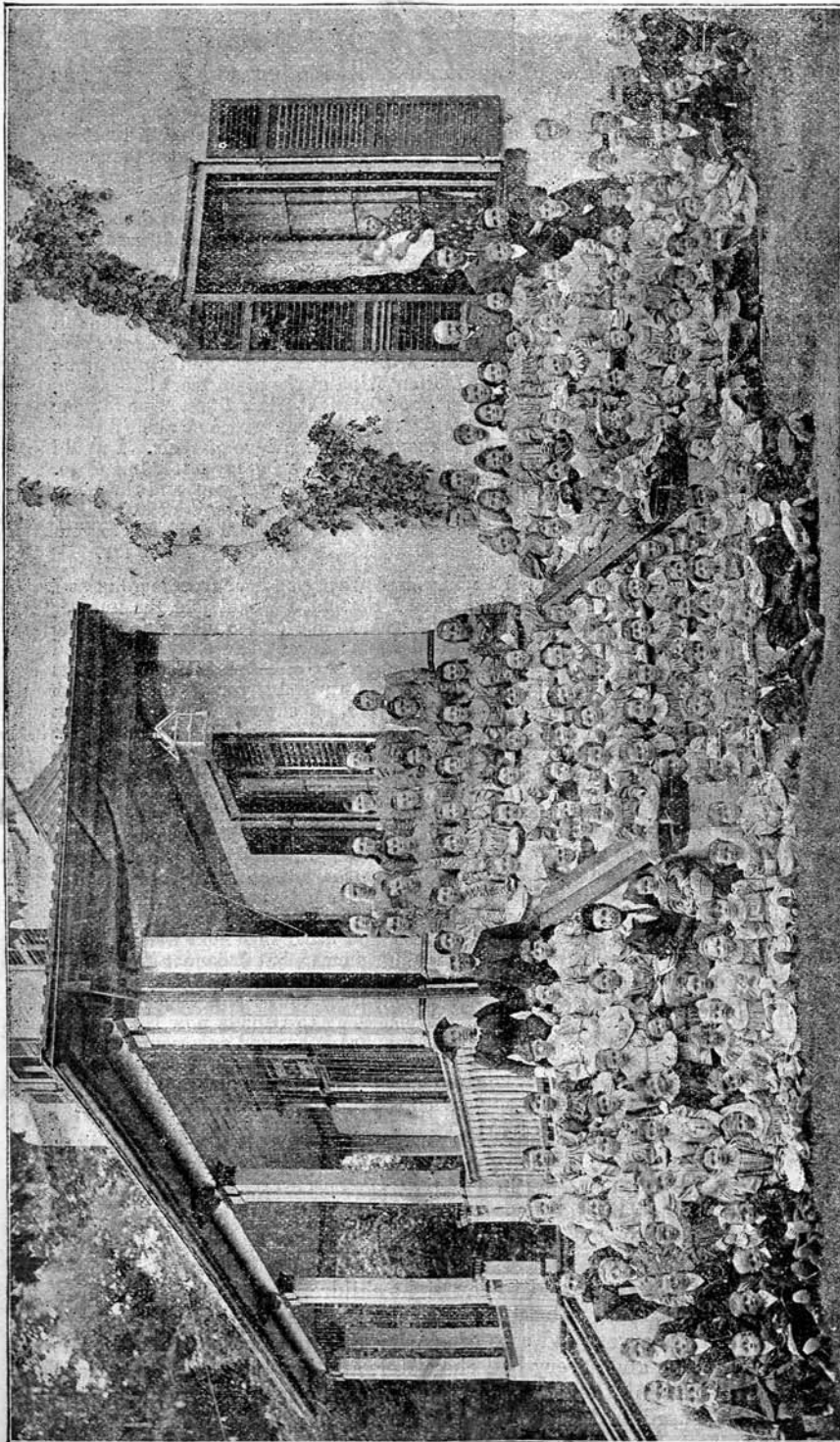
June 10.—Yesterday and to-day eight children were admitted, three of 9, 7, and 6 years, brought by agent of Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Dundee, a very sad case of cruelty and neglect. The father is of drunken habits, and a very bad character, and has been often in prison for cruelly ill-treating them. Police officers say he has led a vicious life, and is no fit guardian to have children. He has been brought before

Sheriff-Substitute in Dundee, at instance of Society, for neglect, and they have ordered the removal of the little ones here. Mother has been separated from the father for three years, and is quite unable to support them, and has tried all she can to keep them out of father's hands. Other needy ones are applying from various quarters; a minister's wife on the East coast writes regarding two girls:—

"I write to know if you could do anything in the case of two little girls here. They are daughters of a respectable widow woman here, who, up till within the last two months, supported herself and them by needlework and a little parochial assistance. She is now suffering from internal malignant cancer, and has gone insane, so that last week she had to be removed to asylum. Her life, at the most, is merely a question of a month or two, or death may come much sooner. The friends are poor, with families of their own and the only thing before the children is the poorhouse, which their poor mother while in health had a great dread of for them. They are at present being kept for a few days by an uncle, who has six young children of his own, and who is quite unable to do anything beyond giving them shelter till something can be arranged for them. Their ages are 10 or 11, and 7 years, and are I understand healthy children, although I should not say very robust, but I expect that for long their food has been pretty scanty. I should be much obliged if you would let me know at once if you could take them in, as if nothing can be done I suppose they must just go to the poorhouse. The mother is a member of my husband's congregation here."

We at once agreed to receive the little ones. £22 7s. have come yesterday and to-day, £5 5s. of it to help in giving delicate ones a change of air. This is an acceptable gift for the Seaside Home at Ardnadam, which a number of our delicate children have already had the benefit of, and many others will in the coming days. The long continuance of beautiful weather that we have had has been greatly enjoyed by young and old in our midst, and the general good health of our large family is a matter for thankfulness. There are no fresh cases of fever, and those who are laid down are getting on satisfactorily, and this calls for another note of praise.

June 14.—Many gifts, amounting to £93 8s. 10d. have come these three days, £50 of it for Emigration from an old donor in Servia; £1 from children's shore services, Dunoon; £10 "For the Master;" £2 from a family, Greenock, sent by a friend, who writes—"In these times of discussion regarding the efficiency of prayer, and the willingness of God to interfere directly in the temporal affairs of men, I am thankful for the continued miracle of your work. The gracious Lord continue to bless you and all yours abundantly, to the glory of His grace and power;" £4 8s. 6d., collected by a friend in Largs; 10s. from "Alice, Willie, and Jessie;" a box of shells for Bethesda, from France; £1 from children's services on sands at Millport; and 6s. from Cardross toward the needed farm. Yesterday we laid to rest the body of one of our number, little Nellie Irving, who was taken to be with the Saviour a few days since. Some weeks ago she was removed from the "Glasgow Home," where she had been since received, along with a younger brother and sister, over two years ago. She was lame and the seeds of consumption being sown, she gradually got weaker. She was led to trust Jesus as her own Saviour, and had no fear of death knowing she was just going to the better home above. A few hours before she died she asked the nurse to sing a hymn. She chose "It is well with my soul," and asked Nellie if she could really say so, and Nellie said "yes," after which the nurse kissed her, and Nellie said she was very wearied, and in a short time she passed quietly away. Dear child, she has now got free from all pain, weariness, and sorrow, and though we



SKETCH OF GIRLS' PARTY, FROM PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT FAIRKNOWE, BROCKVILLE, CANADA, 8TH JUNE 1898.

shall miss her much, we cannot wish her back again, but are glad to have had the privilege of caring for her the little while she was with us.

June 22.—We were much cheered yesterday by receiving detailed letters from Canada, giving an account of the voyage across the Atlantic of our girls' party, landing, and welcome at Brockville. Goodness and mercy have followed them all the way, and the language of our hearts and lips is, "Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name." Among our gifts for the past few days are:—Six hampers bread; three boxes red herring; $9\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. fish; £1, weekly offering from children attending services on shore at Dunoon, with the words, "Trust in the Lord and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed;" a large lot of boys' straw hats; 10s. from an old donor, Holytown Junction, with words of cheer and sympathy; £2 from Irvine, "with prayers for the abundant blessing of God upon the work;" £1, "a little gift from the young people attending school in Helensburgh;" £5—£1 of it for personal use—from an invalid friend, Edinburgh, who constantly remembers the work and workers in prayer; £2 2s., "the Lord's portion," being part of first day's drawings in new shop in Glasgow, an old public-house closed by Magistrates; quantity bread and pastry from other friends; £1 from children attending services on sands at Millport, "with more to follow;" 17 articles clothing, mostly made at "a working party of little village girls in Thornhill, Dumfriesshire, the work not very perfect, but it was very willingly done;" £17 "in memoriam;" 2s. 3d. from "Sartus," Greenock, towards purchase of farm; and £1 4s., "a mite from wellwishers at Rosneath," with the cheering and strengthening words, "May God greatly bless you, and say to you as to Joshua, 'Be strong and of a good courage, for the Lord thy God is with thee.'"

June 30.—During this month 36 boys and girls have been admitted, so that the empty beds left by the party gone are getting filled up again. Nine needy helpless ones from Edinburgh, West Kilbride, and Glasgow were taken in yesterday and to-day, and letters about others have come from Kirkcudbright, Belfast, and Greenock. Our gifts in money amount to £67 0s. 6d., £2 of it for personal use, and 5s. from friends in Airdrie towards purchase of needed farm. An anonymous friend, Kirkealdy, sends one dozen linen and one silk handkerchief for "an emigrant girl;" one in Kennoway, nine pairs stockings and two shawls; Y.M.C.A., Glasgow, £3 5s., amount which they send quarterly towards keep of a child; another unknown friend, 3s. 6d., "for Jesus' sake;" pupils in Shawlands, 16s., contents of their missionary box; and another friend at a distance 5s., collected in children's box. Among other gifts these few days past are £1, "a servant's tips," 62 pairs most useful stockings and three pairs socks from a Dundee friend; £1 14s. 8d., contents of family missionary box, Edinburgh; a gold brooch and ring to be sold, left by a late friend in Ireland; 10 bound volumes of "Home Words" and "Day of Days," and quantity books for library; £1 from an old donor in Helensburgh, who says, "My income is very much less than it once was, but I mean to continue to send you £1 twice in the year as formerly;" and £2 from children attending the services on the shore at Dunoon and Millport, with many encouraging words of cheer.

July 5.—The kindly help and sympathy of invalid friends and those laid aside from active work is a source of much cheer to us from time to

time. A friend sends us 10s., "a small dying gift" from one who frequently helped the work in our hands, and says:—"It is from my late sister-in-law. This is her funeral day, after eight years' close confinement. She took much interest in your great work, and according to her means tried to help. She died in great peace." Another invalid, who amid great suffering and weakness, remembers our little ones, sends 5s. 3d.—"the Lord's pennies;" a well-wisher sends 5s., "in memory of a dear loved one;" others, £6, a memoriam gift also, "for little May;" two young friends in Glasgow who often minister to our needs, 12s. 6d.; a widow, as her "mite," parcel socks, etc.; a little girl, Aberdeen, a print dress, with her love; and another friend there, parcel clothing; our unknown helper, "Sartus," Greenock, 5s., towards purchase of needed farm; and a grandmother of children helped in Dundee, 15s. and four pairs stockings, as "a small mite given heartily." Our gifts for the day amount to £169 0s. 6d.—£150 of it for the children and £7 10s. for our own needs—from an old donor who is wont to send a larger donation, but is unable to do so at present. A fatherless lad of 16 from Dumbarton, and three children of 10, 7, and 5 from Greenock, whose father, a wood-planer, and Christian man, died last year, were added to our number to-day. The mother, who is not very strong, has struggled on to keep house and home together, but finds it too much for her. She intends taking a situation, and will be able to pay for keep of the baby, 14 months old. Two days ago we took in a lad of 17, and a family of four children, oldest 11 years, whose father, a plumber, died suddenly in Edinburgh in February last. Mother goes out to wash and clean, but cannot manage to keep house together longer. She applied to Parochial authorities, who refused outside relief, and offered the House. She will be able to gain a living now for herself and baby of 12 months. A missionary in Edinburgh recommended case. A letter telling us about one of our little adopted boys in this country, how well he is getting on, etc., was cheering.

July 12.—During the past week we have been cheered by the practical sympathy of many friends in different parts of the country, who, according as they are able, have ministered to the needs of our large and increasing family. Yesterday and to-day we have received £108 19s.—£100 of it being payment to account of residue of estate left to Homes by a friend belonging to Dunfermline; £2, "a thankoffering to help to pay for some of the weak ones getting a change to the seaside;" and £2, all the way from South Australia. A large quantity of bread, sent daily by friends in Glasgow for some days past, was a most acceptable gift. To provide bread for our gathered-in family we require about eight tons of flour weekly, or over 400 loaves daily; and this gives some idea of what is required to feed the 1,200 under our care from day to day. Our friend in Dunoon, sending £1, the weekly gift from the dear children attending the shore gospel services, says, "If in any way our tiny weekly gift strengthens you in following the faith-life more clearly, it gives us a double pleasure in sending. The pound can be sent in a letter, but the smiles and the prayers which we always ask the children to give are seen and heard by our Father;" and one in Millport writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Enclosed is another pound from the children who attend the services on the Sands. We believe God is blessing our work, and we look for more blessing. The dear children are all very much interested in your work, and I believe many of them follow your efforts with their prayers as well as their *pence*.

May God's richest blessing rest upon all faithful workers. "Still there's more to follow."

Another friend in Gourrock sends £1 2s. from Boys' and Girls' Sabbath Forenoon Meeting there, and says, "I trust that even this small sum, subscribed by our young folks here, may, by God's blessing, be helpful to you in your great work for the Master's sake, and in His blessed name." The Lord abundantly bless the children who, in so many ways, minister to the needy little ones God has given us the privilege of caring for from day to day.

July 18.—An anonymous friend, Helensburgh, sends £1, which with £1 from children at Dunoon, some clothing from a young friend, Aberdeen, and 35 loaves, is all we have received to-day. £9 9s., 13 trimmed hats (a very useful gift), pair of boots, and some bread, were our gifts yesterday, £1 of the money being children's savings to help the little ones. The texts "My God shall supply all your need," and "He is faithful," came as strengthening words of cheer amid trials by the way. One of our little adopted girls, aged 9, who went out to Canada last year, writes us as follows:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I thank you for giving me a nice home. My mamma changed my name into Searle. Mamma wants to know when my birthday is. When you read this letter, if you have time write a letter to ma and tell her when my birthday is. I am getting on well at school, and I passed second Standard. My papa and mamma is very kind to me; and I know some of the boys and girls at school, some like me and some don't. My ma gave me some nice things on Christmas, she gave me the likeness of your house and the boys' bathing pond, and the Christmas trees, and lots of toys. My ma has got lovely flower pots and nice gardens, too, with lots of nice flowers, and I hope that your flowers is nice, too. I go to Sunday School with my new dress and boots and hat and collar. I have pink and blue stockings. We have a big dog called Carlo; a little cat called Tommy, she follows me everywhere, and so does the dog. When I go down to the river and catch fish and come up with the fish she mews and asks me to give the fish to her, and I give the fish to her. She tells me that it is good for her. My ma bakes cakes for me, and I do the best I can for her. My papa has got a horse, and I get rides out in the rig; and I got for my dolls a little cradle and a little wheelbarrow and a sleigh. We have got a little bird, and it is a good little singer. I send my love to all the girls I used to play with. I saw a girl like Mary S. in Sunday School. I have got an aunt now, and her name is Liza. Mr. M'G. is our minister's name. I have got lots of money that I save up that papa gave me. I have got a nice house to live in, it is nearer the river than in No. 1 Cottage. Good love to all. Good-bye.—Your loving child,
F. S.

July 24.—During the past weeks, although holiday time and summer, many cases of needy ones requiring help and succour have been brought before us by letter and personal application. Friends in Inverness, Johnstone, Hawick, Leith, Dublin, Irvine, Bridlington Quay, Armadale, and several from Edinburgh and Glasgow, have written regarding destitute cases. It is indeed a great privilege to be allowed to render help to so many from day to day. This month the children in the Bridge-of-Weir Homes have holidays from school, and have been enjoying pic-nic outings and walks to the hills and glens around our village. The young women from our City Home have been down for the past ten days, and the working lads have spent their holiday time at Cockenzie. It is a joy to be able in these ways to give pleasure to our large and varied family. Friends in Bo'ness send us 5s. from themselves, and 10s. and small parcel from others; "a brother and sister in the Lord" unknown to us, who frequently help in this way, send a useful lot of clothing, with the words of the hymn—

"Just to recollect His love always true,
Always shining from above, always new;
Just to recognise its light all unfolding,
Just to claim its present might all upholding;
Just to know it as thine own, that no power can take away,
Is not this enough alone for the gladness of the day."

Two helpers, Lesmahagow, send £1 for personal use and £2 for the bairns, praying that "all grace may abound toward you in the work given you to do;" one in Toronto, £10; "Inasmuch," £1; a girl helped in Canada, 12s. 6d.; "Egae," Alexandria, £1; a friend in Glasgow, 5s., as "a thank-offering;" another 10s., "a dying mother's request;" "a Scot from home wishing you every success," 5s.; an anonymous friend, 67 collars; junior members of Y.W.C.A., Milnathort, 3s. 4d., "praying you may have much blessing in your good work;" a friend in Shetland, 16 pairs stockings, "for the use of your very large family of needy bairns," and asking if they are a suitable size; and an aged friend in Edinburgh, who writes as follows, six pairs socks:—"Will you please accept those socks for your boys, and let me know if they are a proper size, as a lady saw them last week and said they were much too large? I do not know if ever I may be able to do any more, as my hands are beginning to refuse to hold the needles. If I live till next month I shall be 83 years of age." Gifts and labour of love such as these are most cheering to us from time to time, and we pray that the Master, who takes notice of the least service rendered to Him, will abundantly bless and reward each kind donor. In regard to the sizes of stockings and socks most serviceable for our children, we would mention here for the information of friends that for all boys under 12 or 13 years we prefer stockings, but large sized socks for our older lads in City Home and Bridge-of-Weir are always very useful, and stockings of different sizes to fit the little tots of 1 or 2 years up to 18 or so. We are always pleased to answer any enquiries regarding clothing which friends may kindly wish to make, or to send patterns if preferred, and we greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness of our helpers shown in this way.

July 28.—We were touched by the following letter received yesterday:—

DEAR SIR,—A short time ago I endeavoured to interest the boys of my S.S. class in your Homes and their little inmates, with the result that a collection box was set on foot among them. I have, therefore, much pleasure in forwarding you the sum of 7s. 6d. I may say that when they began to contribute, I pointed out to them the pleasure of really giving to the Master. They agreed that we should contribute every alternate Sabbath, and that each should give his mite out of his pocket-money—i.e., his "Saturday penny"—which fell to his lot. The sum is small, but teacher and scholars send it with their heartiest wishes. My boys are from 10 to 12 years of age.

"Trio," Old Kilpatrick, send £3 and eight pairs stockings; "a minister of the Church of Scotland," £3; "one of His stewards," Wales, £5, and £2 6s. 2d. for personal use; Infant Sabbath Class, Leith, £1; a friend in Alloa, 193 articles clothing; an anonymous helper, "who wishes you God-speed," 10s.; and other friends, yesterday and to-day, £16 11s. 6d., for the daily needs. A new friend in Edinburgh wrote as follows a few days ago:—

DEAR SIR,—I would like to give a small sum towards your good work, but would like first to know something of the religious teaching given in the Homes, and whether the young people are taught that our Saviour died to make atonement for lost sinners, and that unless through the righteousness purchased by Him for us, we

are undone in ourselves. I hope you will excuse my asking this; it seems to me scarcely necessary to do so, as from the blessing that seems to rest upon your work our Heavenly Father appears to be working with you.

To-day she sends a donation of £10 towards the maintenance of an orphan child, and says:—

DEAR FRIEND,—I thank you much for your letter of 26th July. I hope you will excuse my asking about the religious teaching being evangelical, but these are times when much false teaching is being given where one would least expect it, but though I made these enquiries, I felt almost sure that the teaching must be what we poor sinners need. I shall hope again to send something when able to afford it. I am not rich, and have many claims. I should like this money to go towards the maintenance of an orphan child.

August 2.—Yesterday and to-day £14 19s. have come—2s. of it “for some new comer”; £2 from children attending services on shore at Dunoon and Millport, with strengthening words of cheer; £2 “Of Thine own”; £4 for emigration, from a regular donor; and 1s. from an anonymous friend. An old helper in Falkland also sends us a hamper of clothing, and another some useful odds and ends. Among other gifts to hand this week were a large quantity of gooseberries from a friend, Bridge-of-Weir, and 40 boxes kippered herring from one in Fraserburgh, both much appreciated by our large family.

August 7.—Mrs. Quarrier and I got safely back from our sojourn in Canada yesterday (Sabbath), glad and thankful for all the loving kindness of the way. We arrived from New York at Greenock with the Allan Line *State of Nebraska* about 12 o'clock, and got home to Nittingshill at 3, where we received a right hearty welcome from the children and workers who were gathered at the gates, and sang with great heartiness the hymn, “To God be the glory, great things He hath done,” and the doxology, “Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.” During our six weeks’ stay in Canada we saw several hundreds of the children placed out in former years, and when we left Fairknowe, our Home at Brockville, there were only four little ones left of the 268 sent out this year; and if we had had as many more, we could have found good homes for them all. Children sent out 10 years ago we found children no longer, but men and women, settled, some of them in their own homes, many married, with children of their own, and all of them advanced in social standing and comparing favourably in moral and physical being with the best Canadian society. Ninety-eight per cent of the Scotch children continue to do well, which speaks volumes for the training they have received in the Homes here. We have, indeed, very much to praise the Lord for, in His great loving kindness in journeying mercies, preserved life in imminent danger, when, through the horse we were driving running off, Mr. Thomson and I were thrown out of the buggy, being brought nearer to seeming death than ever before; and many, many other mercies. The text we had read on the morning of the accident before setting out came home with living power to our hearts, “The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.” We can truly say, “He hath done all things well.” One of our number, little Johnny Muir, 7 years of age, was taken from our “Elim” to the heavenly home above this morning. He was very weakly when he came to us a short time ago, and had been in Sick Children’s Hospital, and we felt he could not live much longer. Now the tender little plant has been transplanted to the Eden above, never more to suffer cold, thirst, pain, or

hunger. “Of such is the kingdom of heaven.” While this little one has been removed to the heavenly home, another has been added to the earthly one in the person of a fatherless girl of 11 years.

Aug. 14.—Since our return from Canada we have been busy dealing with needy cases, etc., and 14 have been added to our number, some of them with very distressing histories. Among those received were five of a family from Broughty Ferry whose mother died 18 months ago of consumption, and father was killed by a sad lorry accident at the end of last month, and there are no friends able to keep them; a boy and girl from Kilmarnock who were in Homes before and taken out by mother against our advice. She was ill almost from the day she took them; was laid aside for nine months, and died of consumption last month, asking before the end came that her little ones would be brought back to us; a boy of 12 from Girvan; three children with very sad surroundings from Edinburgh; one from Leith; and a girl of 14 from Tillicoultry. A donor, Bridge of Allan, sends 5s., and one in Glasgow 81 loaves, all we have received to-day. Among gifts received these few days past are £4 from “Ivy,” Blairgowrie, who says:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I enclose a money order for £4, to be used at your own discretion, part for yourself and part for the children, whatever is most needed. In return, I ask for your prayers in behalf of myself and friends, that spiritual life may be quickened and the unconverted brought to Jesus. As I never see the paper, your report, you need not acknowledge this donation in it. In your annual report please mention it under the name of “Ivy,” as I do not wish my name published, and please send me a copy of the report; I shall wait for it to see the money acknowledged, as it is for the Lord, I am not afraid it will go astray. I may not send so much next, as this has been gathering for a good while. When I felt thankful for anything I put something past, as also a part of whatever money I received. You are doing a grand work; long may you be spared, and may you prosper.

[We have placed all this gift to the work, as, unless specially noted for our own use, we do not personally set aside any sums for that purpose.]

“It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,” and we praise Him for this friend’s sympathy shown in such a practical way. Our friend in Dunoon sending the weekly £1 from the dear children says, “Please find enclosed our usual sign of sympathy and helpfulness to the good work of saving the bairns. The weather has spoiled our meetings this week, but God sent the money. We are aiming at the £20 for the season. Our own souls are blessed in remembering the Lord’s little ones.” One in Glasgow sends £2 as a “Thankoffering,” and says, “Allow me to welcome you home again, and to express the hope that God will bless you more and more;” another in Kettlebridge £5, “a wee bit help to feed the poor orphan bairns;” “a carpenter” 20s., “praying the Lord to bless you in your good work, and hoping to send you something more soon;” “a fellow-servant” in Aberdeen, 6s., 1s. of it for personal use; “a backslider,” 3s. 1d., asking prayer on his or her behalf; an old donor, who is not so strong as he was wont to be, £20, £5 of it for our own needs, which are known to our Father; a Scotch girl in Hebron, New York, 16s. 8d.; other friends there and Boston, £3 2s. 6d.; a few millworkers, Penicuik, 15s.; a friend, £2 as a “Thankoffering;” another, 5s., his “quarterly mite;” an aged donor, Greenock, 18 pairs stockings; others, 5s., “relief refunded,” and a legacy of £45.

Aug. 19.—One of our girls who went to Canada this year to join her two brothers sent before, writes us:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I now take the pleasure of writing to let you know how I am getting on. I am keeping well, hoping this will find you the same. I have got into a good home; the people are very kind to me, and I like this country. We have a big farm. We have 16 cows, five calves, four little pigs, eight horses, two carriages, and a great number of hens. We have a large orchard, apple trees, plum trees, raspberry bushes, gooseberry bushes, strawberry bushes, black currant bushes, white currant bushes, and all kinds of vegetables, cabbages, beets, corn, beans, turnips, carrots, and a great many more. We have two miles to go to church, and we go in a carriage. We have 19 sheep, 18 lambs, and the man that is on the farm has 100 acres of land of his own, and he has 70 acres rented. There are seven of us on the farm. I can see Willie every day, and James is in the same house. I hardly knew my brothers when I came, they had grown so tall. I have no more at present, but remain, yours truly,

S. K.

From boys and girls attending meetings in Tayport and Rothesay, and friends in Perth, Aberdeen, Stonehaven, Dublin, Ayr, Edinburgh, and Glasgow, £21 8s.; quantity clothing and bread have come yesterday and to-day. The words "God can and will supply all your need," sent with a gift of 5s. and other kind expressions of interest, cheered us amid trials with wayward boys and girls, etc. We do need much patience from day to day to labour on notwithstanding the difficulties and disappointments, knowing that in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Aug. 26.—A gift of £200 from two aged friends, the "beginning for a Broughty-Ferry Home," was most cheering to us to-day. We have not yet got a house from there or Dundee in the national group at Bridge-of-Weir, and should much like to see them represented. The Home for consumptives has not yet been sent, and we are also feeling the need of a house for those suffering from epilepsy, several of whom have come under our notice even this week. Of all the diseases that afflict the children this is one of the most distressing, and should have more attention paid to it than has hitherto been given. We look to the Lord to send these much-needed houses through some of His stewards who delight to honour Him with their substance. Yesterday we received a donation of £100 from a most unlooked for source, a widow friend in humble circumstances who desires to give what means she has to dispose of in her lifetime. It is true self-denial on her part, and we feel sure our "Father who seeth in secret" will reward her openly. Other smaller gifts, but none the less acceptable, have come these days past, among them £2 from an anonymous friend, Broughty-Ferry, with the words, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction;" £1 from children attending services on sands at Millport; £3 from a Trinidad friend; £20 from a regular donor "for your big family;" £1, half for personal use, and some useful clothing, three cloth kittens, etc., from an aged Crieff friend visiting the Homes; 2s. 6d. from an old worker; £10 from an anonymous friend, also visiting; 10s. from "Sartus" towards purchase of farm; 12s. 6d. and 10s. from young helpers in Glasgow and Grangemouth; 2s. 6d. from a working man; 20s. from a frequent helper, Edinburgh, half for personal use; £1 from the young people, Dunoon; £2, the gift of missionaries at home on furlough from China; and £4 1s. 2d., 18s. 8d. of it for our own use, from an old donor, British Columbia. All our needs are being supplied from day to day and we do bless the Lord for the new tokens of His loving interest in the work shown in so many ways from time to time. Six boys and girls were added to our number to-day and many other cases are seeking help, advice, etc. Three of those received are boys of 8, 7, and 5 whose father, a seaman, went to Australia

four years ago, and only once wrote back, three months after he left. He was much given to drink and the mother is also, and doing very badly. Grandparents have kept the little ones more or less all along, but are now getting old and are unable to do so longer. Others taken are a boy of 8 from Edinburgh; a much-neglected little girl of 4 from Dundee, whose poor mother wanders about the country; and another of 8, whose father died this year of cancer; and the mother is a poor, ill-doing woman, no fit guardian for any child. We trust these little ones will soon forget the past sad life, and grow up to be happy boys and girls, and useful men and women in the future. Among the needy ones calling at the City Home for relief and advice was a poor widow with a wee delicate child who looks dying, trying to cover it with her thin shawl. As she opened it up, and we saw the wee handie almost like a two month old infant's, we thought of our village, and wondered which mother would take this wee one in, and nurse and tend it for Christ's sake. We felt sure many would be willing to do so. For the present we have sent the poor child to the Sick Children's Hospital, hoping the treatment she will receive there may help to prolong life, and we will receive her afterwards. Another case was that of two children whose father, a ship captain, was disabled for about three years by paralysis, and was in Hospital for six months receiving treatment. He went in charge of a foreign vessel in November last, and has not been heard of since. The mother, a mantle-machinist, kept the children, but her brother drinks, and has put them out of house, so that they had to sit on stairs for some time, etc. Other sad cases have also been before us. We do need much of the Master's tender compassion, and grace and patience from day to day in dealing with the perishing and those who are out of the way; but "He giveth more grace," and we seek to look constantly to Him.

Sept. 1.—Another month has closed, and, like those of the past, it has been full of usefulness as well as of the goodness of the Lord, for which we do praise His holy name. The amount of money sent in has been equal to the needs of our large and increasing family, and our balance stands about the same as on our departure for Canada. This, in the midst of the failing resources of those who were wont to help, manifests the interest of our Heavenly Father, as well as of His children all over the country, in our family of about 1100 rescued little ones. It also demonstrates the fact that the unsectarian character of the work, as well as the impartial dealing with all classes of destitute, fatherless, and orphan children, commends itself to all lovers of little children throughout the country. Yesterday a friend on the West Coast sends £15—£5 of it for personal use; "a dying lad," £1; young people near Glasgow and in Kirkintilloch, £2 9s; and others, £10 15s. We also received £5 7s. 2d. found in boxes at Bridge-of-Weir and City Homes during the past month. To-day, £3 17s. 4d., and a quantity clothing, remnants, print for patchwork, etc., from friends in Milnathort, Grangemouth, Blantyre, Edinburgh, Greenlaw, Fraserburgh, Bridge-of-Weir, and Glasgow, have come. A friend in Millport, sending £2 this week, from the children's services on sands there, writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I have much pleasure to-day in forwarding you two pounds from the children attending the services on the sands here. We have stopped taking the collection, so that this will be our last contribution in the meantime. However, I believe we will all follow you in your good work with our sincere prayers. Some of the children who have gone are still remembering you and us,

as I have had two or three letters, some enclosing small contributions for the collection. May God continue to bless and guide you in your work.

'Fellowship,' Fraserburgh, sends 19 barrels herring; "Lena," a little girl 5 years old, 10s., collected in her bank for the orphan children; and working boys and girls, Helensburgh, £5 10s., sent by a friend, who says, "The amount is somewhat below last year: this I regret, as 'forward' should be our watchword. I trust, however, the £5 10s. will be acceptable to you, as it is the children's gift to the children." An old donor, Edinburgh, in sending £4 from herself—£2 of it for personal use—and £2 from a friend, says, "May you be long spared to carry on the work, and be more and more blessed in rescuing the perishing, leading sinners to their Saviour;" a "probationer" sends 10s.; and two friends in Aberdeen who frequently help us, 10s., and write: "We are more and more convinced that not only is your work a benefit to those rescued, but to the nation at large, and we pray that you may be long spared and strengthened for it."

Sept. 5.—From Ayr, Grangemouth, Broomhouse, Stirling, Edinburgh, Lochee, Dunoon, Johnstone, Longformacus, Kirkcaldy, Elderslie, and Glasgow, £27 7s. have come to-day, 10s. of it "in memory of two dear children," and £5 "a thankoffering for a little daughter;" also some parcels of clothing, hats, etc., and large quantity bread. We have been greatly cheered these few months past by weekly gifts sent from the children attending the services on the shore at Dunoon and Millport, and we pray that their thoughtful interest in the needy little ones shown in this way, will be rewarded by the dear Saviour, Who has said "Give, and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down and shaken together." A minister in Dunoon sending £1 from the children there, writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—If all the older givers gave as cheerfully as the dear youngsters of the shore, it would be such a pleasure. "A penny, a smile, a prayer," is to be given by each in the bag. When we are gone these young lives will rise to remember the orphans. I shall draw for the balance soon, which will bring up the amount collected to much more than last year, but our Heavenly Father knows your need is greater.

Sept. 12.—Very often gifts are sent for the work in memory of loved ones gone home, and we believe there could be no better way of perpetuating their memory than by thus helping to succour the needy and suffering little ones of our land. A friend in Kirkcaldy sends £5 in loving memory of a dear husband; one in Perth, 10s., in memoriam of a friend; an unknown friend, Edinburgh, £2, and 3 pairs socks, "in memory of a dear sister;" and another in Tillicoultry, "garments which belonged to a little boy now gone home." A donor in Leith sends £3, "first fruits of a small investment;" a widow in Paisley as her "mite," £1; a friend, 10s., as "a thankoffering;" one interested in boy received, £1; a S.S., Larbert, £1 15s.; two Scotch friends, London, £1; one in Coatbridge, 10s., which with some bread and 2 pairs socks from an anonymous source, make up our gifts for the day. A friend in sending £5, £2 of it for personal use, writes:—

MY DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—The Lord sent me an unexpected gift lately, and I have very great pleasure in sending part of it, the enclosed £5, to you. Please keep £2 of it for your own use, and let the rest go to further the work in the way that seems best to you. I hope Mrs. Quarrier is feeling the better of her trip to Canada. I have no doubt you both saw much there to interest and encourage you, but you

would not be sorry to see the Orphan Homes once more, and I know those at home would be more than glad to welcome you back again. In my morning's reading, God sent me these words: "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength;" "Therefore will the Lord wait that He may be gracious unto you;" "Blessed are all they that wait for Him." May He, whose words they are, give you daily and hourly to know all the meaning that He has laid up in them.

And among other gifts for the past few days were 500 fir trees from Kilmalcolm; useful clothing from friends in Montrose, Bothwell, Longforgan, and Glasgow; 10s. from Airdrie, "a thankoffering to God for His great care over you and Mrs. Quarrier in your late journey;" £1 from a grateful mother of boy helped; £1 5s. "whip money;" 1s. and some trinkets to be sold, "to help a little with the Lord's work;" a quantity jam; 15s. from friends of children helped in St. Andrews and Dundee; £10 from an old donor, Fort-William, who says, "I hope the Lord is constantly supplying your daily wants, not only in temporal things, but also with heavenly blessings to yourself and all the large family He has committed to your care. May His smile of grace ever sustain you till He call you higher;" 10s. from Clifton, "a little thankoffering from a few friends for your orphan work, after a very happy holiday spent in your lovely country;" and £20, annual gift of a father, mother, and son.

Sept. 16.—To-day nine children were added to our number, four of a family, aged 12, 10, 8, and 6, from Glasgow, whose mother died seven years ago, and their father is dying in infirmity, and too far gone even to sign our agreement paper. An aunt who has a large family of her own brought the children to us. They have been very much neglected, and boys running wild. The others received were a lad of 15 with no home; one of 14 who has been taking his own way and is in danger of going wrong for want of proper restraint; and a family of three, aged 8, 5, and 3, a very sad case taken from the north of Scotland. The father is undergoing penal servitude for life for murder of a fellow servant, and the poor mother is utterly unfit to keep the little ones. A little girl was adopted by kind friends, Dundee, and other needy cases advised and helped with lodgings. During the past weeks applications regarding children have reached us from Rothesay, Kirkcaldy, Thurso, Selkirk, Dublin, Fraserburgh, Dalkeith, Gourrock, Aberdeen, Belfast, Strathmiglo, Banff, Edinburgh, Plymouth, Cathcart, and Glasgow. The letters of inquiry that we receive almost daily from all parts of the country, often indicate that it is thought influence is needed to gain admission to the Homes. This is not so, and we should like it to be more widely known that the Homes are open to receive all classes of fatherless and orphan children, who have no one to care for them, without respect to creed or class distinction, from a few months old and upwards, and without subscriber's line or voting paper. Yesterday, from New Zealand, Hamilton, and Glasgow, we received £5 15s. 3d.—£2 of it a double subscription this year, "in thanksgiving for our Heavenly Father's care over us, and goodness to us during the 25 years of our married life." To-day two parcels stockings and socks have come from Edinburgh and Peebles, and £6 18s. 6d. from working boys and girls, Perth; 3s. from two little boys, Fraserburgh; 3s., the gift of "Netta," Paisley; £1 from an anonymous friend, Cambuslang; and £1 paid into Union Bank by another. One of our sailor lads who has been at home for a short time, and is now returning to sea as third mate, writes to-day:—

DEAR MR. AND MRS. QUARRIER,—You will perhaps be wondering what has

become of me. I went up to school as intended, and Captain W. asked me how long I had been to sea, and when I told him four year's apprentice and a fortnight as A.B., he advised me to go back at least six months more before passing as second-mate, and so I have managed back as third-mate in my old ship the *Highland Glen*. I intended coming down to see you but kept putting it off till at last I got orders on Thursday to join the ship at Barry, and had to go away in a hurry, and so had not time to come down. I cannot say when or where we go, but will let you know. Please remember me to Captain and Mrs. Aikenhead, also, Mr. and Mrs. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Paterson (No. 1), and Mr. and Mrs. M'Murray, and all the rest, though I do not think there are many more remember me. I hope you enjoyed your visit to Canada, and found everything going on well and happy. Sincerely hoping this finds you all in good health. With love to Mr. Frank, Mrs and Miss Quarrier and yourself, thanking you again and again for what I can never repay, —I remain, your affectionate and obedient servant,
R. B.

Sept. 22.—This week we have had special services at the Bridge-of-Weir Homes, conducted by Mr. Wm. Thomson, Jr., evangelist, and our hearts have been greatly cheered by seeing very many of our boys and girls coming to the Saviour and trusting Him, among them quite a number of the older members of our gathered-in family, some of whom have been long prayed for. The Holy Spirit has been working mightily in our midst, and abundant fruit has been the result. The sowing and watering have gone on steadily day by day, and week by week in the cottage homes and public gatherings on the Lord's Day and other times, and now God has given the increase. To Him be all the glory and praise, and we pray that He will perfect the work begun in these young hearts, and bring all who are yet undecided into His fold. To-day we laid to rest the remains of one of our number, little Jeannie Banks, who, after long and weary suffering from spine disease and other troubles, was gathered home two days ago. She came to us in January last, and was then very delicate, and has required great care and attention, which kind hearts and loving hands in our Bethesda have been very pleased to give. Some nights ago, being very weary and suffering pain, she asked the nurse to lie down beside her and then said, "Don't you think we might ask Jesus to give me some sleep?" They did so, and in a short time she fell over and slept till about 4 o'clock. On awaking she said to the nurse, "Wasn't it good of the Lord to give me that nice rest; we should thank Him." Dear child, before coming to us she had been much neglected and indeed cruelly treated and the comforts she had while with us and kindness received, were greatly appreciated by her. She told us she had often to lie on hard boards and not any soft clothes to cover her, and never had such a nice bed. On being reminded that the Lord Jesus had not where to lay His head she said, "That was just like me." At a late hour the night before she passed away she was praying for some of her unsaved friends for whose salvation she was most anxious, and the last words she was heard to utter just before passing away were, "Father, and Jesus." Truly out of the mouths of babes and sucklings the Lord perfects praise. A frequent donor in Rutherglen sends £10 and says, "I am glad that you give us the privilege of being associated with you in your work of saving the poor helpless children. Certainly there is no more hopeful work." A friend in Hamilton, whose dear wife, recently taken home, was most interested in the work, sends 5s; one in Gourrock, £1 6s. and parcel stockings, etc; another in Crieff, £5 "in memory of a dear son;" a kind helper, Cardross, £3; one in South Ronaldshay, 7s. 6d. "with our prayers and sympathies for you and your work;" another in Lerwick 10s. 6d.; and two Glasgow

friends £1 1s. and 10s. "for your large family, whom may the Father of the fatherless increasingly bless and prosper." One of our little adopted boys in Canada writes this week:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIE, —I promised to write to you, and in the first place I want to tell you about my new home. The railroad runs through our farm, and we have three horses, Jim, Fanny, and Jeannie. She is a colt, all black and very nice. We have four cows and four calves, over 100 hens and chickens, and 27 turkeys, 10 ducks, and five canaries. I go to school nearly every day; only when the roads are bad. I go to church and Sunday school. We have had lots of visitors this summer; we had four children, grandma's grand-children, and they stopped seven weeks, all my vacation. Grandma, Uncle Tom, and I went 18 miles to see one of her daughters, and she has four children, and they are very kind to me. I had a very pleasant time, but was tired when I got home. I played so much. I have been at home ten days, not feeling well, but will go to school to-morrow, as I am much better. Mr. Thomson has been to see me twice, and tells me about the Homes. I like to hear from you all. Give my love to all the children I left there, also Mr. and Mrs. Leslie. I wrote to Mrs. Leslie in July, and have not heard from her since. I hope you will be able to read this; it's not very well done, but I will try to do better the next time. I often hear from my grandma in Greenock. The last letter she was not very well. I am going to answer it soon. I like my home very well; they are all very kind to me. I have a grandma, and an Uncle Tom, and an Aunt Mary, and I have a big black dog called Pirate, and he churns for us. I would like to see you all, but I do not wish to stay there any more; I am very happy here. From one of you little boys.—D.C.

Sept. 23.—The encouraging words of friends sent with their gifts are a great stimulus to us from time to time. One in Lenzie writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIE, —I enclose cheque for £5, and I also send you my very best wishes and my earnest prayer that you will continue to enjoy that measure of health and strength that will enable you to take charge of that wonderful little township at Bridge-of-Weir. Every person whom I know that has visited your Homes have come back filled with surprise and with pleasure, and they seem to take an additional interest in your good work. I spent a very profitable hour at your meeting in the Christian Institute when you were sending away the lads this season to Canada, and I heard you say that you intended going over with the girls later on. I hope you had a very successful trip, and that you found the work on the other side of the sea still progressing. There seems to be a great wish over there for plenty of Scotch bairns. I hope that may long continue. The possibilities in the future of the young lives you are planting out there are very great, and I feel sure that they will not only be of great moment to the colony they are helping to populate, but that many of them will some day rise to positions where they will have great personal influence and make a name for themselves. The farm that you were so anxious to get should make a splendid training ground for the work that the children mostly have to do in Canada, and I hope that the money you need will in God's own time come to you.

An aged helper in sending £1 says, "My only regret is that I can do no more, having been for some years unable to practise my profession from my advanced age (eighty-two) and blindness. May the Lord bless you yet more and more, and supply all your need, and prosper the results of your good work." One who has been left in straitened circumstances owing to bank failure in Australia, sends £1; another in Fraserburgh, 12s. 6d., "wishing you God speed;" a wellwisher, 2s., "a very small mite;" "a worm," 10s.; an old donor, Kirkmuirhill, £1; another, Kirkintilloch, 10s., "a little in aid of the good and glorious work you are engaged in;" a Sabbath School, and collected by a friend, Stirling, 19s. 9d.; a helper in Troon, two pieces wincey; Y.M.C.A., Glasgow, £3 5s., quarterly amount given regularly for keep of child; Y.W.C.A. and friends, Errol, parcels clothing; and among other sums yesterday was £2 1s. 8½d. part of children's missionary collections during year, given to help their poorer brothers and sisters. Last night, at our usual Wednesday meeting, the money amounting to £68 1s. 8½d., a little more than last year, was disbursed, and it was

most cheering and touching to see how gladly the dear children set aside their gifts to different missions in China, Africa, India, New Hebrides, Canada, and home. The Lord bless them, and grant that the early lessons in giving which they are now learning, may bear large and abiding fruit in the years to come. This week one of our old boys settled in Canada for a number of years, visited us at Bridge-of-Weir. He has got on very well, and intends returning shortly; and, like others who have gone there, he would not care to stay in this country now. A girl sent out two years ago, and one three, write us this week:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I suppose you think I have forgotten you, but I have not. I have been going to school, and had my lessons to learn, and it keeps me very busy. I go to Sunday school regularly, and to church every morning, and prayer meeting at night. I see Mary H. every few days. The man that she lives with is auntie's brother; he is a farmer; the farmers are very busy thrashing at their grain. I like Canada very much; it is a very nice place; it is very pleasant in the winter, especially when the sleighs run. There are about 40 boys and 50 girls go to school. George is working at Mr. T.'s. He gets 10 dollars a month; he likes his place well. Lizzie has left Mr. P.'s, and gone to the city to work; she is getting along well. Auntie keeps store and post-office; she weaves all the time. Lizzie came to see me, and stayed a week. She was to see Mrs. P. before she died; she felt very bad; she was a very nice woman. Auntie and I live alone. It is a very lonesome way to live, but we are not so lonesome, for there are lots of houses near by. I like auntie very much; she is a dear woman, and I try to do all I can for her, and that is the best way. I am trying to be a good girl and love Jesus, and do all that is right in His sight. Auntie's nephew is married, and has a little boy; he is a very sweet little boy. Now, as I had nothing very nice to send you, I thought this little card would be nice for Mrs. Quarrier and you, and even if I cannot send more I will always remember you in my prayers. Now I shall draw to a close by sending my love to Mr. and Mrs. M'Murray, and little Willie, and Miss Brown. I send my love to all the girls in my cottage. I will draw to a close by saying good-bye; love to all. May the Lord's countenance shine upon thee.—Your loving child, M. M.

DEAR MRS. QUARRIER,—I have neglected writing to you, but time passes so quickly, and so much work is to be done. It seems it was not long since I wrote before, but still it is almost a year. I am getting along fine in Canada; I like the country fine, and I am not sorry that I ever came out here. I am very sorry to think that I do not get any word from any of my friends. I suppose they think we are so well provided for here that they will not mind about us. I do not wish to forget them, and I would be very much obliged to you if you could find out whether they are dead or alive. I trust our dear Lord still provides for the Orphan Homes of Scotland. I often wonder where I would have been if it had not been for them. The Lord has taken my dear father and mother from me, but it was all for the best. I do trust every orphan will know that they have a Father in heaven, and that He sees and cares for them. Please excuse this writing, as I have not been practising, and it is bed-time, and I am tired. No more to say at present.—Yours sincerely, J. C.

Oct. 3.—The last month of another financial year has come, the twenty-second of our trust in the Lord for all needs, and the twenty-ninth of our work among poor children. We are expecting that the Lord will enable us, as in former years, to meet all responsibilities, and to close with the balance on the right side of the ledger. We are also looking to Him to send through some of His stewards the money to build more houses, and specially the two Homes for consumptives, the need of which we feel very much. Who shall have the privilege of giving one or more of these Homes we know not, but pray it will be laid on the hearts of some of the Lord's servants in the city or throughout the country to do so, and thus be the means of helping those who cannot help themselves. From friends in Perth, Bridge-of-Weir, Berwick-on-Tweed, Greenock, Hawick, and Glasgow, £14 7s. 6d. have come to-day, £1 of it towards Consumptives' Home, and 10s. for personal use. Among our gifts for the past few days

are 39 children's felt hats, most useful for the winter season, from Glasgow leipers; 36 pairs nice black stockings from Edinburgh, a much felt need supplied, which led us anew to give thanks for our Father's minute care in this matter; £1, the contents of a little boy's collecting box, Edinburgh; £5 from an old Glasgow donor; £1 from another, Motherwell; £12 14s, collected by a friend in Dollar; £10 "for the Master," from one who often remembers our needs; 4s. from "a brother in Jesus," £2 "of Thine own;" and £1 and 10s. from two friends in Ayr and Glasgow.

Oct. 6.—When in Canada this year, I heard a good deal about the Christian Endeavour Society for young people, and wondered if we could have something similar among our children, to bring all who are converted out in work. We began to pray about it, and decided to have a Society in every house of those who were Christians, so that they might be called out from the others, and have a weekly meeting conducted by themselves for mutual helpfulness to each other. Our workers have taken the matter heartily up, as well as the young people, and last night the first public monthly meeting of our Christian Endeavour was held in the Church, and our hearts were greatly cheered by the sight we then witnessed. The under part of the church, with the exception of a few seats at sides, was full with boys and girls all above 10 years of age, and most above 12, all declaring to be on the Lord's side, and many taking part in reading the Word, in prayer, and testimony. Mrs. Quarrier and I felt it was a never-to-be-forgotten sight, and that if the donor of the beautiful building had been present with us, he would have praised the Lord anew for the great privilege and honour of giving "Mount Zion" here to be the birthplace of so many souls to adorn the Saviour's crown in that day. There is a deep spirit of earnestness among the dear children, so many of whom have recently found the Saviour, also a desire to know more of the Lord's Word, and a fear of grieving Him, which it is most cheering to us and our fellow-helpers to see. May the Lord continue and increase the good work begun in our midst. Yesterday and to-day £25 15s. 3d. from various quarters have come—10s. of it "in memory of little Willie's birthday;" £5 from Stirling, "in memoriam"; 10s., "for Christ's sake"; £1, "a birthday thank-offering"; and £10 from a regular donor, who writes asking if we take the orphan children of sailors, and bringing the case of a fatherless boy before our notice. We receive all classes of fatherless children, if destitute, into the Homes, whether those of sailors, soldiers, tradesmen, mercantile profession, or others, without regard to any class distinction, voting paper, etc., and we should like this to be more widely known by friends throughout the country. One of our girls sent to Canada last year writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I would have written you before, but I have been much occupied. I am in a minister's house where there are four children, and I like them very well; two of them are twins, and they are only one year old. I like my place very well. My brother is on a farm and he likes it very well; and I think he does very well for a little boy. My sister is on a farm at present, but she is coming nearer me. I suppose you are getting a nice lot of children in at the present time. I was sick last winter, but I am all right now. I was hearing that you had the new school opened and some other cottages. Is Miss Fox always in the Homes yet or not? I suppose you will be having a good time with the champed potatoes at Hallowe'en as it is coming fast. I go to Sunday School and Church every Sunday, and have a nice time. There is quite a number of the girls from the Home where I live. I bought a picture of the girls the same year as I came out, and I think it is very nice. How are Mr. and Mrs. M'Fadzean, in the store, getting on, and how are the children? Was it rough when you were going home

on the ocean, we had a nice time coming over, and we saw a lot of icebergs and four whales, and we enjoyed ourselves very well. How are Mr. Frank Quarrier and Miss Mary? Have you had anybody from China; do you have a lot of good meetings every month? I am getting two dollars and a half a month. I am going to learn the music notes. We have two horses, one cow, and about 20 hens. Mr. M. has two churches, and we have nice singing; when we are taking up the collection they sing an anthem. We have very wet weather this year and lots of our potatoes are rotting away. I have written you a long letter, and I hope you will write me one just as long and give me all the news.—I remain, your faithful girl,
A. M.

Oct. 12.—This week we had another interview with the sub-committee of the Magistrates regarding the controlling of the street children, and it was agreed they were to report that something should be done in the way of getting legal power for this purpose. It is a matter for thanksgiving that after 29 years' agitation there is a likelihood of something being done for the saving of these poor children. To-day, £50 from Paisley and £1 10s. from an old helper, Glasgow, have come; and yesterday, an aged donor in Aberdeen sent £10; young friends in Mission Children's Church, Leith, £1 6s.; and others in Clarkston, Avondale, Rait, Kinnaird, and Glasgow, £4 10s., two bags potatoes, one barrel herring, and six pairs socks. Among other gifts received these few days past are £20 from an aged helper, Arbroath—£2 of it for our own needs; £2 from two old workers as a thankoffering for God's loving kindness through another year; £2 17s. 2d. from young women, Leven, asking prayer for blessing on their meetings; £2, part proceeds of a sale of work from Girls' Missionary Association, Greenock, "wishing you much blessing and success;" 10s., "for the needy little ones from a well-wishing friend," Motherwell; £20 from one who often remembers the work in gifts from time to time, £5 of it for our own use; 3s., "a small offering" from a young Christian worker in Dundee; and £8 6s. 8d. from three grateful girls rescued and sent to Canada. We are often cheered by gifts of stockings, etc., knitted for our children by aged and other friends, and for the past few years busy hands and loving hearts have kept our large family supplied with warm stockings and socks, so that we have not needed to buy any. An aged helper in Glasgow sends £1, parcel of tea, and 13 pairs stockings, "a small help to the dear children, whom I take great pleasure in knitting for;" another sends eight pairs made by a few mothers attending a weekly meeting; "only a servant," two garments "for some child in your Homes, trusting the Lord will grant you the money you desire for the two houses;" and another aged friend in Crieff, a useful parcel. She writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I have now enclosed in this parcel for your little children three dresses, two petticoats, two vests, two cravats, also 18 pairs stockings, and a few cards. I thank my dear kind heavenly Father for putting it into my heart to work for His children; the Lord has given me such a love to do them. Trusting the little ones are all well, and with kind love to yourself.

Oct. 17.—To-day 6s. 6d. from an anonymous friend, and two baskets bread and rolls are all that have come. Yesterday for the daily needs we received £3 7s. 6d., 10s. of it from "Alice, Willie, Jessie;" 15s. from children's service, Clynder; 12s. from Christian Endeavour Society, Glasgow; and 11s. 6d. from S. S. Dundee. For building purposes we were much cheered by receiving an anonymous gift of £60 towards the needed Homes for consumptives, "as a thankoffering for mercies received during residence in neighbourhood of Homes," also 5s. for the same purpose from

"an old boy;" and 10s. from three friends, Airdrie, towards purchase of needed farm. We take these gifts as the earnest of the £6000 required to build the two consumptive Homes, and which we are sure will all come in due time. One of our rescued family, a girl sent out six years ago, writes us to-day:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I was very glad to get your letter, but I was very much disappointed that you had not seen my mother, as I had looked forward to hear of her then, as that is the only way I hear of her now. When she wrote last the address was not very plain, so I was not able to make it out, but made it as like her writing as possible; but it was of no use. About a month or so afterwards I got it sent back. It has been very dry here all summer. Everything was just scorched up, and the grain is nothing like what it was last year. The pasture was very bare too. The cows would have gone dry, I suppose, only we cut corn and feed to them. The cheese factory closed about two weeks ago, on account of getting so little milk. The cold weather will soon be coming again, but I hope it won't be so severe as it was last year. I am getting some stockings made, so as to be ready anyway. There was some frost last night, and I see it has nipped some of the beans and tomatoes, but the flowers are all right, and it is a good thing, for they are blooming so nice, and especially at this time of year when other things are beginning to wither. The woods look splendid, with all the different shades of leaves; the beech nuts are ready now too. I would have been very glad to have seen you when you were out in Canada. I was thinking you would manage up this way, as Avening is not so very far from Toronto, and if you came by Stayner you would not need to change cars at all. There was an excursion to the model farm at Guelph, and I went to it. It was so nice to see everything so nice, and clean and tidy, with everything in its place. Of course they have lots of money and folk to do everything they want. I learned to ride on horseback this summer, and also to drive the horse and buggy. I had a letter from James last winter. He was up at Ottawa, and going to school, and was getting on fine. I suppose Mr. Burges will be coming to see me soon, as he did not get this way last year. We have not near so many apples this year, but had quite a lot of plums and other fruit.—I remain, yours sincerely,
M. C.

Oct. 21.—During the past weeks many cases of destitution have been brought before us, some of whom we have been able to receive, others to advise or temporarily assist. A friend in Aberdeen writes as follows:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I write to ask your kind help for two boys, aged 8 and 11. Their father is dead, and their mother is dying, and is very anxious to have them provided for before her death. She is a respectable woman, but very poor, and has been getting parish relief—8s. per week for the two boys. Her people are very poor. I wonder if the parish would allow you anything if you took them—it might be worth while inquiring; but I shall do nothing till I hear from you if you can receive them. Could you kindly ask your agent here to call and judge of the case? I enclose 20s., and wish I could make my contribution larger.

We made arrangements for our helper in Aberdeen to see the children and mother, and have them sent on to us. Many applications from Edinburgh have come, and others also from Dollar, Maybole, Port-Errill, Dundee, Keith, Tynemouth, Aberdeen, Banff, Lanark, Paisley, and Glasgow. Yesterday and to-day from Lockerbie, Cowdenbeath, Lanark, Bridge-of-Weir, Errol, Fraserburgh, London, Nairn, Portobello, Tarbolton, Kilmarnock, Edinburgh, Cupar, Langholm, Kansas, and Glasgow, £26 3s., quantity clothing, remnants dress material, bread, a scrap-book, and magazines, etc., have been sent in.

Oct. 25.—Yesterday we were cheered by receiving a gift of £100 from two Glasgow friends for Consumptives' Home, also £1 for the same purpose, from an unknown helper. A friend in Crieff writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—As Miss R. is too poorly to write, she has asked me to send you the enclosed P.O. and stamps for 13s. 4d. for your dear little orphan children. It was collected in small sums in a little box which she keeps on a small table at her

bedside (being an invalid). She has printed on it the name of the Home the money goes to, and "Inasmuch," so that, although an invalid for many years, she still does what she can for the Master.

10s. came as "a thankoffering to God for all His great goodness;" 10s. 7d., "a child's savings now gone home;" £3 3s. from 'the Master's treasury—a third of it for personal use;" 10s., "the Lord's tenth;" £10, left by a Broughton friend for the work; £2, and 10s. from unknown helpers in Ferryden and Glasgow; 12s. from two young friends near Glasgow; 30s. from children's meeting there also; £1 from an old donor, Portobello; £5 from two others in Greenock and Edinburgh; £10 9s. 6d. from S.Ss. and Bible Class; and £1 from two friends in Kilmarnock and Blairgowrie. A parcel of useful garments from friends in Broughton, and a quantity of bread, magazines, etc., have also come yesterday and to-day.

Oct. 31.—This afternoon and evening a most enjoyable time was spent by our large family in honour of Hallowe'en. After the ducking for apples, feast of champed potatoes, nuts, etc., there was a united illuminated procession with Chinese lanterns, etc., through the grounds, and it was a sight well worth coming miles to see. Then we gathered in the church, where two happy hours were spent listening to the native talent of our village in the way of singing, recitations, etc., and closing with united family worship. Our delicate little ones, in Elim and Bethesda, although not able to join the rest of the number, were not forgotten, but had their entertainments inside. We are sure the day will long be remembered as a "red-letter" one by the dear children, so many of whom have known little of real enjoyment or happiness in the past.

Once more we have come to the close of another year of the Homes, the twenty-second of our trust in the Lord for the supply of all need, and in reviewing the past months, so full of the mercy and loving kindness of our Heavenly Father, our hearts go out in thanksgiving and gratitude to Him who hath so abundantly fulfilled His promise to us—"My God shall supply all your need." When the year commenced we knew not the way before us, but felt sure the Lord who had hitherto led us would continue to do so, and now at its close we can truly say goodness and mercy have followed us through all its hours. Our balance is again on the right side, notwithstanding all the extra work that has been accomplished, and we close with about three weeks' provision on hand. The Lord hath done great things for us, and to Him we give all the glory and praise, for He alone is worthy. The language of our hearts and mouths is, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name"; "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men." It is not that there have been no trials and disappointments during the year that we thus speak, for they have been many; but the trials by the way have made the promises of God a greater reality to us, and we believe if the path had been easier we should not have realised the fulfilment of them as we have done, day by day, week by week, and month by month. For the unknown year, on which we are just entering, we "will trust and not be afraid," resting on the promise of our faithful, covenant-keeping God, "Certainly, I will be with thee." "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S EMIGRATION HOMES, AND CITY HOME AND MISSION. Abstract of Income and Expenditure for Year ending 31st October, 1893.

October 31, 1892.	October 31, 1893.
To Balance on hand and in Bank,	£1250 11 1½
October 31, 1893.	
" Donations and Legacies received during the Year, ..	£11,324 14 3½
" Found in Boxes,	44 11 6
" Proceeds of Gifts, Photos and Sundry Articles, ..	302 11 9½
" Wages earned by Working Boys,	795 3 2
" Interest from Bank,	34 7 6
	12,502 8 2½

(In addition to above, a sum of £27.17 dols. has been received in Canada from Children and friends, and expended upon the Home there.)

£13,752 19 4½

October 31, 1893.	October 31, 1893.
By General Expenses at City and Bridge-of-Weir Homes,	£6987 13 0½
" Allowance to Workers,	1703 3 2
" Furniture Repairs, Taxes, and Insurance, ..	584 6 11½
" Emigration Expenses and Money sent for Upkeep of Canadian Home,	2394 18 10
" Evangelistic Expenses, Printing, Stationery, School Books, Postage, Photos, and Advertising, ..	413 4 1
" Rewards to Children and Premiums to Working Boys on Wages earned,	210 16 10
" Relief given to Necessitous Cases,	83 6 6
" Medical Charges,	35 7 6
" Legal Charges—Purchase of Seaside Home, etc., ..	84 15 5
	£12,697 12 4½
" Cash in Union Bank—Deposit Receipts,	£1020 0 0
" Cash in Union Bank on Current Account,	26 1 4
" Cash on hand,	9 5 8½
	1055 7 0½
	£13,752 19 4½

GLASGOW, 10th November, 1893.—I have audited the Books containing the intrusions of Mr. Quarrier for the year ending 31st October, 1893, in connection with the Orphan Homes of Scotland, Destitute Children's Emigration Homes, and City Home and Mission, compared the relative Vouchers and his various Acknowledgements of Donations, etc., and hereby certify that the above is a true abstract thereof; that it is correctly stated and vouched, and closes with a balance in Bank of One Thousand and Forty-six Pounds One Shilling and Fourpence, and a sum of Nine Pounds Five Shillings and Eightpence One Farthing in Mr. Quarrier's hands. JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

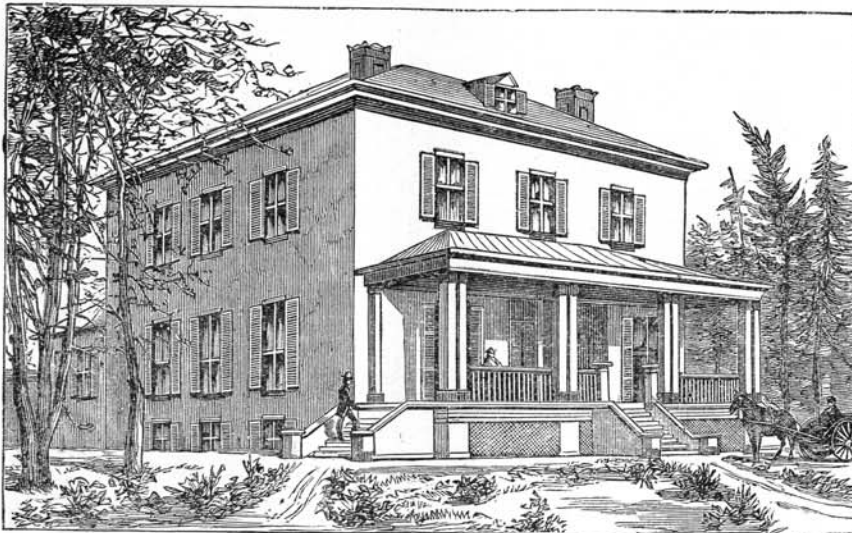
ORPHAN COTTAGE HOMES' BUILDING ACCOUNT. Abstract of Income and Expenditure for Year ending 31st October, 1893.

October 31, 1892.	October 31, 1893.
To Balance on hand and in Bank,	£5,600 7 10½
October 31, 1893.	
" Donations and Legacies received during the Year, ..	£7,870 10 3½
" Interest from Bank,	158 0 8
	8,628 10 11½
	£14,228 18 10½

October 31, 1893.	October 31, 1893.
By Payments to various Tradesmen for Work done during the Year, ..	£10,612 10 5½
" Money sent for Alterations on Canadian Home, ..	100 0 0
" Cash in Union Bank—Deposit Receipts,	£3,700 0 0
" Cash in Union Bank on Current Account,	211 17 0
" Cash on hand,	4 11 4½
	£14,628 18 10½

* Of this Balance about £2,400 is specially for purchase of Farm and building Consumptives' Homes. The rest is absorbed by Buildings in course of erection. GLASGOW, 10th November, 1893.—I have audited the Books containing the intrusions of Mr. Quarrier for the year ending 31st October, 1893, in connection with the Orphan Homes of Scotland Building Account, compared the relative vouchers and his various acknowledgements of Donations, etc., and hereby certify that the above is a true abstract thereof; that it is correctly stated and vouched, and closes with a balance in Bank of Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven Pounds Seventeen Shillings, and a sum of Four Pounds Eleven Shillings and Fourpence Three Farthings in Mr. Quarrier's hands. JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

DISTRIBUTING HOME, FAIRKNOWE, BROCKVILLE, ONT.



FAIRKNOWE, BROCKVILLE,

ONTARIO, 20th October, 1893.

DEAR FRIENDS,—With a family of about four thousand out here, we need to believe and realise that “we are workers together with God.” Were it man’s work or solely dependent on man’s exertions, the burden would be too great, and end in disaster; but carried on for the glory of His name and for the best interests of the children, by the guidance of His Spirit, we have to rejoice in the continued success of the Canadian side of the work during the year which is just closing. Since the beginning of this month we have been busy preparing for the cold weather which is rapidly approaching.

While our spruce trees retain their verdant beauty—so refreshing during the long winter months—all the others are now bare, and even the variegated splendour of their transition period seemed to have a saddening effect in spite of the knowledge that—

“Soon reviving plants and flowers, anew shall deck the plain;
The woods shall hear the voice of Spring, and flourish green again.”

When Nature dons her mantle pure and sinks to long repose, we have to bestir ourselves afresh, and our visitors make long tours over the country. Much has been said and sung of the delightful and exhilarating exercise of sleigh-riding, but after weeks and months of it in all weathers, with the temperature much lower than ever experienced in Scotland, it becomes a matter of exhausting labour and self-sacrificing service, which must be undertaken in order to efficiently overtake this important part of the work. From them you will learn something more of what they heard and saw, and to you as to us, these reports will be instructive and encouraging. In one way and another half the children out here have

already been seen during the year, and, of course, many of them are now men and women.

The few weeks Mr. Quarrier had at his disposal were fully occupied in visiting the children and addressing meetings in various sections of the country; giving unqualified pleasure to the young folks, and strengthening the faith and love of very many Christian people, by a recital of the Lord’s wondrous dealings in connection with this great work.

It is only 10 days to Hallowe’en, and we expect quite a large number to spend a happy evening with us as they did last year. Our regret is that the apple crop is so poor that we cannot send home a share for the family on the other side. The great festival of the season is New Year’s Day, to which we give no general invitation, but as the fact that there is such a re-union spreads, the numbers increase. Last year Brockville friends were not forgetful of the traditional roast beef and turkey, so that our tables were loaded with good things. A large Christmas tree as usual produced such fruits as gave general satisfaction, and with games, readings, and singing, time flew apace. The different churches had their contingents on Lord’s day, as many arrived on Saturday. In Fairknowe Hall morning and night we had short services, at which many of those present voluntarily confessed Christ before their companions, and it is our joy to know of large numbers whose lives give evidence of a saving change. Ere they left, a small thankoffering of £10 was handed to us by the young people for the work in Scotland.

Only about a score out of the 128 boys brought over in the spring by Mr. Thomson and Mr. Chedburn were left with us at the end of a week, so great was the demand for even the smaller ones. A hundred of the 140 girls and little boys brought by Mr. and Mrs. Quarrier in June were off in an equally short time, although two-thirds of the number were under 12 years of age, and now we have not one of either party left. After the boys had feasted royally in the basement of the Baptist Church they adjourned to the Church, and in turn entertained an appreciative audience who packed the building to its utmost capacity.

The girls’ party got a splendid reception in the First Presbyterian Church, thus bringing back memories of the encouragement and strength we as well as the children received by the warm-hearted welcome accorded the first party of Scotch laddies to the beautiful “city of the thousand islands.”

Applications for boys and girls are as numerous as ever, and entail an immense amount of labour. We get many applications for brothers and sisters for the same home, and always endeavour to have them so near as to meet at church and school, and where it is otherwise, either they have changed themselves or we have required to remove them for some special reason. This year one family took three sisters, the youngest not 4 years old. We have got lots of letters from those who came this year, giving their first favourable impressions of the country and people, but we prefer to give a few samples from some who have been here longer, and have picked one out here and there from the piles received.]

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I thought I would write to you, as you are in Canada, and ask you and Mrs. Quarrier to come and see me. I am 15 years old now. I was only 6 when I came to this country. We got a boy from your Home this year by the name of J. H. Mr. Burges comes to see me every year, and I have often wished to see you, and have thought of writing for years. I get the papers every year. You came across the ocean the year I did, and I remember you hearing me count the figures on the ship. Be sure and don’t go back without coming to see me.
V. F.

DEAR MR. AND MRS. BURGESS,—I take pleasure in writing to you, hoping you are all in good health. I suppose all are very tired after the special hurry with girls. I hope Miss Burgess is strong, and the dear baby and Willie. We have been busy lately. The Deanery meetings were Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, and we had eight ministers altogether. All was a success. I suppose dear Mr. and Mrs. Quarrier came with the girls, and I would very much like to see them both. I do hope the voyage has done them good. It is astonishing how the Lord does provide for the fatherless children in time of need. With much love to you and the dear helpers, and also many thanks for the kindness shown in the past, I am, your sincere friend,
M. M.

DEAR SIR,—I write you these few lines to let you know that I am getting on very well. I was very glad to receive those letters you have been sending me during the last 11 years. I was fortunate when I left the Home to be placed in a very respectable farmer's home, in a very healthy part of the country. I am within a few weeks of being of age, and have not had a day's sickness since I came. I would like you and Mrs. Quarrier to make me a visit this summer. I would advise all other good boys that are stout and able to work, and in the main thing *willing*, to come to this country, but it is no place for lazy boys.
J. L. M.

DEAR MRS. BURGESS,—I thought I would write you a few lines asking you if Mr. Burgess has been to see Jennie yet, and if so, please let me know how she is getting on. Please remember me to your father, and tell him if he comes to B. I would like to see him. I praise God for the way He has led me: it is my whole heart's desire to do my Master's will. Remember me to Miss Burgess, and tell her we are having such good meetings at our Christian Endeavour. Have 76 members now, and nearly all our boys have signed the pledge, etc.
L. S.

DEAR MR. AND MRS. BURGESS,—I now improve the opportunity of writing to let you know how I am getting along. I will say I have not been one bit sorry for the change I've made, or never once wished myself back. I am getting along splendid, and like the city and people well. This is just the sort of place I had imagined I would like, so taking all into consideration, can say it has all been for the best. . . . I attend the Presbyterian Church and Sabbath-school, have also joined the Young People's Christian Endeavour, and so have made the acquaintance of quite a few nice people. As for society, I have found a better class than most of my friends were at home. I mean by that they are more intelligent, and I like to get with a class you can learn something from every time you meet them. . . . There are a great many around here enquiring if I knew if any more girls would come to them, etc.
A. C.

DEAR FRIEND,—I write to let you know that I am well, hoping you are also. I have been in my place a year and-a-half, and like it very well, etc. I was visiting my sister Flora in the summer, and had a nice time. She is getting to be a great big girl. She is hardly ever sick, and she has such a lovely home. I am so glad she ever had the luck to get such a good home, and she knows it too. Flora is a Christian girl, and that is best of all, etc.
A. G.

DEAR FRIEND,—I am very sorry that I did not see Mr. Quarrier, for I have been rather careless in neglecting to write to him within the last four or five years. I should have been greatly delighted to see him, and shake hands. I am sure it must be a source of great pleasure to him to pass through Canada and see how comfortably the boys and girls are situated. . . . I have made up mind to go back to school again, hence I have to resort to some method of replenishing my somewhat depleted treasury, etc.
J. S. S.

MR. QUARRIER, DEAR FRIEND,—I would like to come to Brockville to see you and Mrs. Quarrier, for it is 11 years since I saw you, but it is so far away; it takes a lot of money, so I will have to content myself this year. I have been in this place seven years, and I like it very well. I have to work quite hard, but I don't mind that, so long as I am happy. I was to the Home last New Year, and had a very nice time. Mr. and Mrs. Burgess were very kind to us all. I don't know what I would do sometimes if I had not Mrs. Burgess to go to, etc. I enclose 5 dols., hoping to be able to send some more again.
A. M'N.

DEAR FRIEND,— . . . I have a very nice home and kind parents and lots of kind friends. I have been very fortunate in getting such a good home. Pa could not think any more of me if I was his own; he has such a large heart. We have a Young People's Society in connection with our church, and our weekly meetings are so nice. I am treasurer for this year, etc.
J. M'D.

Just two from employers, which we might multiply by the score:—

DEAR MR. BURGESS,—I write to let you know that we have got another home for Henry. He is now with Mr. K., and likes his uncle and aunt, as he calls them, well. Mr. K. is a Scotchman from Roxburgh, and is delighted with H. speaking Scotch. He will get along well if they do not make too much fuss over him, and make him fancy himself too clever. He did first rate with us, did everything he was asked, and just at once, etc.
W. L., re H. C.

DEAR FRIENDS,—We are well pleased with P. P. He is not at all quick to learn, but rather the reverse; but once mastered, P. can be depended on. He is going to start school 1st November. He is honest and truthful, and can be depended on to do just what you tell him to do, and will do his task just as well when you are not with him as when you are. His sisters have been to see him a couple of times.
E. M., re P. P.

Only two more who were discouraging cases from whom we had not heard direct for two years and one year respectively, and had great reason to fear the worst. We could but hold them up at a throne of grace, and the extracts from their letters show we have great cause for gratitude to God on their behalf.

MRS. BURGESS, DEAR FRIEND,—I received your kind and welcome letter, and was very happy to hear from you. Many thanks for the photo. It looks very much like yourself and Mr. Burgess, and I see Willie has grown to be quite a boy. . . . I received the papers you sent me, and it did me so much good to read them. It seemed like old times. Dear Mrs. Burgess, you spoke of some money you had in the bank for me. I would like you to send £5 of it to Mr. Quarrier and the other £5 to me. I would much rather send it all to Mr. Quarrier, but I make barely what keeps me just now on account of ill-health. I am sure I send the other to Mr. Quarrier with all my heart. . . . I am now living with very nice people. Mr. N. is professor in the Theological Seminary here, and a clergyman of the Congregational Church. I always remember you all in my prayers. I read the report you sent me, and then gave it to a lady to read who is much interested in such work. In years probably long after Mr. Quarrier has gone to rest there will be children rise up and call him blessed, but we hope he will be long spared to continue such a work. "Cast thy bread upon the waters, and thou shalt find it after many days." I am trusting in our blessed Saviour, and my desire is that I may be used of God. Yes, and the more I know of this Friend the more I love Him. Tell the girls to trust Jesus, etc.
M. W.

MY DEAR FRIEND,—You will be surprised no doubt to hear from me. I thought I would write and let you know where I was. I came over to D. when I left Mrs. H., and got into a good situation, where I got 4 dols. a week as housemaid. My mistress liked me very much, and we got along splendid. The young lady friend I came with made me acquainted with other young ladies in the church. I went to all the young people's meetings. Then I became a member of the church. Then I got married to one of the young men in the church. He works in the store of the same people I worked for, and they helped us quite a bit when we got married. He is a Scotchman from Aberdeen, and comes from a very nice family. He has an uncle a minister in B., Canada, the Rev. G. L. We have a lovely little home, and getting along very well. I hope you will write soon. I often wish I could hear how they are getting on at Bridge-of-Weir. I missed my Christmas letter very much.—B. S.

The matrimonial spirit seems to have been abroad amongst the young folks, for we have heard of 25 being married, the largest number on record for a single year. Of course we are always glad to learn of their settling down in homes of their own, when they make a wise and suitable choice. There were three deaths from consumption, three from typhoid fever, and three from other causes. Although this is not a high death rate—9 in 4000—it is three times that of last year. We have great cause for thankfulness to God that those called away so young were prepared and willing to go "to be with Christ which is far better." Quite a number who have friends in the old country have taken a trip across, and many more have come to see us at Fairknowe, and many were disappointed at not getting a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Quarrier, or being able to come here before they left.

An 1874 girl, who has now a dressmaking establishment, took one of this year's little girls for herself. She has her mother, whom she brought out from Scotland, residing with her. This is no exceptional case, since a good many have saved enough to send for their relatives. A few days ago one, of three brothers who came out in 1882, called. He is at High School working hard for a teacher's certificate, while a brother who was Assistant Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in a neighbouring town, is now at College studying for the ministry, and the younger one still on a farm.

Several proud mothers have brought their first-born babies to see their parents' friends. In August two nice-looking young ladies called on us,

one with her two children. They belonged to a family of five orphans taken into the Homes 14 years ago. Now the brother and two sisters are married and settled in the same town, with another sister staying with one of them, while the youngest is being trained as a teacher by the family who adopted her at first. By me, as I write, are two brothers, John and Robert M., who came out in 1886. One is now at Model School, preparatory to taking a school himself at New Year, while the brother expects his certificate next examination. Many with commendable energy and fortitude are carving their way up step by step to eminent positions; others with health and physique on their side, are determined to be prosperous farmers, and are laying past what money they can to purchase land of their own. We try to encourage all to be saving with their wages, and put every dollar not actually needed into the P. O. S. Bank. Several of our older girls are now trained nurses, and one of them we saw the other day who has charge of an hospital ward.

Our front entrance to the grounds has been greatly improved and beautified, by the erection of hewn stone pillars and 74 feet of walls, with a new gate. We have also erected fences, renewed hedges, and planted out a new apple orchard, besides a lot of black walnut, spruce, and maple trees. In closing, let me repeat that there is plenty room and opportunity in Canada for millions of the right class, both young and old. To retain the excellent name our children have earned for themselves in the past, we want boys and girls of Christian character and stamina, for there are temptations and allurements in Canada as well as at home.

As strong temperance advocates also they are needed, for the drink traffic is a curse to the country. Oh, that Christians were not mixed up with it, but could be aroused to a sense of their responsibility in having anything to do with such a traffic! In this sober, respectable town of Brockville we believe a low estimate for the drink bill would be an average of 10 dols. for every man, woman, and child of the inhabitants. We hope and pray for a different state of affairs soon, and in this we will lead the mother country. Let all who are deeply interested in Christ's kingdom remember every part of the work over here in their prayers continually, that we and the dear children may be kept and used to the glory of His grace. We unite with you in earnest desire after the perishing children of our fatherland, and the extension of this blessed work on their behalf, believing that our God shall supply every need of this work "according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." While we desire to express our deep gratitude to all who have helped or encouraged us in the work, we would ascribe all honour and glory to Him who "worketh all things after the counsel of His own will," yet still deigns to use human instruments in accomplishing His gracious purposes.—Yours in His service, JAMES BURGESS.

Mr. John Thomson who has just recently returned from Canada, where he went with our Boys' party in March, brings us very cheering and gratifying reports of the children he visited. During his seven months' stay there he saw between 500 and 600 of our boys and girls, travelling over 1300 miles of country to accomplish this. While visiting the children, he held gospel services in many of the towns and villages, and also distributed large quantities of tracts, Christian literature, etc., and had many other opportunities of sowing the good seed of the Kingdom. He was greatly cheered to find a large number who were on the Lord's side and seeking to serve and glorify Him in the homes and positions they are in, and this news is also most encouraging to us.

A few out of the hundreds of reports received regarding children seen and visited during the past summer will be interesting to friends. They are very fair samples of what we meet with in visiting:—

M. R.—Has a good home with nice people. Goes regularly to church. She had a letter from her sister who is with Miss G. the day before I called and she promised to come on a visit and spend a few days with her.

L. F.—is a good Christian girl, and has a very good home with nice people. They think a great deal of her, and she likes the place well.

M. L.—Tall, nice-looking girl. Miss N. was sick last winter or she would have passed entrance examination to High school. Has got an organ and takes lessons. Goes regularly to church and Sabbath school.

A. W.—Was married a year ago to a brother of Mrs. M'G., where she used to stay. They live near S., as he is surveying. He is said to be a very nice fellow.

A. C.—Is a nice smart girl, and grown a lot. The old folks she is with have been sick. Good home, and she is getting on well. Had a letter lately from Miss Quarrier. Church and Sabbath school regularly.

R. D.—Very nice boy and grown big and stout. Has a fine home. Schooling well advanced, and they mean to give him every chance to get a first-class education. Hears regularly from another uncle, etc. Regular at church and Sabbath school.

J. and J. D.—J. is a big strong fellow and getting on well here. They like him very much. He gets 11 dollars a month. J. gets four dollars a month and is a nice stout girl. They have a good home, and go regularly to church and Sabbath school.

W. S.—Is now a stout young man, and doing very well. He is hired for 17 dollars a month. Goes regularly to church and Sabbath school.

W. C.—Very nice boy and getting on well. He is with good kind people. Goes to church and Sabbath school regularly, and school in winter. Writes his sister but gets no answer and would like to hear from her.

C. A.—They like C. very much, he is so quiet and obliging. He has a good home with nice people, and is getting on well. Regular at church.

J. L.—Was away with the family at Kingston on their holidays, so did not see her. Heard she was getting on well.

J. A.—Getting on nicely. He is a fine young man, and is well liked. Doing well at his trade. Attends church regularly.

T. C.—Is much thought of here, and they say he is a grand boy. Hears from his friends in Scotland and answers. Good worker. Church and Sabbath school regular.

M. J. C.—Well, and going to school all the time. She has a good, kind home with good, Christian people, who are very fond of her.

A. H.—Getting on very nicely. They say he is very truthful and trusty. Goes regularly to church and Sabbath school. They are nice Christian people and he has a very good home.

A. B.—Well and doing very nicely. Very nice boy. Had 4 dols. 50 cents. a month last year but thinks he was better as he was before so did not hire this year. Nice home with very kind people. Goes regularly to church and Sabbath school.

A. B.—He is well but rather wilful and is causing some trouble. Talked seriously to him and hope he will improve. Regularly at church and Sabbath school.

W. H. B. (brother of last reported).—He came here last winter. He seems a nice boy and is with nice people. He gets 10 dols. a month. Goes to church and Sabbath school regularly.

D. W. is very well and getting on first-rate. Good home with very nice people. Goes to church and Sabbath school regularly and has highest mark at S.S.

A. W.—Getting on well. Has a very good home and they say he is a very good boy. Goes to church and Sabbath school all the time.

A. T.—She is well but is in the United States with friends of foster parents, learning dressmaking. She will be back again in September.

G. F.—Is well and getting on nicely. Goes to school all the time and learns well, also attends church and Sabbath school. Has a good home and kind friends.

REPORT OF OUR VISITOR, MR. ALEX. BURGESS.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—As I expect to go West in a few days, I have been advised to write you before starting, for, when once on the road, there is neither leisure nor opportunity for writing. Last winter I was on the road the greater part of the time, and was through the most of Ontario east and north of Brockville, and in some districts north of the Ottawa River. The snow was deep, and we had some very heavy storms, but on the whole the roads were good, and much nicer than the muddy roads in the Fall. I found a good many changes, especially among the older boys and girls. Many of the former have moved into the cities and towns to learn trades, others are going West, where a number have taken up land and are doing well. A good many have also been married during the year. I spent two nights at the home of one, G. L., who was married lately. Her adopted parents left her the farm and quite a sum of money, so that she is very comfortably settled. After Christmas I was through the old Scotch settlements in Glengarry County. We have placed out a large number of the children there, and some of them can now speak the Gaelic as readily as their mother tongue. As the French are moving in as fast as they can buy land, I fear that French will soon be a more necessary language than Gaelic in travelling through the Eastern Counties of Ontario. Since then I have visited the County of Renfrew, and been in different parts of the Province of Quebec and I expect to get through all the Western District before Spring.

There have been a few cases where it was found necessary to remove the children; but, considering the number of boys and girls, these cases have been remarkably rare. We have to complain in some cases of neglect in sending to school; but the District Officers are becoming more strict in enforcing the School Law in that respect, and we make it very plain that this rule must be complied with, or the children will be removed. I have been much pleased to find so few cases of sickness while visiting. During a three weeks' trip I only found one, and he has been ailing for years. While travelling I had applications every day for boys and girls. Most people prefer to get them direct from Scotland, for, although in most cases entirely new to the work, they are more biddable than those who have been in Canada for a while.

There is no lack of applications, and thanks to the careful selection of the children made before sending them here, they are able to hold their own, and compare favourably both mentally and physically with any of the other children sent. The better class of the population are friendly, and willing to give them that chance to do well which every British subject is entitled to, and condemn the selfish feeling that claims privileges which, in many cases, they are too indolent to take advantage of themselves, and yet, like the dog in the manger, would prevent others from benefiting by.

The work continues to prosper, and boys and girls taken from evil surroundings and poverty, are growing up to be respectable men and women, and the reward of a good conscience must always follow you in a work which God has prospered in the past, and still continues to bless.

Yours faithfully,

ALEX. BURGESS.

NEW BUILDINGS AT THE BRIDGE-OF-WEIR HOMES.



THE SABBATH SCHOOL HOME.

During the course of the year there has been a good deal of progress made in the finishing and occupying of new houses at the Bridge-of-Weir Homes. The "Ayr" and "James Wilson" Homes were completed early in the year, and are now well filled, the former with boys and the latter with girls. The "Renfrewshire Home" has been finished recently, and not a minute too soon, as the need for more accommodation is very apparent to us. We are glad to say the Sabbath School Home is also nearly finished, and it stands forth as one of the finest buildings of the "Children's City," amid the hills of Renfrewshire. We have given a little extra attention to it from the fact of it being the gift of the Sabbath School children and young people throughout our land, who have given their pennies and half-pennies for the accomplishment of this grand end. We give a sketch of it in above woodcut, and believe it is a model of architectural beauty as well as a house thoroughly adapted for the sheltering and helping of the needy orphan and fatherless little ones of our beloved Scotland.

The house given in the Spring before we went to Canada is now roofed in, and for the present we have given it the name of Glasgow Home No. 2, but expect it will be otherwise designated when the donor has decided regarding it. This Home completes the building ground in Love Avenue, and when the square and roads are put in order around, it will be an attractive spot indeed. In addition to the building operations on hand during the year, we have been busy also making roads, new swimming pond, bridges across the Cattie Burn, etc. Those who visited

the Bridge-of-Weir Homes this summer, and had been on former occasions, would notice the improvement in our grounds in the way of growing trees, plants, shrubs, etc., and this labour has been heartily shared by our fellow-helpers in the work.

CONSUMPTIVE HOMES FOR SCOTLAND.

It has been laid on our hearts for many years past to make provision for this class of sufferers who are so much in need of help and loving sympathy.

During the 29 years of our work amongst poor children, we have had under our care about 10,000 children and young people. Among these there have been many deformed, helpless, and incurable ones. Some of these have been born without hands, others without a leg; some of them, being worsted in the battle of life, have lost some of their members, and again others have spinal and hip-joint diseases, while some are afflicted with epilepsy, a most distressing form of disease. But among them there have been a great number of consumptives, for whom no special house or appliances have been provided. It is an ascertained fact that consumption is infectious if the healthy are allowed to sleep with the others, and it has also been demonstrated that this disease, if treated in its earliest stages, can be alleviated, if not cured. We have a number in the Homes at present suffering from this trouble, and it has been impressed on our hearts that it is necessary special provision should be made for these cases, as well as for others that may need our help. We are desirous of having two houses, one for males and the other for females, for this purpose. Some of the children do not give evidence of the disease until sent to situations, where it develops; and it is to make provision for those older ones, as well as the others, that we would like to have these houses. We do not wish to see our older lads and girls going to the poorhouse after having been under our care. We are sure the Lord's children will sympathise with us in this matter, and will come to the aid of those suffering ones by providing one or both of the houses required, and thus enable us to preserve the healthy, as well as, by God's blessing on our efforts, heal those suffering from this disease.

To confirm my convictions, and in order to get hints as to the best construction for houses set apart for consumptives alone, I visited London recently along with my architect, Mr. R. A. Bryden. We were told that the best place to look at for this purpose would be the Royal National Hospital for Consumption at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, which was founded in 1868 by Dr. A. H. Hassall, and so went to see it. As this hospital is said to contain the best appliances for the treatment of consumption, a short description of it may be interesting. We were received by the general superintendent, Major T. K. Payne, who kindly showed us over the place. The hospital, which at present comprises ten blocks, with accommodation for 134 men and women patients, with a chapel in the centre, is erected on the separate principle—that is to say, each patient is supplied with a separate bedroom. Each block, consisting of two or three houses, accommodates 12 or 18 patients, allowing a separate sleeping chamber for every patient, and a separate sitting room for every four or six. The advantages of this system are obvious, for not only does it allow the comfort of privacy, but the influence of unrest and severe cough of other patients is minimised. The rooms are of ample size, with large

windows, admitting abundance of sunlight and allowing of complete flushing of each room with pure air. In addition, sufficient provision for ventilation of the rooms during occupation is made by the principle of extraction of the foul air. The rooms and passages are warmed to a regulated temperature by means of a specially designed heating apparatus, by which the external air is admitted through gratings in the outer walls and made to pass over steam heated pipes. On the south side of each house there is a verandah wide enough to allow three persons to walk abreast, and these are surmounted by balconies on which in fine weather the patients can get over from their bed rooms should they be too weak to venture abroad.

Each patient has to be recommended for admission by one of the governors, and the duration of their stay is from a few weeks at a time to months according as space can be given. The institution is partially endowed, and is also supported by voluntary subscriptions, but 10s. per week is charged each patient.

We also visited a house at St. Leonards set apart for consumptives, which accommodates 30 patients, and is constructed partly in wards and partly in separate apartments. A charge is also made here of from 15s. to 30s. per week.

We also visited the Hospital for Consumption at Brompton, London, where there is the block and ward system, as in our own infirmaries in Glasgow. This hospital was opened in 1846, and an addition has been made recently, giving accommodation in all for 347. This, while possessing some advantages in the larger numbers received, comes short of the advantages gained by the smaller houses and separate rooms of the hospital at Ventnor, which appears to us to possess means for cure beyond the other.

Sixteen years ago I had frequent conversations with the late Miss Beatrice Clugston regarding the need of consumptive homes for Scotland. She wished me to join her in commencing such, but I was unable to do so at the time, and urged her to go forward herself. She did not do so, and the need for such homes has been pressing itself on my mind for many years, so that I have at last resolved to commence as soon as the money is forthcoming to build two houses, one for males and the other for females, holding, say, 20 patients each, and having separate bed room accommodation for each one, or at most for every two patients.

The classes of patients we would take in would be children and young people, from four up to 25 years of age, who are orphans and destitute, admission to be, of course, free of charge, and from all parts of Scotland, and they would be kept until cured, or until the Lord saw fit to remove them to the better and sunnier home above. The money required to build these two houses, with separate apartments and with all appliances required, such as separate engine, boiler, washing-house, etc., would be £3,000 each. Towards this sum we have received about £170 from various friends in different parts of the country.

Who shall have the honour of giving to Scotland these two first houses we know not, but believe they will come. The need for them, as well as for a larger number, is known, I am sure, to the physicians of the city and the country at large; and although we have not the mild air of the South of England, still, I believe, with care and proper treatment and God's blessing on our efforts, there is hope of curing those suffering from this dire disease, if taken in time. We shall depend for the daily maintenance of

these houses on the Lord, as in past years we have done for the National Homes, and we believe that the means necessary to carry this important work through will be forthcoming. Gifts for the building or maintenance of these homes will be set apart for that purpose, so as to show the guiding hand of our Heavenly Father, and the generous sympathy of His people throughout the country on behalf of those suffering ones. We believe there are many of the Lord's stewards who would esteem it a privilege to do this service for Him, and thereby leave a lasting memorial of their generous sympathy for the needy orphan and fatherless little ones, as well as indicate their obedience to Him who has said, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Towards the £10,000 needed for the 200 acre farm which we require for the increasing work we have received about £2,200, so the 17s. 6d. of earnest which we started the year with has been augmented to this amount, for which we praise our Heavenly Father, and believe all that is still required will be supplied in due time.

In addition to the ground set apart for the Consumptive Homes we have still one building site on our present farm, and should rejoice if it were laid on the hearts of some of the Lord's stewards throughout the country to give this and the other needed houses soon.

Scotland's National Homes are worthy of the land of the Bible, as well as of the generous giving of our country at large, and they stand forth as one of the brightest expressions of human sympathy shown towards the most helpless portion of our community, namely, the needy orphan and fatherless little ones of our land. We take this opportunity of repeating that the Homes are always open to receive fatherless children, from one year old and upwards, who are in need of help from all parts of the country without subscriber's line, voting paper, or respect to denomination or class. No money given for the help of the needy will accomplish more lasting good than that which saves the children of our land from becoming paupers, and fits them for being useful members of society, and we are sure the blessing of those that were "ready to perish" rests on all God's children throughout our land who in any measure have contributed to the success of the blessed work the Lord has placed in our hands.

The following gentlemen are the Trustees of the property:—Provost Binnie, Gourrock; Robert A. Bryden, Esq.; Sir Charles Cameron, Bart., M.P.; W. A. Campbell, Esq.; Thos. Glen Coats, Esq., Paisley; A. Cameron Corbett, Esq., M.P.; J. H. N. Graham, Esq.; A. P. Forrester Paton, Esq., Alloa; Alex. Thomson, Esq., Bridge-of-Weir; William Quarrier.

NEXT THANKSGIVING-DAY AT BRIDGE-OF-WEIR HOMES

will, God willing, be held about the beginning of September, 1894, when the new buildings erected during the past year and others that will be given in this one, will be dedicated to the Lord. Will our friends keep this in mind, and pray that it may be a greater blessing to all who shall gather with us than any of the past?

CITY HOME REFUGE AND MISSION WORK.



The work carried on in connection with the City Home is of a very varied character, and in this narrative we cannot enter into a detailed account of it. Amongst the voluntary institutions of our country for the helping of the helpless there are few that do so in as many different ways as the above. Standing in a locality where want and misery abound, with its doors open night and day, it assists the classes for which the building was given. The City Home work comprises a temporary home for training young women as servants, a Working Boys' Home, Children's Night Refuge, and evangelistic and mission work. It is also the receiving house for those at Bridge-of-Weir, as every child admitted there first passes through it. From the perusal of the former part of the Narrative, our readers will have some idea of the difficulties of the work connected with this house in dealing with the hundreds of sin-tossed, homeless, and perishing ones who come under our notice from day to day. Its usefulness is not only seen in the numbers who have been sheltered under its roof, but in the thousands who have received temporary help in the shape of food, clothing, night's lodgings, money to pay rent, etc., according to their need. Not only does it afford this help to the city at large, but also to Scotland as a whole, for from all parts needy ones are sent to it both for advice and help. Within its walls many a wayward boy and girl from different parts of the country, who have run away from home and come to the city, have found a temporary shelter, and from thence been restored to anxious parents. The case of every child admitted has to be thoroughly investigated, so that in addition to the management of the working boys and young women and the Mission work, there is a great deal of extra labour incurred. Our space is limited, and we can only briefly touch upon the four leading departments of work connected with the City Home. The first of these we would mention is

OUR YOUNG WOMEN OR SERVANTS' HOME,

where any virtuous young women from 14 to 30 years of age who are out of employment, and are willing to be trained for service, will be taken in and cared for; and it also provides a shelter for servants who have been thrown out of a situation and are destitute, having no means to keep

them. On leaving the Home for situations, we provide them with an outfit, and thus put them in the way of helping themselves. It is much to be regretted that so many young women prefer public works to domestic service, and it is difficult to persuade them how much better the latter is for fitting them to become good housewives in the future. We are always glad to assist friends who know of young women in danger of going wrong, or any with no home and desirous of being trained for service, if they will bring or send them to us. Another department is that of

THE WORKING BOYS' HOME,

where lads of from 14 to 18 years of age who are destitute and have no one able to care for them are received, and the advantages of a home given to them. We apprentice the boys to various trades or otherwise get employment for them in the City, and whatever they earn is given to the Home, while we provide them with clothing, food, and all other necessities; and in return they get 1d. off every shilling for pocket-money. This is a class above all others the most difficult to manage, for, in many cases, before coming under our care, they have been allowed to do pretty much as they liked, and have learned to deceive, by being deceived. The work is uphill, and we trust friends will specially remember our helpers in this Home in prayer, and ask that the seed sown amid such difficulties may bring forth much fruit. In addition to these two branches there is

THE CHILDREN'S NIGHT REFUGE,

where boys and girls who may be found begging, sleeping out, or otherwise, can be brought at any hour of the day or night. We keep them in the Home until we find whether they have friends able to take them, and if so, we return the children. Many of them come to us saying their parents are dead, and that they have no friends; and they will even describe the circumstances of their death with the tears in their eyes, and all the time, it may be, the parents are living, and anxiously looking for their lost ones. In this way we have been the means of gladdening many a mother's heart, made sad by her child running away. The fourth department of labour carried on at the City Home is

THE EVANGELISTIC AND MISSION WORK.

In all true Christian work the Gospel must have its place, or our efforts will lack the essential power to lift up those we seek to help out of sin and misery into the favour and friendship of God. In connection with the work at the City Home, we have many opportunities of imparting comfort to the weak, and of pointing to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. Besides the regular visitation of the district around the Home by our voluntary helpers in the Mission, many other visits are paid by our missionary to the sick and dying from time to time; thousands of tracts are also distributed yearly, so that in these various ways the gospel is carried to a large portion of our non-church-going community. Gospel meetings have been conducted in our hall on Sabbath and Wednesday evenings, also Sabbath morning meetings for children; and throughout the course of the year we have had some weeks of special services, with evangelists, in all which labours we had tokens of the Master's blessing in the salvation of precious souls, and the quickening of the Lord's children. We give thanks for the blessing of the past, and look to the Lord to enable us to do greater things in the time to come, for it is God who worketh in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S WORK

CITY ORPHAN HOME.—On 1st November, 1892, we had 58 boys and 27 girls in the Home, and these numbers have been augmented during the year by 287 boys and 221 girls, thus giving a total of 593 cases, disposed of as follows:—

BOYS.—245 were sent to the Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir; 7 went to lodgings; 24 left, etc.; 2 were dismissed; 2 adopted; 3 to other institutions; and 10 were returned to friends in different places—leaving 52 in the Home.

GIRLS.—183 were sent to Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir; 6 were placed in service; 3 were adopted; 4 left; 3 to other institutions; dismissed 1; died 1; 19 were sent to their relatives in various places; and 28 are still in the Home.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR.—The year commenced with 843 children; 428 new cases were received from City Home, giving a total of 1271, disposed of as follows:—Sent to Canada, 268; sent to City Home, 5; to other institutions, 1; died, 13; returned to friends now able to help them, 44; left, 3; dismissed, 2;—leaving at present in the Homes, 935.

Thus it will be seen that during the year we have helped 1,436 children and young people.

Besides this number admitted into the Homes, 753 homeless, friendless wanderers were provided with a night's shelter in the model lodging-houses, and in many cases with food. The difficulties in dealing with such a large number of applicants tax us and our fellow helpers to the utmost, but the grace given by our Heavenly Father and the encouraging sympathy of our numerous givers enable us, though often cast down, to go on, from day to day, in the work of rescuing the perishing and caring for the dying. Through the kindness of friends, 41 lines for Infirmary and Convalescent Homes were got for those in sickness or delicate health. It is not easy for poor people to secure these for themselves, and many demands are made on us, so that if friends who have such at their disposal, will send them to us, they will confer a favour, and we will see that they are given to proper persons.

Over 200 evangelistic meetings have been held in our own halls, and thousands of tracts have been distributed and many visits paid to the poor of the district by our missionary and voluntary workers.

OUTSIDE WORK.—The numbers who daily come to the City Home for advice and help are very great, and during the past year thousands were personally dealt with. Many of these were poor widows out of work and not able to pay their rent, while some were starving for lack of the bread that perisheth. Others were in trouble or difficulties of various kinds, and in every case we endeavoured to give the advice or temporary assistance required, and also used the opportunities thus afforded of pointing to Him who has promised to deliver those who call upon Him in the time of trouble.

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, and the City Home Refuge and Mission, including £796 3s. 2d. earned by working boys, £12,502 8s. 2½d.; and for Orphan Homes of Scotland Building Fund, £8,028 10s. 11½d.—the total amount for all purposes being £20,530 19s. 2¼d., 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; and we shall require more in the year to come if we are to rescue a larger number of the perishing little ones. This is our desire, and we are sure that those who know the need will sympathise with us in it, and do all in their power to help.

At present, for our large family of about 1200, our expenses for maintenance amount to about £40 a day, or £1,200 a month; but as new members are being constantly added, the needs are daily increasing. We are desirous of building two Homes for Consumptives which will cost £3,000 each, and towards which we have received about £170, also to have a large Farm near the Homes for the increasing work, the buildings on our own having taken up the ground used for agricultural purposes. For this £2,200 has been sent in during the year and we look to the Lord to supply all that is still required. On our present Farm we have building sites for the two Consumptive Homes, also for one more cottage, which we trust one or more of the Lord's children will be led to give soon. £1,700 will build and furnish a house to hold 30 children.

We will also require £2,700 for the passages and outfits of the 270 children we hope to send to Canada in the coming year, so that our wants are great. £10 pays for the passage and outfit of one child to Canada, and £10 keeps a child in the Homes for one year. For the large family now in the Homes, and for those who will be taken in during the year, we shall need thousands of shirts, pairs of stockings, dresses, petticoats, and other garments, and we believe our lady friends will esteem it a pleasure to help us thus to clothe the naked. We are always pleased to send shapes or patterns of articles of clothing useful for the children to friends desiring such, and are also glad to give any information that may be wished regarding sewing or other work.

Our needs are great, but the faithfulness of our God in the past, and the generous sympathy of His children, encourage us to go forward with more earnest desires to rescue the perishing; and in the assurance that the work is the Lord's, and He will not suffer us to lack any good thing, we once more "launch out into the deep," praising Him for what is past, and trusting Him for what is to come.

Consecrated men and women to act as fathers and mothers will be required, also teachers and other additional workers; and for the supply of this need also, we look to Him who has the hearts of all in His hands, praying that He may send us those who will be fitted in every way to train the children for this life and for that which is beyond. We do praise Him for the true yoke-fellows in the various Homes, and all who share with us this blessed service for the great Master. 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 for our little ones; to the accountant who audits the books; to the Press which has given 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, etc. In reviewing the past, so full of the goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father, we can truly say, "Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness." To Him be all the praise. 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."

In Memoriam.

DURING the year many of our valued friends and tried helpers in the work have been removed from their earthly labours here to the higher service above. Our loss has been their gain, and we do not sorrow as those who have no hope, but rejoice that they, having run the race, are now entered into rest.

On the 27th November Mrs. Malcolm, of Langholm, who for many years past was a kind giver and friend, passed away to her rest and reward. She was one who not only helped by gifts and prayer herself, but also sought to interest others in the work among the needy little ones, and we shall miss her loving sympathy and help.

Miss Jane Howden, of Haddington, who died in June, was an interested friend and helper to the work for a number of years past. She frequently ministered to the needs of our little ones, and her practical sympathy was a source of encouragement and cheer to us from time to time.

Mr. John Martin, of Bridge of Allan, suddenly called home from active service on 18th of June, was one whose fellowship with us in the work was most refreshing, and the remembrance of his useful life will be a stimulus to many in seeking to follow the Master whom he so much loved. His strong sympathies in children's work were of many years' standing, and his practical interest in the Homes was only one of the many ways in which he sought to glorify the Saviour. We shall miss his kindly greetings and words of cheer, but it is a blessed thing when called away to the higher service above, to leave behind as he did, a fragrant remembrance of what has been done.

Sir William Mackinnon, who died in June, was one among the many wealthy of Scotland, who of late shewed his practical interest in the work of the Homes. Now, having finished his course, he has entered into the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

On the 26th of June Mrs. James Adams, of Belfast, formerly of Glasgow, an old friend and helper, passed away. She, along with her late husband, Bailie Adams, was interested in the work from its early stages, and sought to help it forward by gifts and prayer from time to time. Now the separated ones are united, and we are left a while longer to follow them who, through faith and patience, are now inheriting the promises.

Dr. W. T. McAuslane, who entered into rest on the 27th of June, was another friend whose early help in the work among the children was a great strength to me. In later years he devoted his whole time to the relieving of the sufferings of others, and will long be remembered by many for what he has done. May the family circle left behind know the upmaking portion of the brother born for the adversities of time, and realise that Heaven is all the more real because of those who wait to welcome us on the other shore.

Mr. John Dobie of Lenzie, called home in the beginning of July, was an old and valued helper in the work. He was constant in his sympathies with us from the early stages of the Homes, and we shall miss his genial, encouraging words and practical help. May the dear ones left behind be comforted by the thought that his work has been accomplished, and he has entered into rest, the rest that Christ gives to His beloved.

Miss Janet Kennedy of Catrine, an invalid for many years, and Miss Catherine Niven, late of Gourrock, who entered into rest during the summer, were both frequent helpers and sympathisers with us in our service for the Master among His little ones, and by word, deed, and prayer sought to further the interests of the work as far as they were able. Now, the earthly house of their tabernacle has been dissolved, and they rest from their labours and suffering, and their works do follow them.

Mr. John Jackson of Edinburgh, who was called away during the summer months also, was one of our oldest friends and helpers, who in many ways sought to help forward the Lord's work in our hands. He was always anxious to serve God and his fellow-men as far as he was able, and now having fulfilled his course, he has entered on the rest above. May the bereaved friends left behind realise the keeping of Him who has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless.

Rev. Dr. Andrew Bonar, who entered on the rest above at the close of the year, and Rev. Dr. Alex. Wallace in August, were hearty sympathisers with us in our service for the Master, men who were always ready to render their help for public meeting, platform, or otherwise. They might be classed as Jonathan and David, each possessing an individuality which marked them as true servants of their Lord and Master. May the dear relatives, to whom their loss comes nearest, realise, in the shadow of the cloud, the abiding and comforting presence of Him who changeth not, but is the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever.

On the 22nd August Mr. William Scott, of Dundee, who oftentimes ministered to the little ones under our care, was called home. His hearty sympathy and frequent fellowship were a stimulus and source of encouragement to us from time to time, and he will be much missed by us as well as many others. His constant desire was to further the Saviour's kingdom, and both by word and deed he sought at every opportunity to do so. May the bereaved home circle realise the supporting grace of the Master's presence in the absence of the dear one gone before them for the little while.

On 16th September Mr. Hugh Miller, of Mauchline, "the Christian farmer," entered into his rest and reward. He was one of the few of his class who sought first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and, according to the promise, he realised that all things needed were provided. We well remember him about 20 years ago, wishing to give us 2 tons of oatmeal for our children's use, but not having a sufficiently large place at that time to store such a quantity, the dear one gave the money instead, and year by year since he has given of his means to help forward the work. There are some men who will always be remembered by what they have done, and this faithful servant of Christ is one among the number. We wish that many more of the farming class would take up his mantle laid down, and seek to serve and live for others as he so nobly did.

Mrs. Wm. Cowan, of Hamilton, who entered into rest during the year, was a hearty friend and helper in the work. She sent regularly from "the Lord's portion" as far as she was able, and also sought to interest her children and others in the little ones under our care. Her frequent presence at the meetings in connection with the Homes, and her constant prayerful interest cheered us much from time to time. We sympathise with the dear ones mourning the loss of a kind wife and mother, and pray that they may know the keeping and guiding power of the Good Shepherd, who leads His sheep by the right way.

Mr. Thos. Dunlop, Glasgow; Mrs. Chaffey, Brockville, Canada; Mrs. Beveridge, Kirkcaldy; Mr. Stewart M'Watters, Falkirk; and Mrs. Halliwell, our old worker in the Homes, who have been gathered home during the year, were among our fellow-helpers in the work, and in their sphere of service for the Master sought to glorify and honour Him. We shall miss the kind, practical sympathy of these dear friends, but our loss is their gain. They were faithful to the Lord in their day and generation, and now they enjoy that eternal fellowship and rest, which all who labour for Him do enter into.

Among such a large circle of friends, we are sure there are many others of whose removal we have not heard. Our prayer is that all the relatives and friends may be comforted by Him who is a "very present help in trouble," and may we all be stirred up to labour more earnestly till Jesus comes, that then we may hear Him 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 this year's Narrative to a close, we are deeply sensible of the Lord's great goodness throughout the year, in the many helpers He has raised up, as well as blessings and mercy bestowed on the work at large. The practical sympathy and loving interest of the Lord's children have been a constant stimulus to us amid the difficulties and trials which arise out of a work such as that committed to our care, and we feel sure they have rejoiced in the privilege of giving, as we have, in working for the Master among the needy orphan and fatherless little ones of our land. The need of more requiring to be done in the coming year is very manifest to us from the number of applications on behalf of needy cases which constantly come from the City and all parts of the country. The doors of the Orphan Homes of Scotland are always open to receive every fatherless child who cannot be dealt with by local institutions, and who has no friend able to keep it. We feel sure the Lord will lay it upon the hearts of His children to make good the means which will be required for this new year, and that He will also supply the needed grace, patience, and wisdom to carry through the work. In view of the economy, combined with efficiency with which the work has been accomplished in the past, we believe that those who have money to give cannot spend it in a better and more effectual way, for the money given goes direct to the purpose for which it is intended, namely the helping of the needy orphan and fatherless little ones of our land.

With just about three weeks' provision on hand, we shall need in the coming year from £13,000 to £14,000 for daily maintenance; £6,000 for the Consumptive Homes, which we are very desirous of seeing built; and £8,000, balance of the £10,000 needed for the purchase of the 200 acre farm for the increasing work, as well as more for building purposes, etc. We should rejoice if some of the Lord's stewards throughout the country, who have not yet given a house in the national group of Homes at Bridge-of-Weir, would be led to do so in the coming year, so that we may be enabled to meet the increasing needs of the orphan and fatherless of our city and country. We have no endowments of any kind and do not believe in them, but are persuaded that the future generation will be better givers than the present one, for if the Gospel of the grace of God is to prevail, and we believe it will, it must operate on the hearts of God's children, and lead them to consecrate and use their entrusted means for the furtherance of that Gospel. Whilst we feel that the Gospel is the true remedy for all ill, we are persuaded from 30 years' work in the Mission and among the children, that there is no better way of reaching the point than by labouring on behalf of the rising generation. The great spiritual blessing which the Lord has granted us among the children in the Homes during the past year, confirms our convictions on this point, namely that God's children should devote more of their means and energies to the saving of the little ones, both body and soul for Jesus. We rejoice that Scotland is now able, through the agency of the local institutions in the different cities and towns throughout the country; by the boarding-out system, and also through the agency of our National Homes, to house our own poor children, and also to cope with all the legitimate wants of the land for the helping of the orphan and the fatherless, without the aid of the sister country. We receive children from all parts of Scotland when local institutions are not competent to deal with them, and are most anxious and willing to render all the help we can, so that we may be found working together as a united

whole. To the Lord we give all the honour of the results accomplished in the past, and to Him shall be the glory of the coming year. We feel sure that you, our fellow-helpers, who have laboured with us by gifts, prayer, and work, will continue to do so to the utmost of your ability for the extension of the Master's cause in our midst, and so by mutual prayer and effort, working together, build up a populace strong in trust in the Lord, and giving glory to Him. The following lines re-echo the desire of our hearts:—

Retouch Thy servants' hearts, we pray,
With the altar's living coal,
To love, and trust, and serve Thee more,
While endless cycles roll;

And give them strength to sow and reap
Beneath the burning sun,
Till Thou shalt say "'Tis eve—come home;
Well done, My child! well done!"

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 of Scotland, Glasgow and Bridge-of-Weir, the sum of £ : : to be paid out of such part of my personal estate as shall be legally applicable thereto; and to be applied by the said WILLIAM QUARRIER, or such other director or directors, for the purpose of such Orphan Homes; and his or their receipt shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors."

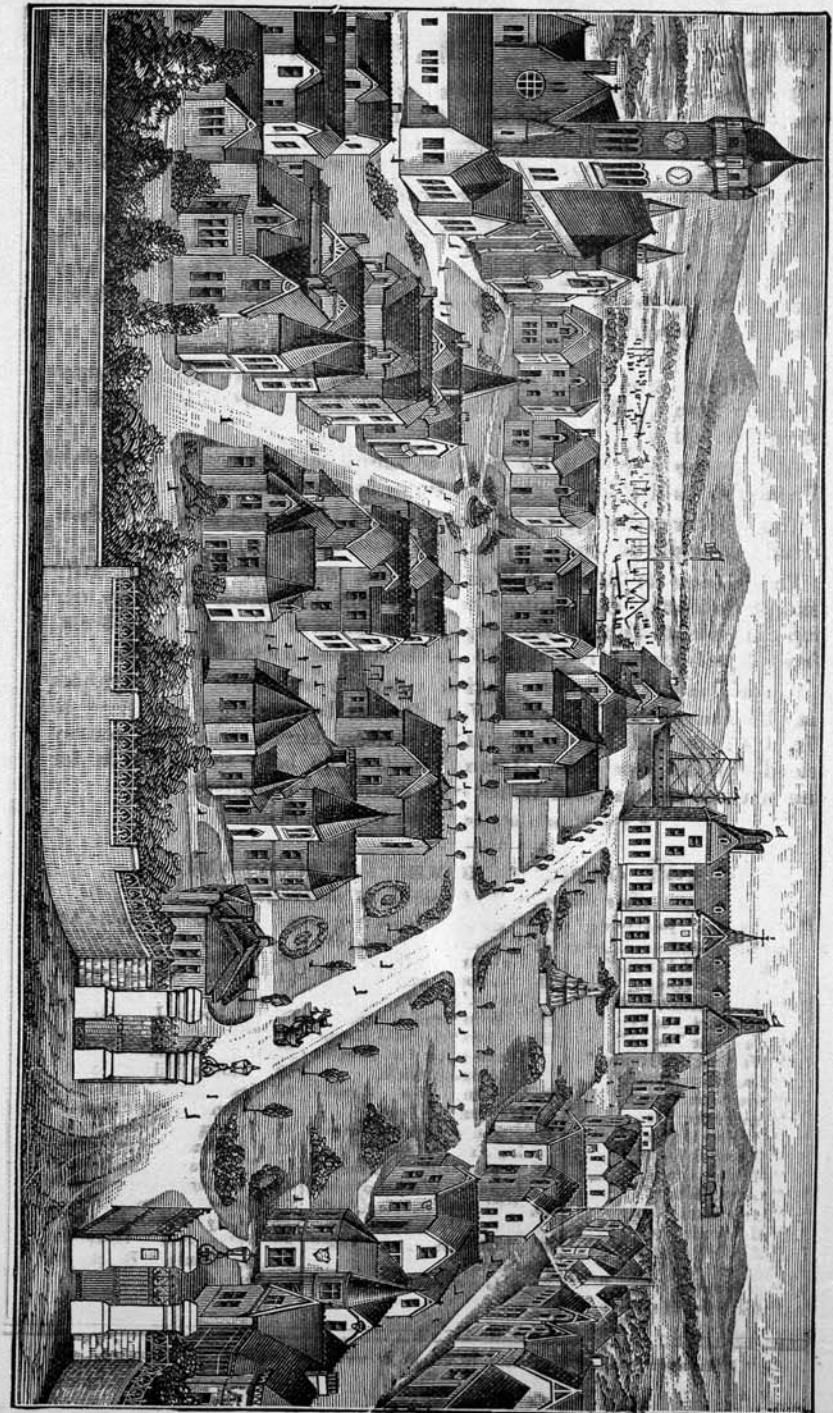
To prevent mistakes and delay, all letters relating to the Homes should be addressed to me, at Orphan Homes, Bridge-of-Weir. Cheques and Orders to be made payable to WILLIAM QUARRIER. If more convenient, donations can be left at City Home, 13 James Morrison Street, Glasgow, or paid into the Union Bank of Scotland, 32 Union Street. Donations in Money and Clothing may also be left at Mr. D. J. Findlay's, 255 Argyle Street. Clothing, provisions, etc., may also be sent to City Home, James Morrison Street; or, if post-card is sent from any part of the city, a messenger will call for parcels. Telegrams should be sent to City Home, James Morrison Street, as we have to pay on delivery of them at the Bridge-of-Weir Homes, they being two miles from the Post Office. We are now connected with the National Telephone Company, and telegrams sent to City Home will be communicated to us from there.

The Donations being so numerous (occupying 22 pages), we have withdrawn them from the Narrative, and issued them in a supplement. All donors, whose names and addresses we have, will receive the Supplement along with Report, and others desiring it can have it forwarded by sending a post-card to City Home, James Morrison Street.

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—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 by initials every second Monday in the *North British Daily Mail*. Friends not seeing their Donations acknowledged in the fortnightly statements, will please communicate with me at once, in case the money has gone amissing.

WILLIAM QUARRIER.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND,
BRIDGE-OF-WEIR, 1st November, 1893.



PARTIAL VIEW OF HOMES.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR, RENFREWSHIRE.
There are 46 Buildings connected with the work, which have cost over £140,000; more houses will be added as the money is sent.

CLASSES OF CHILDREN ADMITTED INTO THE HOMES.

Bridge-of-Weir, Renfrewshire.—Orphan boys and girls deprived of both parents, children of widows, or others with no relative able or willing to keep them, from 1 to 14 years of age, from any part of the country. *Destitution is the title for admission, and there is no subscriber's line or voting paper required.*

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 30 years of age.

Children are admitted at the City Orphan Home, James Morrison Street, off London Street, from 3 to 5 o'Clock P.M. daily (except Saturday).

Mr. Quarrier can be seen at same place and hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; at other times by arrangement.

The superintendent or matron of the City Home will be glad to show friends through the house any day (Sabbath excepted).

The Homes at Bridge-of-Weir are also open for inspection daily (except Sabbath), and visitors to them will be shewn round by our Superintendent, Central Building, at the hours of 11 A.M., 1 and 3 P.M. From 1 to 2 hours is required to see the leading parts of interest.

Trains leave St. Enoch Station almost every hour. Conveyances may be had at the Bridge-of-Weir Station by sending a post card to Mr. GARNER and Mr. CALDWELL, carriage hirers, who will convey friends to and from the Homes,* waiting an hour there, for 3s. for one or three persons, and 1s. for each additional passenger.

* The Homes are two miles from the Station.

THE ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND

Now comprise the following 46 Buildings:—

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| 1. "CENTRAL BUILDING," with Halland School, etc. | 21. "Kintyre Home." | 32. "Gardener's House and Poultry Farm." |
| 2. "Broadfield Home." | 22. "Marshall, Bridgeton, Dalmarnock Home." | 33. "Homelea." |
| 3. "Glasgow Home." | 23. "Lincoln and Garfield Home." | 34. "New School Buildings." |
| 4. "Dalry Home." | 24. "Edinburgh Home." | 35. "Jehovah-Jireh Home." |
| 5. "Dumbartonshire." | 25. "Oswald Invalid Home" (Bethesda), for Invalid (Incurable) Girls. | 36. "Sagittarius Home." |
| 6. "Ebenezer Home." | 26. "Elim," for Invalid (Incurable) Boys. | 37. "Ayr Home." |
| 7. "Washington Home." | 27. "James Arthur," training ship on land. | 38. "James Wilson Home." |
| 8. "Aberdeen Home." | 28. "Ferguslie Offices," Laundry, Workshops, etc. | 39. "Sabbath School Home." |
| 9. "Greenock Home." | 29. "Stores," Stable, Coach-house, Greenhouse, etc. | 40. "Renfrewshire Home." |
| 10. "Anderston Home." | 30. "Church and Class Rooms." | 41. "Glasgow Home No. 2." |
| 11. "Paisley Home." | 31. "Gatehouse." | 42. "Michael Rowan Home." |
| 12. "Cessnock Home." | | 43. "House for Teachers." |
| 13. "Mizpah Home." | | 44. "Springfield Seaside Home, Ardnadam." |
| 14. "Leven Home." | | 45. "City Orphan Home." |
| 15. "Overtoun Home." | | 46. "Canadian Distributing Home," Brockville, Ont. |
| 16. "Montrose Home." | | |
| 17. "Mitchell Home." | | |
| 18. "Allan Dick Home." | | |
| 19. "Somerville Home." | | |
| 20. "Ashgrove Home." | | |