

"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 EIGHTEENTH YEAR ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1889,
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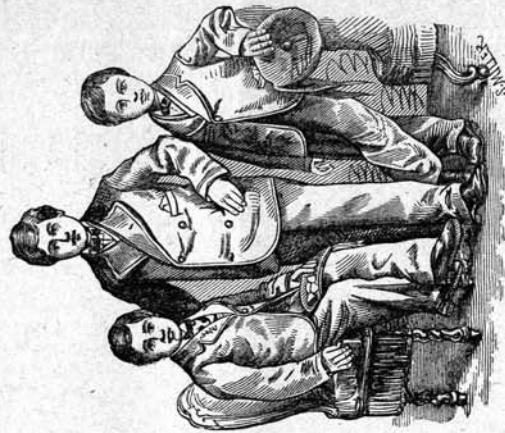
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1889.

DEAR FELLOW-HELPERS,—The twenty-fifth year of our work among poor children, and the eighteenth of our trust in the Lord for all the money, wisdom, and help needed for the Homes, has just closed, and we feel at a loss for words to express our gratitude to God for His marvellous loving-kindness throughout the year. It has been a year of blessed service for Him, of material progress in the work, and of increasing usefulness to the little ones. He has increased the numbers of children rescued, He has sent increased means to meet their needs and increased helpers to assist in the work, for all of which we desire to magnify the Lord, and praise Him for the grace given in the work to the workers; for spiritual blessing among the children; and for all the way He has carried us through. It is not because we have been without trials and difficulties that we thus speak, for these have been many: in the removal by death of some of our helpers in the Bridge-of-Weir Homes, and in the removal of some of our children and of many old friends and givers to the work; but through all the Lord's grace has been sufficient, keeping us quiet in the trouble, and leading us to hope in Him for the help of His countenance which has never yet failed us. None the least of the trials in a work such as ours, are unreasonable relatives of some of the children, and the annoyance of the priests who have no sympathy with anything outside of their own pale, independent of any humane feeling they might have for the perishing little ones of our land. But we may say with the Apostle, that no strange thing hath happened unto us, and "yourselves know we are appointed thereunto;" and we ask you to join us in thanksgiving to our covenant-keeping God, for the victory He has given, the help afforded, and for the triumph of His grace in enabling us to hold on our way even until now.

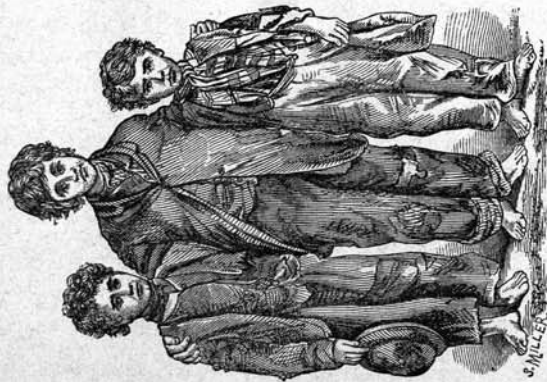
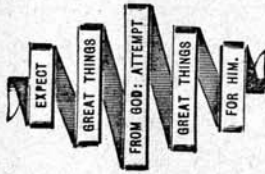
Many of you will remember the small balance (11s. 4½d.) we had on hand at the commencement of the year, and may think that was one of the trials we had to pass through; but we assure you, as helpers in the work, that although the balance was so small, we felt certain the Lord's supplies would be equal to the emergencies, and we can say to His praise that it has been so. We were desirous that before our Report was circulated towards the end of November, our needs would be met, so that it would be seen it was not through it, but by the Lord's Spirit touching your hearts in sympathy for the little ones, that you were led to minister to their needs, just at the right time. Our desire in this was fulfilled, so that before the Report reached your hands, the daily needs of our large family had been met, and we had a week's provision on hand, which has been the average amount at any time during the past years of the work. No human planning or arranging could bring the results out as they have come, and we feel sure Christians, and even careless ones, throughout the land will be led with us to realise the truth of the words,

"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform,
He plants His footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.
His purposes shall ripen fast, unfolding every hour,
The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower."



Brothers in Prosperity.

H., C., and J. C., as sent to Canada.



Brothers in Adversity.

H., C., and J. C., as received.

In connection with the work, we may mention for the sake of those who have not seen our former Narratives, that we never call on anyone for money, nor do we send out collectors or resort to bazaars or entertainments to raise it. The work is the Lord's and we commit everything to Him in prayer, realizing that we are only instruments and can be dispensed with when He who employs us sees fit to call us aside. Day by day the daily bread for our large family in the Homes is sent, as well as all needed workers, grace and wisdom to carry on the work; and we can truly say we have not lacked any good thing. Seven years ago, 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. Year by year since then, our Heavenly Father has sent gifts to a special fund (altogether apart from any of the funds belonging to the Homes), which has hitherto been sufficient to meet the needs of my family and myself. This has occurred in a manner and with an exactness each year which are wonderful in our eyes, and has led us to realise more than ever the minuteness of our Father's care.

During the year we have received from all sources for the Homes, in answer to prayer, £17,179 6s. 10½d., and large quantities of clothing and provisions; and in the same time 476 children from different parts of the country have been admitted, which, with the 627 we began the year with, makes a total of 1,103 who have passed through the Homes, and in addition to these 564 homeless, friendless wanderers were provided with a night's shelter in the model lodging houses, and in many cases with food, besides thousands of other needy ones helped with advice, etc. That such a large number have been received whose only claim was their *entire destitution*, shows the great need that exists for the work. In regard to the classes of children eligible for admission, orphan and fatherless boys and girls from 1 to 14 years, from any part of the country, also (in City Home) destitute lads from 14 to 18 with no home and able to work, and young women out of employment, from 14 to 25, are received without subscriber's line or voting paper. Each case is considered on its own merit and no really *destitute* orphan child is ever refused. The work of the Homes, from the first until now, has, we believe, been a standing rebuke to the infidel 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 doing their alms not to be seen of men but of Him who seeth in secret. That the Lord's name may be glorified in the stimulating of His servants to do greater things in the time to come, and in strengthening the faith of His children, we give the following details of His dealings with and through us during the past twelve months. We trust also that these records of the Lord's doings will help the Church of Christ to have more faith in God and less in the instruments He chooses for His work, however much honoured they may be.

Nov. 1, 1888.—This is the first day of another new year of the work, the eighteenth of our trust in the Lord for all the needs of the Homes. The balance we have on hand (11s. 4½d.) is the smallest of any year since the work commenced; still the promise of our Heavenly Father is as sure as ever, and we rest on His words so often proved true in the past, "My God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Only £1 7s. 6d. and some clothing have come, so that we will need to live on the "old fruit of the land" to-day and trust our Father for the unknown to-morrow.

Nov. 2.—£50 from Paisley; £1 from Essex; 5s. from Glasgow; parcel of clothing from Broughty-Ferry and 2 bags potatoes from Strathaven fully supply our needs for to-day. Two orphan boys of 14 and 12 with no friends able to keep them, and another of 12 who is getting into very bad habits, were added to our number.

Nov. 6.—Yesterday we were cheered by the gift of £50 from a kind friend in Glasgow and also by a small parcel of clothing from Edinburgh, the work of an invalid in her "stronger days." To-day "Two Brothers," Liverpool, send us £5 which with £1 12s. from an old donor in Glasgow who gives a portion regularly from his business to the Lord's work in our hands, is all that has come.

Nov. 9.—The kind help of friends, old and young, in sewing and knitting for the little ones is much appreciated by us. To-day we have received from the Scotch Girls' Friendly Society in Callander, who wish us "God-speed," £1 5s. and 241 articles of useful clothing, some scrap books, etc., also a kind offer of help from a friend in Glasgow, who writes:—

DEAR SIR,—My husband and I have a school for young ladies, and every winter our boarders and some of the older day-pupils have formed a Dorcas Society, which met in our house once a week for the purpose of sewing and knitting for those placed in less fortunate positions in life than themselves. One winter we knitted scarfs and mittens for the tramway-car men; another time we sewed flannel petticoats for a servants' training home; then, again, we made little dresses for the poor children in Partick; and last winter we made frocks and bootees for the babies in the Glasgow day-nurseries. This winter we would like, with your kind permission, to do something for some of the children in your homes; only, I do not exactly know what would prove most useful to you, and, at the same time, not be too difficult for my girls to make. Would flannel petticoats for some of the girls, and woollen scarfs for the boys, be the right thing? Dresses, except of the very simplest description, I fear, are beyond our powers. I trust that my thus writing to you will not lead you to hope too much from us; I fear that at the end of our winter's work we shall send you a very small parcel, but all that we shall send, will be done with very willing hearts and many kindly thoughts.

One of our girls who went to Canada four years ago writes us to-day.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I think it is about time I was writing to you; when I think what a long time it is since I wrote to you I really feel ashamed of myself. I hope you will excuse me though, if I promise to write a little oftener. I have got a splendid place; the work is not so very hard, and they are very, very kind. The mistress of the house is dead; there are two girls; one keeps house and the other is a school teacher. I have had a very nice letter from Mrs. Burges and two post cards. She told me what a pretty home they have got in Brockville. Oh, I wish I could go and see her! Katie B. is just about four miles from me. I often go and spend a day with her, and we have some real good times together. Katie is a real good girl; she joined the Baptist Church and got baptized. I joined the Methodist Church last Sunday, and although we do not belong to the same church, we try to help each other on in the good way. We both love the Lord, and we try to serve Him. Oh! when I think of all the Lord has done for me, I cannot help but be thankful. I will strive hard to show my gratitude by consecrating my life to Him. I am going to get my photo taken, and I will send you and "mother" one. I have grown quite a little, and learned a great deal since I came to Canada. I will be 17 on the first day of December. I used to think myself a very little girl when I was in the Home; now I think myself quite a woman. It is two years since I left the old country, but it seems such a short time. I would like to be remembered to a few of my friends. Tell "mother" that I will write her a nice long letter some of these days. I have not got anything more to say at present, but still remain the same

MAGGIE.

Nov. 12.—We were greatly cheered by the gift of £100 from Alloa, also £35 from the same quarter, to provide New Year's treat for our bairns. These gifts are most acceptable at present as we have little on hand, but we feel sure the Lord just knows what things we have need of and opens His

children's hearts to give at the right time. A "young servant" also sends us 1s. for the "Servants' Cottage."

Nov. 13.—A legacy of £1,000, less duty £64, a most acceptable gift for our Building Fund, came to-day. An aged friend in the East of Glasgow who seems to be fast nearing "the rest that remaineth" sends £3; a young helper in the North of Scotland, £1 as a 13th birthday gift; another in Edinburgh "who has not much gold and silver, but who can pray to our prayer-answering God that He will mightily own and bless you in this work," 10s; some young people in Freuchie send 15s.; feeling "it is almost nothing compared to your great need, but trusting God will bless it in your work, for His glory;" a family in Glasgow £1; and other friends in Errol, Portobello, Greenock, Millport, Luss, Glasgow, and Bridge-of-Weir, £11 8s., so that from North and South, East and West the day's needs are supplied. A kind friend in Queenstown also sends £3 for our own use with cheering words of sympathy.

Nov. 15.—£10 from Lochgilphead "in memory of great mercies," and £11 2s. 6d. from other sources and some clothing have come. The needy ones keep applying, and we are privileged to help and give advice to many from day to day. A poor girl and boy of 10 and 14, whose mother died five months ago, and the old grandmother who has tried to keep them since, is not able to do so longer, were taken in.

Nov. 17.—"A nurse" in Glasgow writes: "I send the enclosed 10s. towards the Home I hope to see raised to be called the 'Servants' Home' for the sheltering of some poor little ones of our land. My prayer will be that our God will open many hearts to give, and I will try and interest others in the cause." We have received some small sums towards this object since the suggestion was made by a servant last year; and if friends interested in the work would take the matter up, the desire of those hearts the Lord has touched to minister to His little ones in this way may yet be fulfilled. A welcome gift of £40 from Edinburgh, and £2 from Greenock and Cardross also reached us to-day.

Nov. 20.—Two old Glasgow friends, now resident in England, wrote last week asking us to give them the name of a boy whom they might pay for to Canada. We did so, and to-day they write, "It gives us great pleasure now to enclose order for £10 for the payment of the outfit and passage of the boy your name, to Canada, and we pray God may bless the opportunity given him. There is no doubt that the many prayers made for the success of the Orphan Homes will surely be answered, and doubtless there will be a time, shortly at hand, when we shall know more clearly the good results achieved." We praise God for the abundant fruit of our labours that He has permitted us to see even now, but believe that the full reaping time will be when we are gathered home. Our part is to labour on, in the morning sowing the seed, and in the evening not withholding our hand, leaving results with God who "giveth the increase." £100 from an old donor in Glasgow, and £29 18s. from other friends there, and in Edinburgh, Galashiels, Blairgowrie, Lasswade, Aberdour, Rothesay, and Irvine have also reached us, and will fully supply our needs for the next four days.

Nov. 22.—Our seventeenth Annual Meeting was held in the Christian Institute. Although the day was wet and stormy, there was a good attendance of friends, whose presence in such inclement weather, as well as the kind words of sympathy spoken, greatly cheered and encouraged us.

Nov. 24.—Yesterday, an invalid friend in Aberdeen who has for some

years past ministered to the needs of the little ones, by sending the proceeds of work done by her and sold, writes: "I feel anxious to send you a line myself this time to tell you what pleasure I have in doing any work for the benefit of your Homes, but as I am forbidden to write, excuse me saying much. You have my hearty sympathy and best wishes for success in your noble work for our dear Lord and Master. I enclose £1; 6s. 6d. is from friends, and the balance proceeds of my work. Might I ask you to send me your yearly report as I have not got one this year yet, and I like to have one and send it about." We are oftentimes greatly touched and cheered by gifts such as this from the suffering ones of our land, and feel sure their labour is not in vain in the Lord. To-day a new donor in Glasgow sends us £20 as a "mite in memory of a father who much appreciated the good you are doing;" "a friend for Jesus' sake," £2; "Sissa, for the benefit of some little orphan," 2s. 6d.; "Inasmuch" a pair of stockings for "one of these little ones;" and two friends in Tighnabruaich send £1, "rejoicing in the success of the work and praying for a still greater blessing," and others in Aberdeen, Banff, Bankfoot, Sandbank, and Glasgow, £1 3s. and some clothing, etc.

Nov. 26.—From many quarters we have received £36 3s. 5d., with kind words of cheer encouraging us to go forward in the work of the Lord. Two girls of 10 and 6, whose father died five years ago, and the mother has had a hard struggle since, were taken in; also a fatherless boy of 11, getting into bad habits, whose mother is in delicate health, and anxious to have him sheltered and cared for.

Nov. 29.—The gift of £150 from an old donor gladdened our hearts, and, with a number of other smaller sums received yesterday and to-day, will enable us to close this, the first month of our 18th financial year with the balance on the right side, for which we do praise our covenant-keeping God, who has never yet suffered us to lack any good thing. The kind sympathy of friends is none the least of the help the Lord sends us from day to day, and often, when amid the difficulties of the way we are apt to be cast down, their words of cheer have strengthened our hands and encouraged our hearts. A friend in Glasgow sending 25s., 10s. of it for our own needs, yesterday, says: "It is most refreshing and wonderful, too, to read the report of your work and of its extension in every direction. With regard to your wishes anent its progress, 'The Lord will give that which is good.' 'No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.'" An aged friend in Aberdeen writes: "Many thanks for your interesting report. I cannot read it now as I used to, my eyesight is failing me so, but not my interest in your work. I have again the pleasure of enclosing £5 for your great and good work among the Lord's little ones, to be used as you think best. God gives us what we have, not so much that we may have it, but that we may do good. I give you a text to rest on, Deut. xxviii. 12, and pray that God may bless you with every temporal and spiritual blessing." One in Stornoway writes: "Thank you very much for copy of annual report just sent me. I do thank the Lord for the help He is in everything giving you, and very specially do I feel thankful at how you are guided in public speaking and printing, to ascribe all the praise to Him who is using you in His service." Another in Ireland, sending 5s., says, "It is not much, but it will help a little. I have to assist three orphan grandchildren or I would have sent you more. May God spare you long and give you all needed strength to carry on the great work." And one in Markinch, desirous of helping the work, writes us:—

DEAR SIR,—As one of the delegates at the Y.M.C. Association Conference at Paisley, who visited your Homes at Bridge-of-Weir, I resolved to do something to help on your work for the Lord. I brought up the subject of your Homes before the Association here, and we have resolved on having a lecture on them, and asking you for all the information you can give, so as to make the lecture profitable and interesting to the audience. I need say no more as I think you will know what we mean to be at. I hope that we will make a good collection for your Homes, for it is little use to say “be clothed,” “be fed,” and not give the wherewithal to do so. May we all, as the Lord’s children, keep on trusting Him, and may the Lord bless and prosper your work and cause His face to shine on you is my sincere prayer.

The following letter from one of our little girls in Canada, also reached us to-day, along with one from the minister in the district where she is, and as showing the interest that is taken by friends in Canada in our children we give it too:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I am well and I thank God for taking me across the sea, and I hope that all the dear girls and boys are well. Please, sir, tell me if Annie M. is in Scotland yet. I never missed a day at school, and church and Sunday school too. I am getting on well; I am in part first book. My mother and father are kind to me and I love them and my brothers and sister. We are going to have a social soon. I like to live here. Tom and Charlie and Bob and Jim and Willie, these are all the boys’ names; and Bella is the little girl, and Mr. C. is going to stay here till the manse is ready. I belong to the mission band and I am going to read a bit at the mission band concert. This is Thanksgiving Day. Mr. C. will preach this afternoon, and we are all going to hear him. I have not written to Mrs. Burges yet, but I will soon. My brother was to see me and he stayed all day. Mother says she will take me to see him as soon as she can. We had snow but it is gone again. Father and mother want to be kindly remembered to Mrs. Quarrier and yourself too. I also send my love to Mrs. Quarrier and you and all the kind friends at home.
N. M.L.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Mrs. M.L. told me after dinner that Nellie had written a letter to you and was about to post it. I told her that I would enclose a note. I am pleased to say that the children who came here last spring are all doing well and are attentive to the ordinances of the church. They have good homes, and are giving, as far as I know, good satisfaction. The little girl with Mrs. M.L. is growing strong and healthy and in time will be helpful. She is attending regularly at school, and I can truly say has a good home. I got another little girl last week from Brockville for a family here. Being away from home I have not called on her and so cannot give you her name. I will do all I can in this way to secure homes for the children and report from time to time to Mr. Burges. Hoping you and Mrs. Quarrier are well.

Dec. 1.—We were cheered to day by receiving from some young friends visiting the Homes from Bearsden, £13 1s. 2d., as the proceeds of a sale of work which they held to try and help the little ones under our care. An unknown friend in Glasgow sends us £10, and from others in Alloa, Penicuik, Edinburgh, Banff, Markinch, Castle-Douglas, and Dunoon, £6 19s. 2d. have come, making sufficient for the day’s needs.

Dec. 4.—From many different sources, £41 12s. 3d., have reached us, £2 of it from a friend in memory of his wife who used to help us in the work, but is now gathered home; £7 from “4 little J’s,” Edinburgh; £3 from a well-wisher, Hamilton; £5 from Liverpool as “a birthday thanksgiving,” from an unknown friend who sends the same yearly; 4s. 6d., half of it for our own use, from a friend in Ellon who says, “It is most interesting and refreshing to see how our Father honours those who will trust Him. May your experience this year be even more blessed than last; may you realise the truth of Isaiah lxx. 24, in your grand and glorious work;” and £3 from a friend in Ayr, wishing it were more, “as the work in which you are engaged is one of the grandest and most noble ever mortal man was privileged to take part in.” An aunt of two orphan children we took from Aberdeen some time ago, sends us a parcel of clothing and says,

“I thank God for being able in this small way to send something to help you in His great work. ‘Fight the good fight of faith.’ ‘God is our refuge and strength.’ Thanks for your care of my children; they both write me such happy letters.” We took in a family of 5 orphan children from Ayr, oldest 12 and youngest a baby-girl of 2. They have been sadly neglected, and are in great need of care. The father, a carpet weaver, was a consistent Christian, and earned a good wage, but the mother squandered all with carelessness and drinking. He died of consumption hastened by trials with his wife, in June last. She is now dead also, and nothing but the Poorhouse remained for the children had we not taken them. What a privilege it is to be able to offer a home to such needy little ones as these, and so save them from becoming a burden on the rates of our country! We are very desirous of being the means in the Lord’s hands of preventing all the needy orphan children of our beloved Scotland from entering the Poorhouse, and do pray that in the coming years we may be enabled to do so.

Dec. 6.—An old donor in Westerham writes:—

DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in forwarding enclosed cheque as a donation for your great work among our poor waifs and strays. I am sorry to have been unable this year to get down to Bridge-of-Weir to see your progress there, but was struck on passing the village to see both the church and the ship, each in its own way testifying to God’s blessing on your efforts, as well as to the enlarged methods in which you are meeting the requirements of the children.

Another in Perth sends £25, one in Edinburgh £10; and among other smaller gifts received, £2 is from “a wellwisher” in South Queensferry, 10s. of it for our own needs, and 5s. from “a working man,” Bonhill. A friend in Forres writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Thanks for your deeply interesting report, which we duly received. We have sent you a mixed parcel by rail, which we hope may be useful to some of your bairns, and also a very small present for Mrs. Quarrier and yourself. In these dull times we are unable to send money, but such as we have we send, hoping the things may prove useful. We cannot but adore our Heavenly Father for His goodness in supplying your wants in answer to prayer. That He may bless you abundantly in your work of faith and labour of love is the desire of your wellwisher.

Dec. 8.—From Kilmarnock, Whiting Bay, Paisley, Irvine, Ardrossan, Edinburgh, London, Larkhall, Noblehouse, and Glasgow we have received £18 1s., a little over half a day’s keep. A kind friend sending £6 for the work and £1 for our own needs, says: “Many thanks for sending me your report; till I read it I was not aware of your having cast yourself so entirely on the Lord for your personal wants. Thrice blessed are they, and only they who on His word rely. Your example and that of others carrying on work, though it may be of different kinds, do much to stimulate faith. I allude to the China Inland Mission, the African Evangelistic Mission, and such like. These prove the Lord to be a strength and shield. He will continue to you His blessing and make you a great blessing to thousands.”

Dec. 10.—To-day we had the pleasure of receiving a family of five orphan little ones from Glasgow. Their father died three years ago and the mother, after being ailing for some time, last week. Her dying request was that the little ones she was leaving behind should be brought to us, and this their old grandfather did. The gift of £100 from an old donor, £31 13s. 9d. from a new one, and many smaller sums—in all, £31 14s. 9d.—greatly cheered us, and lead us anew to praise our Heavenly Father, who, with the increased needs sends abundant supplies.

Dec. 14.—Our hearts were gladdened by receiving £1,500 from a friend in Glasgow to build another cottage. We praise the Lord for this renewed token of His interest in the work and look to Him for the 10 houses that are still required, so that we may be enabled to rescue 700 new children every year, and house 1,200 permanently. From friends far and near, £39 15s. have come for the daily needs of our large family, and £11 for our own, also some useful parcels of clothing; and from two donors in Glasgow, a Christmas gift for each child in Bethesda.

Dec. 17.—Two friends in Wishaw, whose loving sympathy has often cheered us in the past, in sending two parcels of useful articles, write: "We hope you will find some things in them that may be useful for your large family. We are very sorry that we can't help more in the work. It is very dear to our hearts, and we never forget it in our morning and evening worship. We often feel like Peter in Acts iii. 6, when he said, 'Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee,' and in packing the things up, many a 'may the Lord bless them' has been said from our hearts. We got a number of reports, and they are all out reading but one. Oh, if we can only get people interested in the work, though we cannot give much ourselves, it is all the same who it comes through. Your God and our God will supply *all* your needs. We have been greatly cheered by this last report; as Mr. Meyer said we are like the widow Elijah lodged with; she often scraped the bottom of the barrel, but there was always something to scrape; it was never empty." Among other gifts sent to-day, 5s. came from Dundee out of "the Lord's box;" £5 from Langholm as a "Christmas offering;" £2 "Of Thine own;" a useful parcel of clothing from Annan "as a Christmas and New-Year's offering," and £1 9s. 2d. from British Columbia "to assist in defraying the expenses of the orphan boys of whom the Lord has made you the honoured and trusted guardian."

Dec. 19.—Frequently we receive gifts in remembrance of loved ones, and we think there could be no better way of perpetuating their memory. To-day, a friend in Macduff sends £5 "in memory of two little ones gone home," and from Chryston the following letter greatly touched our hearts:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—This is £3 7s. 6d., the savings of our little son now gone home. We expected our little one to have been a missionary, but God saw that his work here was done; and we would like it devoted to one whom we saw from your report wished to dedicate himself to the missionary work, and may he have God's blessing. 8s. from our other little ones, 2s. from the servant girl for your work, and £1 as a thankoffering to the Lord for all His goodness to us. 2 Chron. xxxii. 7 and 8. May the Lord comfort and sustain the bereaved parents, and grant that the money given for His cause may be the means of much spiritual blessing to others. 10s. from a new donor in Dunoon who says, "I was alone reading the other night and came across a few stanzas entitled 'The Orphan Homes of Scotland;' it so touched my old heart that I could not deny myself the pleasure, though a comparatively poor man, of rendering my feeble aid to the great object of your life;" 6s. from Croy "in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour to whom give the thanks"; 5s. from Aberdeen from one who writes:—

Enclosed please find a small donation to aid your good work. It is from my wife and I, who unite in the prayer that the Lord may send you what will be sufficient to carry on your good work effectively. You need not acknowledge this privately, as I shall have an opportunity of seeing it in the *North British Daily Mail*. It may interest you to know, that this mite is the result of my having found a scrap of paper in which you had acknowledged the hand of the Lord in supplying the needs of your Homes.

a box of toys from Edinburgh bought with 10s. saved pennies of three bairns; and £1 from two friends in Glasgow who adopted one of our little girls some time ago, also cheered us to-day. They write:—

DEAR FRIEND,—It is with the greatest of pleasure we now drop you these few lines to let you know that we are all well, and our little sunbeam is well and is getting on well at school. She is much loved by all. We are pleased to say that she is getting nicely into our way, and is so happy. She is singing hymns all the time. Please to accept of this small token of respect from grateful hearts, sincerely hoping that the Lord may prosper you in the great work you now have in hand.

Dec. 22.—It is a great joy to us to hear time and again from our children in Canada, and from the friends who have taken them, that they are serving the Lord. The following are among many other letters received this month:

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I take great pleasure in writing you these few lines to let you know that I am keeping well, hoping these few lines will find you the same. I received your last letter all right, and I was glad to hear that you had such a good time at Thanksgiving-day. I hope that Mrs. Quarrier is still keeping well and able to walk about all the time. I should like very much to see some of the boys in the Homes. I am nine miles from my brother. I have been to see him once since I came here, but he has not been to see me yet. I write to him, and he writes to me, so I don't need to see him very often. I have got so well acquainted in the country around, that I feel quite at home. I hope if it is the Lord's will, that the next time you come to Canada you will come and see me, because I want to see some of you very much. I know that the Lord will send in the money to carry on your work. Please let me know if you are getting on very fast with your Cottages, and getting in a good number of boys and girls into them. I expect to go to school this winter. I have to cross two or three fields to go to school. There is three-quarters of a mile to go to church. I go to Sunday school and to church every Sunday. I have joined the Methodist church choir and I have to sing in it every Sunday. I hope to get on pretty well where I am by the help of God. I bless God that He enables me to say from my whole heart that He has saved me through the blood of Christ. We held three weeks of special meetings, and many souls were brought to Christ, and I was one of them, and I am not sorry that I gave my heart to the Saviour. I have no more to say at present, but I remain, yours truly,
W. L.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I thought that I would sit down and write these few lines to let you know how I am getting along. I am enjoying good health, hoping that this will find you all the same. Dear sir, I am sorry to tell you that I have left Mr. B., and am living with widow Mrs. J. M. I like my new home well. We seem to get along well. My mistress is very kind to me. She is a good woman, and is a child of God. Dear sir, there are great revivals being carried on out here. We have a good minister here. He is a very hard worker. He is holding meetings every night, and has been the means of converting many souls. There are meetings here on Tuesday and Friday; he is doing a wonderful work. Dear Mr. Quarrier, I would like to know how the children are getting along in the Homes. Are there many in the Homes now? Dear sir, don't neglect telling them that they can be saved by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the only One that can save them from sin. I bless God that through His loving-kindness He has brought me from darkness into light. I know that I have sinned and transgressed against the laws of God, but Jesus came to save sinners, and I know that He is able to save them that come to Him by faith. Dear sir, I would like to see you now. It is quite a while since I saw you, and if I don't live to see you on earth, I hope to see you in the happy home above. It is sweet to know that this is not our home; we are only pilgrims here below. Dear sir, I would like if you would be so kind as to send me one of your pictures. I think I will close now as I have no more to say at present. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." Please write soon.
J. K.

Dec. 27.—During the past few days our hearts have been gladdened by hundreds of gifts received from friends old and young, far off and near, who, at this festive season, wish to share their joy and happiness with those who in the past have seen little of the bright side of life. From Canada a friend who received one of our little ones into his home last summer writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Mr. Burges has sent us your last Narrative and we have all read it with delight and interest, and our hearts go up with thankfulness to Him who has so marvellously watched over your work, and true to His word has supplied all your needs. We all want to do a little. Our little Mary, one of your number, emptied her purse, 6s. 4d., and we all have added our mites. Even baby, 5 months old, and our three year old boy, from their banks have added 4s. 2d., our school boy too, adds 1s. 3d., all he has left. Mamma and myself with auntie make up our family, and, with 10s. from God's Box, we are pleased to send the small amount of £1 10s. It is not much, but cheerfully given, and our Father will own and bless it for His service. We hope you and Mrs. Quarrier and Miss Fox, who delighted us with a visit while in our city, will spend a very happy festive season with the dear boys and girls whom you are so faithfully training in the service of the King. Mary wishes to send a souvenir for Christmas, and so by this mail will go the Christmas number of one of our dailies, "The Star." As soon as we have read all your interesting narrative we will pass it on to friends, and may the Blessed Spirit prompt them through it, to help you with your grand and noble work among the destitute and outcast. Accompanying this go our love and best wishes for a year full of blessings. My wife desires to be specially remembered and Mary of course sends heaps of love. I am, one of your many humble benefactors.

From Galashiels came the following letter:—

MY DEAR SIR,—I enclose bank order for £26 8s. 6½d. as the result of a girl's sale of work held in the interest of your Homes on Saturday last. The little girls as manufacturers, professional men and merchants, have themselves done it all; and I trust the blessing of the Saviour will rebound in their own hearts, and a gracious Christmas encompass your Homes.

10s. "collected by an invalid mother" in Edinburgh with the words, "David encouraged himself in the Lord his God;" 7s. 6d. from Holytown, "Nellie and James' mite for the wee lassies;" 8s. from two little friends in Ballinluig who have been trying to save their pennies all the year round to send to us at this time; 7s. 6d. from some Band of Hope children in Dunfermline, who, though very poor themselves, wish to give their "wee pickle" towards our bairns' New Year treat; 15s. 6d. and quantity clothing, toys, etc., from little girls' sewing parties, Perth; 6s., from "Wee Alec," Holytown, "to the wee laddies at Bridge-of-Weir Homes;" "a box of toys from Bridge-of-Allan, bought with the saved pennies of two little ones there;" 5s. from "a railway clerk," who is seeking to live for Christ, and asks an interest in our prayers; £2 "from the nursery;" £5, £1 of it for our own needs, "as a thankoffering;" and £250 from Dumbarton, £50 of it to give the big family of the streets their annual treat in the beginning of the year, are among the numerous gifts that have reached us, filling our hearts with gratitude to our loving Father, who is daily loading us with His benefits.

Dec. 31.—We are again brought to the closing day of another year, the last of 1888. 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 can truly say He hath done "exceeding abundantly" above all we have asked or thought. The small balance we had on hand at the beginning of our financial year in November was such as to try our faith; still the Lord never suffered our barrel of meal to be empty, and at present we have the usual week's provision on hand. To Him be all the glory and praise. For the needy orphan little ones sheltered and cared for, the widows' hearts comforted, and the suffering cheered and helped, we desire to praise God, and to seek in the coming year to be the means in His hands of blessing to many hundreds more.

Jan. 1, 1889.—Another milestone on the journey homeward reached; and as we enter the new year we would again raise our "Ebenezer" and go forward in the strength of the Lord. Our large family of 700 children

and young people had their annual new year's treat to-day at the Bridge-of-Weir Homes, those in the city joining us there. They had a special breakfast in the morning; then at 12.30 dinner was partaken of, each house being supplied with a turkey, roast beef, steak pie, potatoes, and plum pudding, to which all did ample justice. Our City Home family and friends had theirs in the hall of central building at the same hour. At 2 o'clock we all assembled in the church for the dismantling of two very large Christmas trees and the ship's boat, which was fully rigged up and decked round masts and gunwale, with articles of all descriptions, till she seemed as if she would sink. At 3.30 we disbursed the gifts from off the fruitful tree in Bethesda, and it was truly an affecting sight to look at the happiness of the dear little invalids as they received the presents so kindly provided for them by two friends, who have done the same for several years. Tea was served for all at 5 o'clock, when a bountiful supply of sweetbread (baked on the establishment), fruit, etc., was given to each. We gathered in the church again at 6 o'clock, for the evening's entertainment, when we had singing and recitations from the children; and during the evening about 150 prizes were disbursed for progress at school, and about 100 to working boys and girls for good conduct and diligence throughout the year. All this extra giving has been provided by friends, and our hearts are full of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the hearty fellowship of so many at this festive season, and we do pray that He will bless and reward each one "according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Jan. 3.—In many ways and from various sources the Lord supplies our daily needs. A friend in Hamilton, sending 7s. 6d. and 2 pairs socks, writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I am almost ashamed of this very small New-Year's offering, especially when I know I have spent very much more money sending Christmas cards and gifts. There is nothing I enjoy more, and I am afraid it is one form of selfishness. I knitted half-a-dozen pairs of warm socks in the summer holidays, and the larger part of the money is made up of the price of four pairs which I managed to sell, and I send you the remaining two pairs. I mean regularly to devote part of my spare time to knitting or sewing for your children, in whom I am greatly interested. My brother wants to do something for your work, too, so he has begun to fine himself for unpunctuality, etc., and in this way and by other little contrivances, we both hope to be able to forward you a more substantial proof of our interest next time. With every good wish for blessing and success in the New-Year.

One in Dunlop sends us the following:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Being an old bachelor and having no children of my own to entertain, the Lord seems to have laid it on my heart to send you a little to assist in giving your large family a treat. I have enclosed P.O. for the sum of five shillings; I only wish it were more. I trust you may all have a very happy New-Year in the best sense of the word and that the Lord will continue to "supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. I enjoyed my two last visits to the Homes very much and felt that they seemed to be a practical application of the text, "have faith in God," and also felt my own faith greatly strengthened by looking at them. May you have many happy years to come, in which to "witness a good confession" to the faithfulness of our covenant-keeping God.

A little boy in the North sends £1, which he has collected during his Christmas holidays; "a sinner saved by grace" £1, "as a thankoffering to our Heavenly Father for His goodness to me and my household during 1888;" "a hidden helper towards keep of a child for a month," 16s. 8d.; another unknown one in Edinburgh £20, as "a thankoffering for mercies in 1888;" a friend, Paisley, 4s., as "the voluntary gatherings of our three dear bairns;" one in Ayr, £3, "collection at New Year's breakfast table;"

and from friends in Aberdeen who are indeed workwomen that need not be ashamed, 250 articles of useful clothing have come. The following letters, one from a grandmother of three orphan boys we have in the Homes, and the other from one of our City Home girls now in service, cheered us:—

DEAR SIR,—Accept of this humble offering (£2) which God has enabled me to save, showing a little gratitude for your great kindness to my little friends, John, James, and Henry M. Praying that God will bless your work in the future as He has done in the past.

DEAR MR. AND MRS. QUARRIER,—I write to thank you for the nice present I got at Bridge-of-Weir on New-Year's Day, and pray that you may long be spared to help the orphan and destitute. I will help in whatever way I can. It is the only way I see to repay your kindness to me, for had it not been for you I might have been lost, as many hundreds are, but thanks to God and you who saved me. I was very glad I came to Bridge-of-Weir as it did me a lot of good. I thought when I looked around, that it was just like the Lord's vineyards and you the labourer and the children Christ's kingdom. I am still in my place and getting on well. My mistress bade me tell you she was very happy that I was getting on, and she always remembers what Mr. Quarrier said to her—to take a mother's interest in me. No one could be better to me than what she is, and I long to repay her with years of faithful service, as the Lord wills. May God preserve you and your household and encourage you in all good works is my earnest prayer for you. "The Lord bless thee and give thee peace."—With kind regards for all, your humble servant in Jesus. K. A.

Jan. 5.—A friend in Paisley sends £20 for the Homes, "wishing you and them a happy and prosperous year;" one in Rothesay £5, collected among friends there, with the words "Be not weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not;" and from Edinburgh, Stirling, Duntocher, Kirkintilloch, Greenock, Stornoway, Helensburgh, Lesmahagow, Selkirk, Aberdeen, Coupar-Angus, Largs, and Glasgow, £29 12s. 6d. have come, 4s. of it and three pairs cuffs from Aberdeen, with the following touching letter:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—My little sister Mary worked the cuffs for your children; she is five and a half years old. The two shillings are our share of a treat we gave up for the sake of the poor. With love and good wishes to you and all the little ones you care for. Walter and Nannie send their shillings too.—Yours truly,
GEORGINA S.

Jan. 8.—£20 for emigration, from an old donor in Johnstone who, with his dear wife now gone home, has often had fellowship with us in the past, reminds us that the time for the sending forth again of another band to Canada, will soon be here. He gives it in memory of fifty-seven years of very happy married life. £50 from Glasgow for the City Home work, and a number of smaller sums, in all £23 15s. make up the amount received to-day. A fatherless boy of 10, whose mother has other two children, one of them a helpless little girl with no hands, was added to our number, also a poor wee child of 3 in sad need of a mother's care. The following letter from one of our girls in Canada came to-day:—

DEAR MR. AND MRS. QUARRIER,—I now take my pen in hand to let you know that I am well and all the rest of us at present, hoping this will find you all enjoying the best of health. I received the card and papers for myself and Archie and thank you for sending them, although Archie was not here to receive them. He was sinking ever since you saw him, and died on the 9th of September last (Sunday evening) at eight o'clock, just as if going to sleep. He was not afraid of death; it had no sting for him as he was resting on the Sure Foundation which is Jesus Christ. He was buried on Tuesday at 2 o'clock P.M. There was a very large funeral, the Rev. Mr. B. and Rev. Mr. M., both being present. His end was peace. I am very well, and growing well, I am 5 feet 4 inches. I have knitted another skirt like the one you saw. All the rest of us are well. We have good sleighing, but it looks as if we are going to lose it. I would have written to you before now but I was not sure of your address. We

have a Band of Hope in our village; they are all mostly children that belong to it. There are already 83 members although we have only had two meetings. We all wear a piece of blue ribbon and we call it the "Royal Legion." The next meeting will be on Saturday first, at 2 P.M. I do not think of anything else to write, wishing you good success this coming year. I close with love and best wishes from all to all, wishing you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.—I remain,
G.

When we think of little G. as she was brought to us in 1878, then only 5 years old, we can but praise God anew, for the comfortable homes and kind hearts that have been opened in Canada, to receive the fatherless and orphan little ones of the mother country. When sent out in 1879, G. was adopted by friends, with whom she still is, and whose name she bears. Archie, whom she writes about, is one of our number also, and for ten years, till called to the better land, shared the comforts and privileges of the same happy home.

Jan. 11.—Last night the wandering flock of the streets had their annual treat of tea and supper in the National Halls, when upwards of 1,600 responded to our invitation. 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, news-boys and girls, shoeblacks, match, pipe, and vesuvian sellers, singers, and beggars. Quite a number were unable to gain admission, not having the necessary ticket. Tea was provided for the guests between 7 and 8 o'clock, at which a bountiful supply of bread and cakes was disposed of, not to speak of the tea itself. The quantity of the latter used may be guessed from the fact that some of the youngsters were rejoicing in having got 16 cups! It was a jolly time in their experience, poor things. From a severe cold I had, I was unable to let my voice be heard, and had some difficulty in managing the motley gathering through my friend and deputy, Mr. George Ross, of Paisley. During the evening we took them a trip to Canada and back on the magic lantern, showing them our Home there and also some of the homesteads of the children in that good land. A number of our rescued boys and girls from the Bridge-of-Weir Homes were present, and did much to entertain the company by their recitations and singing. 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. The usual vote was carried against the magistrates for their delay in getting legal power to control the children of the streets. A number waited at the close of the meeting who were desirous of being admitted to the Homes. One wonders that so few of this class wish to take advantage of such institutions as ours, but the reason is easily found in the fact that children prefer liberty to do what they like, rather than restraint. When will our Magistrates and School Board officials understand that what was first needed is not yet done—namely, the controlling and supervising of the children of the streets? We know of no reason why our streets should not be as safe for the children who make a living on them as any public workshop, but as they are now, they are a disgrace to us.

We took in three boys who were at the meeting last night and who seem desirous of giving up the old life, also five fatherless little ones; oldest a girl of 6, unable to walk through want of power in her limbs, two boys of 4 and 2½, and twin girls of 16 months. It is indeed a heavy burden for a widowed mother not strong herself to be left with, and we are thankful to be the means, in the Lord's hands, of helping her and the children.

To-day, a most acceptable gift of a phaeton came for the Bridge-of-Weir Homes from a friend in Glasgow. The Lord knows all our needs, and does supply them from day to day, not suffering us to lack *any* good thing.

Jan. 16.—Gifts from Sabbath schools, Bible classes, and other children and young people throughout our land are very cheering to us from time to time. To-day a friend in Kilmarnock writes:—

DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in sending to you a P.O.O. for £1 10s., the yearly contributions of the Infant Class of the Grange Free Church Sabbath School. The little children shew always a great interest in your loving work for the little orphans, and like to save their own pennies to send to you. May the Lord's blessing continue to rest upon you and your loving work.

Another in Greenock sends £1 6s. and says: "It gives me much pleasure to inform you that our Mission school children decided that our New Year Thankoffering should go to your work as it has done for some years now. Our offering seems small, but our children are very poor; what we do send is willingly offered with prayers for your work that it may be blessed of God." We do pray that these little ones in ministering to others may themselves be blessed and realise the truth of the Master's words: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." £11 5s. from other quarters have come, not sufficient for the day's needs, but showing us that our Father is mindful of His large family under our care. One of our helpers (Miss Dingwall) in the Bridge-of-Weir Homes passed away this week, reminding us that death comes to all, old and young, and that this is not our rest. She was never very strong, but as far as lay in her power sought to serve and glorify the Master.

Jan. 18.—Out of many very encouraging letters received this month from our rescued ones on the other side of the Atlantic, we give the following:—

DEAR FRIEND,—I received your kind letter and parcel at Christmas, and was much pleased to get them, and hope that you will accept my sincere thanks for them. I am glad to see that the Homes are prospering and so much good is being done. Mr. Burges was visiting me last fall, and he gave me a photograph of Mrs. Quarrier. I was much pleased to get it, and don't see any difference in her looks. We have had a very dull Christmas and New Year's day, as we had no sleighing for either. We have had a very mild winter here; it reminded me of the winters in Scotland. We are all well, and I am enjoying splendid health this winter. I see by your letter that you are all as busy as ever, and when I was reading about the Cottage Homes I felt as if I would like to step in and see you all again and see how much changed the Homes and people are. I would like if you would remember me to Mr. and Mrs. M'Connell and give my love to them. Tell them that I do not forget the happy times I had with them; and please give my love to all that I used to know. I feel I can't close this without saying something of my spiritual welfare, and I can only say that God has been good to me and led me in a way I knew not. I feel that Jesus is precious to my soul, and that I am His child. It will be two years in February since I was converted, and I have been kept going on ever since. I do not forget to pray for the Homes and work and workers. But I must close. With love to all, I remain your loving friend,
L. C.

DEAR SIR,—I suppose you think by this time that I have quite forgotten you; but no; quite the opposite. When I think how I came to be here, and in such a good place, and to be able to earn what I spend—saved from disgrace and the Reformatory—I cannot but think and feel thankful for the trouble and care you have taken about me. When I think how I roamed the streets of Glasgow, stealing what I could and always in bad company, I have thought where and what would I be now?—not that I am such a good boy yet. There was a gentleman from the Home came to see how I was getting along. He said he was going back to Scotland in a few weeks. I have not had any news from Brockville, as I have not written to them. I am going to school this winter. I intended to try the entrance examination this Christmas, but I put it off till next July, when I hope I will be better prepared for it, and, if I pass, I will go on and try for an intermediate certificate. I would like to be a druggist or

doctor. I am still with Mr. R. I have a great deal of work to do, as Mr. R. is very lame with rheumatism. I put in all the spring crops, and cut all the grain in harvest and ploughed all fall. I got an account of the opening of the new church at Bridge-of-Weir, which I think grand, and I am sure all must have had a good time. There are great revival meetings going on here; quite a few persons have turned over a new leaf. Our Sunday School anniversary is about to come off, which is always a grand affair, but the treat on New-Year's Day in the James Morrison Street Home was the best, when the Cessnock boys and Bridge-of-Weir boys would be together. Many a happy day I had at old Cessnock. I cannot forget it. Mr. M'Fadzean wrote on the side of my box, "Don't forget dear old Cessnock;" and why should I, when it was there I learned to know Christ. Oh, it was a happy time! Pray for me that I may be strengthened to keep close to Christ.—Yours truly,
J. S. S.

Jan. 21.—A kind friend who remembers our own needs, as well as those of the children from time to time, sends us £20 "with every good wish and earnest prayer for the Lord's guidance and blessing upon you and all your work." For the children, a little over the day's supply has come, and among the gifts received are 10s. and 4 pairs little boots, with Phil. iv. 19, from one "who thanks our Father in Heaven for the great work you are doing in this city," and £1 12s. with the following letter:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Here is a donation from your two little friends who visited your Homes in October. Many a one has heard from them of that day on which they saw the lovely sight. The Queen lost much by being so near lately and yet not seeing what we saw. A. and W. kept their earnings and savings in '88 a secret from us, and on New Year's Day presented their father and me with "12s. to send to Mr. Quarrier." Here it is, in the two lesser orders. They each had 10s. given them on New Year's Day to give to any object they liked, and again your Homes were chosen. So enclosed you will find also the order for 20s. Wishing you and your dear wife and large family a happy and blessed new year.

We have had a very busy afternoon at the City Home in dealing with many needy ones that sought our help, and seven have been added to our gathered-in flock—three of one family, 12, 10 and 9 years, whose father died in April of last year, and the mother has been struggling on since trying to keep them as best she could. The Parochial Board has paid schooling but refuse outside help, as they do not belong to Glasgow. The boys are getting beyond control and the poor mother is thankful to have them placed under our care; a girl of 13 from Alloa, sister to one we helped before; one of 16 in danger of going wrong; a boy of 14 who was brought up and kept by some woman till her death last year; since then he has been with grand-parents, but the grandfather being old and frail they cannot keep him longer; and a little homeless boy of 7.

Jan. 23.—The kind remembrance of friends who from year to year help the work is a great source of encouragement to us. One in Shetland writes:—

DEAR SIR,—My good wife and I have pleasure in sending you the enclosed £1 note to assist you in carrying forward the good works in which you are engaged (Gal. ii. 10). Our earnest desire is that you may be abundantly helped (Ps. xx. 2), in all your endeavours to relieve and benefit the poor; and that in regard to the buildings you still propose to erect you may receive ample support (Ps. xx. 4). Would you kindly send me a few, say six, copies of your last report and I would endeavour to distribute them or lend them out where they might be read to advantage? I gave the last one to a neighbouring teacher.

One in Dumbarton sends £20; another in Largs, £2; and a kind helper in Fraserburgh, a barrel of fish, a very acceptable gift for our family. 6s. from "Bertie and Sissie's savings box," Berwick-on-Tweed; 10s. from Perth; £1 from Portobello; £1 12s. 6d. from Blantyre, Fraserburgh, and Glasgow; and a parcel of clothing from Sabbath school children in Bridge-of-Allan are our other gifts to-day. Four needy ones were added to our number,

and a little girl of 9 gathered home. Never strong since she came to us with two brothers and a sister 18 months ago, she is now free from pain and sickness, and with the Saviour whom she learned to love while in the Homes. Her sister Nellie was taken away before her, in September last, so now they are together with the Lord.

Jan. 29.—A new donor in Peebles writes:—

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed find cheque for £2 2s. towards the funds of your Institution. I will be glad to have some particulars of your great work, such as the yearly cost of maintaining one child, etc., as I may possibly be able to do more on another occasion. Dr. Barnardo brings forcibly before his well-wishers that £16 a year maintains one child, and I cannot help thinking that many stretch a point when they know this.

We are always pleased to send friends our Report, or any other information they may wish to have regarding the work. £12 is the cost for maintenance of a child in our Homes for a year, and £10 for outfit and passage of one to Canada, and we are very glad to have the fellowship of any who may desire to help us in these ways. Another new donor in Dollar writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Enclosed is an order for £1 14s. 6d., which I collected from a few friends. I have never subscribed to your noble work of "rescuing the perishing," but if spared (D.V.), I intend giving a little every year. God bless you, and supply all your needs. In some way or other the Lord will provide. His promises are all sure. You can use the money as you think best.

And an old friend in Edinburgh, who has often helped in the past, sends £12 "to keep an orphan for a year, praying that the Lord will continue to bless you in your work of faith, and labour of love."

Jan. 30.—Only £8 have come; still we are not in want, and have sufficient on hand to close this month's accounts, owing no man anything. Another little lamb, our "wee Jennie," has been safely housed in the heavenly home today. She was a delicate plant when we took her in eight months ago, and we feared she would not be long with us; however, the kind and watchful care she received in our "Bethesda" did much to prolong the little spark of life. Now she has been transplanted to the better home above.

Feb. 2.—From Edinburgh, Renfrew, Greenock, Kirkcaldy, Dundee, Milnathort, Lesmahagow, Langholm, and Bridge-of-Weir, £16 13s. 4d. have come, about half a day's supply; also a waggon of dross and some clothing from friends in Glasgow, Gourrock, Langholm, and Dundee; 6 pairs of stockings from the latter place, being the last work on earth of a dear aged helper there.

Feb. 4.—To-day, five boys, all orphans, have been added to our number—three, 10, 7, and 6 years of one family, from Falkirk, whose mother died in Edinburgh two years ago this month. The father, a scene-painter, went to Falkirk with a travelling show, took ill, had to be put in poorhouse along with his five children, and died there last month. An aunt has taken a girl of 12 and a boy of 4, leaving nothing but the poorhouse for the other three had we not received them; a boy of 9, whose mother died when he was only 8 months old, and his father, a rigger, was drowned in 1886. A young married sister has kept him since, but she is now in the asylum, and her husband at sea, so there is no home for the little fellow, who has been sadly knocked about and much neglected; and a little boy of 5 from Paisley, whose father died in September of consumption, and mother only a few days ago of the same trouble. Before dying, she expressed a wish that he and an older brother and sister who have been in an Industrial School should be brought to us, so we hope to take the others also. Grandparents are alive, but not able to keep them.

Among other cases at the City Home, was a poor widowed mother of three children we helped some years ago. Two girls are now in Canada and doing well, but the other, a boy, she took from us, thinking his paltry earnings would be a help to her. She is now sorry she did not allow him to go to Canada with his sisters, as he is getting quite beyond her control and into bad habits. How different it might have been had he got away from old associations and into a position to really help his mother! Another of our number, a little boy of 3, has been gathered home to-day. The Lord had need of him, and has taken him from the evil to come. God is speaking to us through these calls, and we pray that His voice may be heard by the dear children, in leading them to trust Him now, while it is the accepted time and the day of salvation. A friend, in sending a parcel of clothing from Alexandria, writes, "It may interest you to learn that the blue and white pair of stockings was the last work of a young girl on earth, for your orphans, finished just the week before she died." We are sure this "cup of cold water" given by a dying girl, will in no wise lose its reward. The message comes forcibly to us all "Be ye also ready," and that we should work while it is called to-day, for "the night cometh when no man can work."

Feb. 9.—The kind sympathy of friends, who, in the midst of trials that they themselves are passing through, yet remember the needs of others, is very cheering. One in Lanark, sending £3, yesterday, says: "We are sorry to be able to do so little, but our dear brother is still confined to bed (he has been now for two and-a-half years, with a severe, trying illness); still we have always proved our Father faithful to His promise, 'As thy days so shall thy strength be.' We trust Mrs. Quarrier and yourself keep well, and able for your many duties." Another in Ayrshire writes:—

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed is postal order for £1 14s., money which belonged to a dear little girl "safe folded." I know no better use it can be put to than to help some of your needy little ones. With hearty good wishes for the prosperity of your great and good work.

We are sure the Lord will bind up sorrowing hearts more firmly, when they look away from their own trials and seek to help those who are left without a friend to care for them. The following letter from Paisley touched our hearts:—

DEAR SIR,—I herewith enclose postal orders, value twenty-one shillings, as a small subscription towards your Homes at Bridge-of-Weir. I acted as guard on one of the buses which took out the Paisley Young Men's Christian Association last summer to visit your extensive Homes. I got shown through the ship and a few other places near the ship, as I with the others had to attend to the horses; but what I saw of it made me think what a work you must have in caring for all those little ones. May the Lord bless all your undertakings for the destitute and may the money come in, in answer to prayer, so as to allow you to still further extend your Homes for the poor little ones who are cared so well for by you. I may say that my visit that day to your Homes left a good impression on me. It was the first time I was inside their gates. I should like I was able to do more.

The Lord accepts our gifts "according to that a man hath," and in many cases the servant's mite is more in proportion than the merchant's thousand. An old donor in Edinburgh writes to-day:—

DEAR SIR,—I enclose £4 of which £3 are for your large family of little ones, and £1 for yourself. I have added £1 this year, because, when Dr. Barnardo was here this winter I felt considerably moved to contribute to his homes, but when I thought of our nearer home claim, I thought it better to increase my givings this year to your Homes. May the God of all grace and He who said "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, forbid them not," etc. (Mark x. 14 R. V.), greatly bless all your work,

endowing you and all your helpers with His Holy Spirit richly. You know Lam. ii. 19, how well it applies in all our great cities.

From other friends, known and unknown, we have received £21 18s. 5d., £10 of it for emigration. To-day, we took in a boy of 15 from Aberdeen, and yesterday, four needy little ones from Ayr, a boy of 12 from Alloa, and one of 9 from Glasgow were admitted, all with sad histories of want and suffering.

Feb. 13.—A friend in Glasgow who has often helped us in the past, writes:—

DEAR SIR,—I enclose £20 to take a boy and a girl to Canada, when you make your selection this spring, and also £10 for such purposes as you may require it. I am glad to see from the report that you are getting on so well in Canada, and that the wants of your large family at home are daily sustained and your heart gladdened by the support given you through the Lord, who has not failed to supply your needs.

We are hoping to send our first band of 130 boys to Canada about the middle of next month, and for the needed means to do so we look to the Lord, who in former years has supplied all that we required for this branch of the work. During the past months we have received hundreds of letters and reports from Canada telling us of the good results there, and were it not for the outlet that it affords, we fear we would need to refuse very many of the orphan little ones who seek our help. To-day alone, seven have been added to our gathered-in flock. A family of four girls, oldest 10, youngest 2, whose father, an old man, is permanently disabled through heart disease and chronic bronchitis, and can only earn at times a few coppers, selling pipe clay, etc. The mother deserted him and her little children some months ago, and has been living a life of shame and sin since. The father and children were in Poorhouse for a time, and the poor wee things, the two youngest just babies, have been sorely neglected. It is indeed sad that they should have to suffer for the parent's sin. We trust, amid happier surroundings, these little ones will grow up and forget what they have seen and felt of the sin and sorrow of this life. The others taken were a fatherless boy of 11 from Kirkcudbright, one of 15 from Musselburgh, and a young woman in need of a helping hand. Among several sums to-day, £5 came from a Sabbath school in Alloa as "the nucleus of a fund for building a Sabbath Scholars' Cottage." For many years past we have been desirous of seeing a house built by the Sabbath school children of our country at the National Homes, Bridge-of-Weir, but as yet it has not come; however, we have received the earnest, and believe the full amount will come some day. A friend in Lenzie sends us the following letter:—

MY DEAR SIR,—I have great pleasure in sending you a cheque for £5 for your Orphan Homes. It would be a great disappointment to me were I not able to contribute my mite to your noble work, and I earnestly hope that I will be able to spare you something every year. It is very refreshing to read your reports, and study the wonderful results you get in your great work of reclaiming the poor little wrecks that are deserted and left to drift into the evils and miseries that exist in all large cities. Honestly I do not know any other way I could spend £5 and get better value for the money. I wish you all prosperity in your labours, and I am sure you must often feel proud that God has singled you out and has given you the noblest work that a man can put his hand to in all this great universe.

We do oftentimes thank God for the great privilege He has conferred on us, in making us instruments in His hands of rescuing so many of the needy orphan children of our land. To Him be all the glory of the work done.

Feb. 19.—£160 from an old donor—£10 of it for our own needs, and

the rest for emigration—gladdened our hearts; and among other sums sent—in all, £27 15s. 9d.—2s. 6d. came from Whithorn, from "one who has lately lost a darling child;" 2s. for "Servants' Home," and seven pairs stockings from "a working woman," Beith; and 2s. 6d. as "a tithe." For the passages and outfits of the 130 boys we intend sending to Canada on the 15th of March, we still require about £500; but have no doubt all will be sent in good time, as in the past years of our trust in the Lord for all the needs of the Homes. We took in three girls of 11, 9, and 6, whose father died in September last through the bursting of a blood-vessel, and the mother, a very decent woman, but not strong, was turned out of her house, and has since lived with her widowed mother, who is also delicate. A working lad, brother to one already helped, was admitted to our City Home, and other needy ones got relief, advice, or words of comfort spoken to them. It requires great wisdom and patience to deal with the numerous and varied cases that come under our notice from day to day, and were it not that the Lord gives the needed grace we would often have to give up in despair. We have proved His promise true, "If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

Feb. 22.—Only £3 14s. 6d., and not much the last two days. We keep looking up, and feel sure the Lord knows our needs, and will supply. The following letters, among a number of others from Canada this month, have cheered us. The first is from one of our married girls (of whom we have now a goodly number), sent out in 1873, who has herself taken two of our little ones, and in this way seeks to shew her gratitude for what has been done for her:—

MR. AND MRS. QUARRIER,—Dear friends, I now write you a few lines to let you know we are all well, hoping you are enjoying the same blessing, and to thank you for the papers and cards you sent. Neil and Mary are doing well. Neil is going to school every day, but it is too cold for Mary to go now. I have a little girl added to my family, and we call her Celena. We have hardly any snow this winter; we had none at Christmas. The children were greatly pleased with their cards, and they thank you for them. No more at present.—Your friend,
B. P.

One of our older lads who has been studying for the ministry writes:—

DEAR FRIEND,—I would have answered your kind letter sooner but I was waiting the result of my examination which took place last Saturday. I passed my examination for the local ministry on the 2nd, and was called on to preach the following evening in the Methodist church here. I took for my text, "Thou shalt guide me" (Psalm lxxiii. 24). I also spoke for Christ yesterday from John xix. 6, "Take ye Him and crucify Him for I find no fault in Him." I am engaged at present teaching school a few miles north of here. According to the discipline of the Church it is necessary that I should go out in the work for two years, and also go two years to college before being ordained. It is likely I will be brought out in June next as a young man, but my difficulties, if I am called out, will be increased by the demand for a horse, but my whole trust and confidence is in the One whom I delight to serve; therefore if He calls me to His work He will find me the necessary weapons. Thanking you for your kindness and wishing you all the blessings that nature and grace can bestow,—I remain, yours in Christ,
G. E. R.

And another boy sent out 5 years ago sends us the following:—

DEAR FRIEND,—I hope these few lines will find you as well as they leave me. I ain't going to make any excuses for not writing you, Mr. Quarrier, because I have none to make, and it is nothing but downright carelessness when the most of us don't write. I am ashamed of myself for not writing oftener to the dearest friend I have in this world, but I intend in the future to write oftener than I have done. I am getting along, Mr. Quarrier, just like a house on fire. I have learned a trade, and next summer I will make my 30 dollars a month for six months. It is cheese making, and it only lasts six months, but I can handle an axe in winter time. I wouldn't be afraid to chop with any man in Canada; of course I ain't got the audacity to say I

could beat him. I was just about four months at it last summer, and I got along so well my employer has given me full charge this coming summer, so I didn't do so bad for a greenhorn. I have plenty of good friends around me here, and I am always made welcome wherever I go, and you know that cheers a fellow up, and I am just as happy as if I was Lord Mayor of London. Dear sir, I am going to ask a favour of you; you mustn't think it is on that account I write. Would you please send me one of my pictures. It was Mr. Kelly that took a few of us boys to Sauchiehall Street to a studio. I felt just as if I was going to see the Queen that day. There was a boy named Robert P. stood with me; or, if you can't send that, please send the group that was taken on board before we left, 1884, you know. I was amongst them. I am not near a studio here, Mr. Quarrier, or else I would send you mine, but I will at the first opportunity. I have made the acquaintance of Rev. Mr. MacGillivray, and he is such a nice fatherly gentleman. He was our preacher once, but was sent to Brockville; he will preach to us to-morrow. I heard you were very near me last summer, Mr. Quarrier. How I would like to have seen you! I was about seven miles from you, and if I had known you were going to be there, I would have run all the way. Well, dear friend, I must close my letter now, as I have not much more to say, but you may be sure I will answer every welcome letter you send me. May God bless and prosper you in your good cause. Canada for ever! We are the boys for Canada! These are Cessnock epitaphs. There are quite a few boys around here. I know a lot of boys and girls from your blessed Homes. Give my best wishes to dear Mrs. Quarrier and all friends. Good-bye.—I remain, gratefully yours,

R. M.

Feb. 23.—£100 to take 10 boys to Canada from a friend in Glasgow, and £3 ls. 4d. from others, £1 of it "found money," cheered us to-day.

Feb. 27.—From Falkirk, Dunning, Ballinluig, Helensburgh, Lenzie, Bonhill, Greenock, Lockerbie, Paisley, Uddingston, and Glasgow, £30 13s. 9d., have come, £25 of it for emigration, and 2s. 6d. from Greenock for the "Servants' Cottage." A friend in Campbeltown writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I beg to enclose postal order for 2s. 6d. as a small contribution to aid you in your noble work, wishing that it was very much more; but as trade is very dull and I have a large family, I have as much as I can do to make ends meet. I am very much interested in the reports of your work, especially as I am living on the same principle as yourself of trusting in the Lord to supply all my need. Your reports have been the means of cheering me and strengthening my faith very much. Your work is the clearest practical proof of the truth of the promises. Wishing you all blessing and prosperity.

March 4.—The following letter from Kilmarnock led us anew to praise God for the fellowship of His servant:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—It is now eight years since I started to give a little to your orphan boys and girls, and I may say that there is no money that I give to the Lord's work that has left me with such a feeling of satisfaction as the money sent to you. I have all along had the desire to send as much as will clear the expense of one of the boys out to Canada, and the time has now come when I can do this, out of the abundance that the Lord has blessed me with, and I have now pleasure in sending you cheque for £10, as a thankoffering to the Lord for all the way He has led me during those eight years. I think it is £10 which clears the expense of one; but if not, kindly let me know, and I will remit the rest. With thanks unto our God, who has permitted me to help you in your noble work.

The Lord is debtor to no man, and what we give to Him, He repays in the "good measure, pressed down and shaken together." Among other sums, in all £31 4s. (£20 3s. of it for emigration), 10s. from "A Home Girl in gratitude for what has been done for her," specially cheered us. A kind friend who from the first year (when we only required 36) has given a Bible for each boy and girl going to Canada, sent 250 to-day, the number we will need for this year's parties. Another donor supplies a copy of the Pilgrim's Progress for each child, and for these as well as all other practical expressions of interest in the work, we do bless God.

March 7.—£20 yesterday and £30 to-day have come for our emigration work. We still require about £50 before the 15th, the day of sailing, but

believe we will have no lack. A few days ago, a friend in Edinburgh brought a most interesting case before our notice, and we have had the privilege of helping the poor mother by taking four of her little ones in to-day. The facts are these:—The father, who was a drunkard, died about nine months ago of brain fever, and left his wife with six children in the utmost wretchedness and poverty. Since then, the widow has had no parish allowance, and her main support has been the earnings of her boy on the streets, selling laces, matches, etc. His gains per day by his own account were over a shilling; he boasts of 1s. 9d. as a "grand" day. When asked if he always made the shilling he said, "I maun do that; that's just the lodgings." This lodging consisted of a room with two beds, one of which was occupied by five of this family, and the other by a drunken woman, who, only yesterday, pawned a pair of blankets given by some benevolent person, and is drinking the proceeds rapidly. Each of these beds was let at 8d. a night, and the eldest boy slept with a lad down stairs, for which accommodation he paid 4d. per night, so that the few pence over the shilling was all that was available for food, firing, etc. The second eldest boy was taken up a week ago for begging, and admitted to an Industrial School. The other members of the family are a girl of 15, helped by a friend to Nova Scotia, where she is getting on well; twins 5, a boy 3, and a baby 15 months old. The poor woman seemed grateful that we should take the three little ones to provide for, but the bread-winner going, did not seem so palatable. Poor boy! he was the most urgent of all, as there was nothing of the boy about him. He stared and then smiled when we spoke of our boys playing football and cricket. She would have parted with baby much more readily. Her selfishness pained us, along with the intense feeling we had at the necessity of parting with her dear little children. We have the four children now with us at Bridge-of-Weir, and we trust a bright future is before them, and that Johnny will soon be able to do much better for his mother to whom he is warmly attached. We have received a number of letters from our sailor lads, telling us of their experiences on the mighty deep. Two reached us to-day from Melbourne, one of which we give:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I was very glad to get your letter when we arrived here and to hear that you are all well. We arrived on the 26th of January after a fine passage of 86 days. I am quite well and like the sea and the ship too. I was sick the first few days after leaving, but afterwards I never felt any sickness. I can go aloft with the men and make the sails fast. I am glad to hear that you had a nice time at Christmas and New-Year. We had a holiday and enjoyed ourselves the best way we could off the Cape of Good Hope. I thank you for being so kind to us and all the boys in the *James Arthur*. Our clothes are nice and warm and the mate makes us take good care of them. We are not alongside the wharf yet, so I don't know anything about Melbourne, only it looks to be a large place. There are over 100 ships in the bay, so we don't know when our turn will come. You need not be afraid of me running away; I am trying to do what is right to every body so that I can look you in the face when I come back. The captain and officers are very kind to us. Remember me kindly to Mrs. Quarrier and the captain and Mrs. Blanche and all the boys in the brig.—I am, yours respectfully,

J. D.

March 9.—£36 to-day and £12 yesterday for emigration make up the needed amount for the sending forth of our boys' band. "Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, and forget not all His benefits!" is the language of our hearts.

March 12.—The past few days have been very busy ones in making final preparations for the outgoing band, in dealing with the needy ones at the City Home, and in trying to settle the claims of unreasonable relatives, who do not do anything for the children when they are in the mire, but now

object to our efforts to raise them into better positions in the social scale. Amid the difficulties many gifts and kind words of cheer have strengthened us. A friend in Guthrie, sending 10s., says: "Thanks for Occasional Paper and for inserting the very interesting letters from the children. I pray that your hands may be upheld and your heart strengthened according to your need. Certainly the resources of the 'Wonderful' are sufficient, as you have so often proved." Another in Lerwick writes:—

DEAR SIR,—My wife and I think it to be our duty to send you the enclosed one pound note to assist you in sending the poor children to Canada, which your Occasional Paper tells us you intend to do this week; however you may use it for any purpose you think proper. The blessed Lord said, "Lovest thou Me more than these." He saith unto him, "Feed My Lambs." I am very glad to hear that you contemplate assisting to send missionaries to the heathen. It is very pleasant to read of one of your lads wishing to devote himself to that work; I take it to be the result of the teaching they have received in the Homes. I think we cannot be sincerely praying the Lord to send forth labourers unless we also endeavour to forward that object by our teaching and our contributions.

And from Irvine and Glasgow come the following:—

MY DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—With great pleasure I enclose postal order in your favour for 10s. as a small donation towards the maintenance of the Lord's family under your charge, with the earnest prayer of the donors that the boys and girls may early know Jesus. May the richest blessing of our Heavenly Father rest upon you and yours and all who are privileged to engage in this noble work. What a pleasure and joy it is to work for God!

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—The purport of this note is to say we got home all safe on Saturday and enjoyed the visit very much to the Homes. I shall ever commend them to the Christian liberality of all my friends. I enclose one pound as my mite to help you in your blessed work. May our Heavenly Father lay liberally to your hands, and encourage and strengthen you still to go forward and be a greater blessing, and may His richest blessing go before the 130 boys that are leaving our shores on Friday.

£1 from Stromeferry, "wishing it were a hundred times more," and the words, "The Lord shall provide;" 4s., "pennies from children" in Stranraer; and 5s., "six children's gatherings," Edinburgh, were among to-day's numerous gifts.

March 14.—A special farewell meeting, to commend the outgoing party and those in charge to the care of our Heavenly Father, was held in the church at the Bridge-of-Weir Homes, at 3 o'clock. We hoped to have had the meeting in the Christian Institute, Glasgow, to-morrow, the day of sailing, but as the ship is to leave Mavisbank Quay at 9.30 A.M. we could not get the children up to the city in time to carry through the meeting before that hour, so just resolved to have it at Bridge-of-Weir. The day will ever be a memorable one to us in the large numbers, who, with such short notice, came to bid good-bye and God-speed to the outward bound, and our hearts are full of gratitude to the Lord for His kindness in this matter. The beautiful weather, the encouraging words spoken, and the presence of so many kind friends, greatly cheered and strengthened us. The collections, amounting to £50 12s., will be sufficient, with just a little over, to cover the expenses of the 14 brakes and machines provided, and the refreshments, etc., required; and this has been the case in all the special gatherings held at the Homes in the past. The following account of the service, which appeared in the *North British Daily Mail* of the 15th inst. will, we are sure, be read with interest by friends not able to be present with us:—

Hitherto, when about to send away a band of his young folks to Canada, Mr. Quarrier has invited friends of the Homes to a farewell meeting with the children,

either at James Morrison Street or in the Christian Institute. It was, therefore, something in the nature of a new departure when a special farewell meeting was held yesterday in the beautiful church amidst the Cottage Homes at Bridge-of-Weir to commend to the Divine care and protection a party of 130 boys bound for Canada. Sympathisers attended from all parts of the West of Scotland, a great many hailing from Glasgow. The weather, fortunately, was warm and dry till the proceedings were over, making the visit to the interesting colony a most enjoyable one to all concerned. At the meeting with the children in the church, which was crowded, Mr. Quarrier thanked the people for coming down to see the Homes. They would derive more instruction from the sight than he could impart by a twelvemonths' lecturing. These Homes should be visited by all Scotland, for they were standing monuments of Christian love and of that faith which hoped in God rather than in men. From first to last it had been a work of dependence upon God from day to day. In the beginning of November last, when the eighteenth year of the work began, he had in hand 11s. 4d. with which to feed 700 mouths; and yet the mouths had been filled, and £1,300 had been furnished to supply the outfit and pay the passage money of the 130 boys who were leaving this morning by the Allan Liner *Siberian* for Canada. (Applause.) He now wanted £1,200 for the girls. People might ask him where that would come from? Well, he could not tell where his meat was to come from to-morrow, but for the last eighteen years it had always come, and he believed that, before the middle of May, when 120 girls would be ready to sail, the money would be forthcoming. Those who sent him the money were just as much impelled to do so as he was to do the work. He had no control over their pockets. People said he had a wonderful method of raising money. He had no method at all, and the large gathering he addressed was to him another evidence that God ruled over the world, for he had made no great effort to bring them together on that occasion, but simply announced the meeting in the *Mail* and *Herald*, when he was forced to hold it at Bridge-of-Weir, or else to let the boys go without the usual meeting. He began the year, as he had said, with 11s. 4d., and he had something like ten days' provision on hand just now—that was about £300—and he was as happy as Queen Victoria. (Laughter.) They had great cause for thankfulness in regard to the results of the Homes. He held in his hand about 200 letters received from his children in Canada this year, and they all expressed gratitude to God for past mercies. Some of them were studying for the ministry, some were anxious for the mission field, some were going into business, and some were wanting to get married. When his boys and girls grew up to be men and women he saw no objection to their marrying and settling down comfortably. Along with the party of boys who sailed to-day he was sending out twelve family Bibles as marriage presents to certain of his girls who were settling down, and he was also sending out some tea services. (Laughter.) Mr. Quarrier went on to show the need of the work, and gave a most interesting account of the manner in which the children were dealt with on their long journey to Canada, the cordial welcome they received at the Brockville Distributing Home, and the care which was exercised in choosing suitable homes for them in the new country. Both boys and girls were watched over till they reached the age of eighteen. For the last six years he had been able to send in this way to Canada an average of 250 children per year, and hoped to be able to send some day as many as 400 a year. It would require ten additional houses to do that. People asked—Would these houses come? Yes, they were sure to come. They certainly were needed, because from all Scotland the cry came—"Cannot you help us with the orphans?" He had resolved, the Lord helping him, to try and do the poorhouse out of every child that was an orphan in Scotland. (Applause.) There were 5,000 fatherless children in the poorhouses of Scotland, and he wished to be called upon to save them from going there. (Applause.) No money was required to give a child access to his Homes, and no subscriber's line was sought. The Homes were open to receive from any part of the country any orphan child that had no one to help it. (Applause.)

The visitors who were driven to and from the station in open and close conveyances, roamed about the grounds, cottages, stores, and other buildings, manifesting the greatest interest in all that came under their observation. As usual, all were hospitably served with refreshments.

DEPARTURE OF THIS YEAR'S FIRST BAND TO CANADA.

March 15.—After many weeks of preparation the day of sailing has come, and our boys' party, numbering 129, inclusive of 20 from the Isle of Man Home, left our shores to-day for the good land of promise across the seas, in charge of Mr. Lang and Mr. Campbell (now in the Isle of Man

Home), two of our oldest helpers in the work. Our village at Bridge-of-Weir was early astir this morning, to bid farewell and give a God-speed cheer to the loved ones leaving the old homes, and we are sure that from there, many a heartfelt prayer and sincere wish for the Lord's blessing, accompany the band. We embarked on board the good ship *Siberian* at 9.30; reached Greenock at half-past 12, when Government inspection, etc., followed; and we left them about 7.30, all in good spirits at the bright prospects before them in the new country for which they are bound. The arrangements made by the Messrs. Allan for the convenience and comfort of the party, were as usual most liberal and satisfactory, and their kind attention to our children on the way, tends to make the voyage across the Atlantic as enjoyable as it is possible to be. The vacant places left by the party gone will enable us to help other needy ones, and in returning to our work of rescue, after sending forth this, our 28th band, we could not but praise our Father anew, for His great goodness in providing such an outlet as the broad fields of Canada for these little ones, for whom there is no room in this overcrowded island of ours. We hope to send a party of about 120 girls towards the middle or end of May, and for this purpose £1,200 will be required; £290, the earnest of which, we have received this week.

March 19.—£10 "saved from housekeeping" to take a girl to Canada; £4 10s. a small legacy from an old helper; £1 from New Deer; £5 16s. 6d. from Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes; and £4 15s. 3d. from Glasgow, Stirling, and Paisley make up the amount of money received to-day. 101 pairs of stockings from a kind donor in Edinburgh, who in this way assists the poor women of Harris by giving them work, and helps us also; a gold brooch and seal from another friend to be sold for the good of our little ones, and a useful parcel of clothing from young women in Stepps, were also very acceptable gifts. A helper in New Deer writes:—

MY DEAR FRIEND,—Enclosed find £1, a small donation to aid in the support of your poor children. I was glad to see the Lord was still using and blessing you in your noble work. I was much interested in your children's letters from Canada and I often trace you in visiting them, as I know a great many of the places there. It is a grand thing to have such a field to distribute your children to, after educating them. May the Lord our God still bless and prosper you for His own name's sake.

And one in Macduff sending 9s. says:—

DEAR SIR,—Will you please accept the enclosed small sum as an offering from my Sabbath school class for the little ones. We feel deeply interested in your noble work, and this class has been expressing a desire for some time, to send a small token of their love and esteem for the work in which you are engaged. They are nearly all grown up girls.

Another sends 5s. and says: "May God increasingly prosper the work as it is His own. His faithfulness to His promises in your case, cheers and strengthens many of His other children when they remember that 'the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him,' for in this also He is 'no respecter of persons.'"

March 21.—Among other cases at the City Home to-day, were the following:—A boy of 14 brought by a detective from Paisley Police Court, having been found sleeping out under boilers, in closes, etc., and begging; another from East-end Police Office, Glasgow, who was trained in an industrial school; now he is known for his evil ways by all the constables around the district; and yet another from the Central Police Office. We have taken two of them in, and arranged to admit the other also. We hope we may be able to help them to a better life, but with bad habits formed, as they have, it will be no easy task; only the grace of

God can work the change in their hearts and lives. How much better it is when we get the children young, and before evil associations exercise their power over them. A little girl from our number was adopted into a good home, and another party called wanting one. £7 18s. 3d., some bread from a friend who often remembers our needs in this way, and two parcels clothing, etc., are all that have come to-day. A kind donor in Aberdeen, who frequently ministers to our own necessities, sends 4s. 6d. and writes: "Please accept of enclosed for self. I got your last report, for which I thank you. The letters are very telling. May our God add to your usefulness in the field of the distressed, and may He soon come whose right it is to reign."

March 26.—Heard this afternoon of the safe arrival of our boys' party at Halifax, after a splendid passage, for which we do praise God. "A working man," Govanhill, sends 5s.; an anonymous friend, Airdrie, £2; "A poor old shore labourer," Aberdeen, 5s.; and from Bothwell, Stirling, Dollar, Alloa, Paisley, Glasgow, and Cardiff, £28 3s. 3d. have come, making sufficient for the day's needs.

March 27.—One of our *James Arthur* lads went forth to sea to-day. Many prayers follow him, and we trust he will be enabled to shine for Jesus among all he comes in contact with. £100 from a new donor in Paisley; £25 for emigration, from an unknown friend who has sent the same amount for several years past, with some smaller sums, were most acceptable gifts. A friend in Glasgow, sending £1, says: "I am deeply interested in everything connected with your work. I wish I were able to come and see your homes at Bridge-of-Weir, but it is otherwise appointed for me. I have not been out for many months, and write this in bed. With every good wish." May this dear friend, amid the trials of the way, realize the support and comfort of Him who has said "My grace is sufficient for thee; for My strength is made perfect in weakness." The following letter from Chryston greatly touched our hearts, and we do pray that the dear little helper who has so early begun to minister to the needy, may, as years go past, more and more realise the blessedness of those who give to, and serve the Lord. Truly, "Of such is the kingdom of Heaven":—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I am a little boy just seven next Monday. I am going to send all the money I have gathered in my little bank—just 10s.—for you to buy some nice rolls for your little boys' breakfasts. I hope they will all turn out good boys and give their hearts to Jesus. I am going to give Jesus mine. With love to all the boys and girls. I am going to come some day and see them all. ANDREW S. F.

March 31.—Among many letters received from Canada during the past month, we give the following:—

DEAR PA AND MA QUARRIER,—I have put off writing to you from time to time, but now I must write and thank you very heartily for the books and papers and card you sent me. I am so happy to think I am still remembered in the Homes. I have a writing desk in which I keep my papers and books, and oftentimes look over them with much pleasure. It is cheering to read of the good work and care for God's neglected children, and my prayer is, dear Mr. Quarrier, that God will enable you to carry on the good work. I have a good home, many dear friends, and attend Sunday school and church every Sunday, and take a great interest in them both. I am going on my fourth year in this place, and expect to be in it until I am 21. In August I will be 16, if I live, and little Jimmie will be 9 in September, if he live. Dear Mr. Quarrier, I suppose your daughter Miss Agnes told you that he left this home and has gone to another. I am so glad to think she is the one that has care over the new Home you have had made by God's help, and I hope it will be a grand success. I am in the fourth book now and getting on well with my education. I hope the children are all well and are doing good and trying to improve every day. I would like to have yours and Mrs. Quarrier's and Miss Mary's photos.—From your sincere friend,
MAGGIE M.

DEAR MR. AND MRS. QUARRIER, and all connected with the Homes,—I now take the opportunity of writing you these few lines to let you know I am well. I hope you will excuse me for not writing before, but I am not much of a hand to write. I intended to write as soon as I got back, but I kept putting it off till now. I got reading some little books that were sent me from Brockville Home. I never knew the Homes were so much changed till I got my Christmas papers; it almost made me cry to think of the good old times I used to have there. I would like to come and make a longer visit than I did before. I would like to hear the chiming bells very much, and see the boys act "man overboard" again. If God spares me a few years longer I intend to come over and see you all. I feel that I owe you a great deal for what you have done for me. It just seems like a paradise to be at the Bridge-of-Weir Homes; it seems as though I belong there yet. I would like to have a photograph of the ship. I suppose Captain Blanche is still there yet; he was a nice friendly man to what some captains are. I hope Mr. and Mrs. Halliwell are well; give them my best respects. I am ashamed I have not written to them before; they were always a father and mother to me. Give Mr. and Mrs. Patterson my respects, and Mr. and Mrs. Lang, and to Mr. Baker (as I do not know his other name), and Mr. and Mrs. M'Connell, and to Mr. Frank. I have had better health this last year than I have had for some time. We have had a very nice winter till a very short time ago, but now it is quite wintry; the snow is about 24 inches deep, the ice about two feet and a half thick. Crops were very poor last summer here; we had very little rain; but by all appearances they will be better another year. Write soon. I now close.—Ever yours,

J. S. M.

April 2.—"His steward," Wales, who often remembers us by his gifts and prayers, sends £3 7s. 3d., and friends in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Carfin, Irvine, Linlithgow, Bowling, Haddington, Peterculter, and Saltcoats, £35 4s. 4d.—£25 of it for emigration. Another of our sailor lads left us for sea, fully equipped with a good outfit and we believe, also, having Christ in his heart, the hope of glory. Four children were added to our number to-day, and five yesterday; and many others are seeking our help. The following are a few facts of the histories of those received:—Three of a family, two of which we have already in the Homes. Their mother died some years ago, and the father is an old paralytic man and now in Poorhouse hospital. A grandmother, who tried to keep things together, is old and frail, and has been turned out of house and home, so that there is no place but the Poorhouse left for the poor little things who have been sorely neglected. We delayed taking these children when asked before, thinking the father might get better and be able to keep them, but now there seems no hope of his recovery. Another family of three, 11, 8, and 6 years, whose father was killed by an accident in '86. Mother, at his death, was left with a little money, and has struggled on as best she could, but feels the burden too heavy, and has had to succumb. She will try and take a situation, now that her little ones are provided with a home. A motherless girl of 7, adopted by an aunt who is not able to keep her longer; a young woman of 17 in need of a home and a helping hand; and a lad of 16 from Edinburgh, were the others we were privileged to receive. Among those applying was a poor widow woman in delicate health with a boy of 9, who has been getting into very bad habits. The father died in the asylum about six weeks ago leaving three children, one of them an invalid boy of 6. The poor woman was in such straits that she had to borrow a shawl to come and see us. We hope to help this needy one also. Another very sad case was that of a hawker woman with a little child of 8, whom she drags about with her, the rags on both of them hardly worth a sixpence. The mother is not willing to give her up to be cared for, although we said what we could to make her understand she was not only doing wrong herself, but sinning against the poor child. How many

such there are in this sin-benighted world of ours, and what a blessed privilege it is to be allowed to rescue even a few out of the number!

April 5.—£100 for emigration yesterday, from an old donor, Glasgow, who usually gives at the close of the year, but has sent this now; and £35 from Carnforth and Edinburgh for the same purpose greatly cheered us. To-day, £11 9s. 4d. from a friend in Gorebridge, £2 from Aberystwyth, £1 and 3s for our own needs from an old helper, Crieff, and £11 0s. 9d. from Glasgow, Paisley, Edinburgh, and Aberdeen have come, also some useful clothing from Girls' Friendly Society, Innerleithen, and two firkins butter from Wales.

April 8.—Yesterday, at our Sabbath services in the Bridge-of-Weir Homes, the children and friends collected £6 18s. 3½d., to be sent towards the relief of the famine in China. We had not arranged about it beforehand, and were greatly cheered with the result. Many of the little ones gave their all, one girl, even a threepenny piece with a hole in it, which she had got as a keepsake from her mother. We feel sure they will in no wise lose their reward. The following letter from Gray was very encouraging to us to-day, and shows in how many ways the Lord's people are led to minister to His needy little ones. He who took notice of the widow's mite will not forget the work of faith and labour of love, even if it be only "a cup of cold water," of any of His children:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Enclosed please find postal orders for 8s. 6d. We were glad to see about your boys going away, and trust the Lord will provide you in His usual way for the girls you intend sending out in May. We hope you will yet be successful in your aim to relieve all the poorhouses of Scotland with the poor orphans. "As thy days so shall thy strength be." We hope you and your self-denying workers will continue looking to the Father of the fatherless for support in the future, as you have been enabled to do in the past, and He will supply all your wants. Your narrative of facts is exceedingly interesting. We loaned out your last one to other individuals, with the hope that by it they would be led to take an interest in this work; of course they were working people, but shillings are made up of pence and pounds by shillings. We are looking forward to the time when in our Band of Hope a box will be introduced to enable the children to take an interest in it. We intend to bring it up at a committee meeting; we suppose you will not refuse money given in this way if the children should come forward with their pennies and half-pence. Hoping the Lord will long spare you to act as His instrument in taking care of the little orphans. We remember you in our prayers.

A friend in Lochgelly sends £5, "half portion of a debt not expected to be repaid," and says: "I think the Lord has sent it to me for His work, and yours is a deeply interesting part of that work. May you prosper more and more in all your undertakings for the rescue of His little ones, and the blessing of him that is ready to perish come upon you a thousandfold." Three fatherless children from Dunfermline were admitted to-day. A friend called last week to ask if we could take them. The mother, a decent Christian woman, is dying of consumption, and there are no friends able to keep the children. Another similar case brought under our notice is that of a poor dying widow in Govanhill, with three boys whom we have agreed to receive. A minister, in writing about the case, says, "I have explained to the mother your conditions upon which you receive children into your Homes, and these she is quite ready to comply with. I am sorry to say she is utterly unable to come and see you with reference to her boys. For some months she has been confined to her bed and I fear she will never rise from that bed. The doctor has told her he can hold out no hope. In these circumstances will you kindly let me know what to do? Will you send any person to her house to make the needful enquiries and sign the required paper? Many thanks for agreeing to receive the boys into your

Home. They are in a sense already orphans, and their mother feels that she can die in peace with them under your care." We sent some one to see the mother, and found she was alone with the children, a neighbour going in and out to do little things for her. What a privilege to be able to provide a home for these needy orphans and so soothe the dying pillow of the Christian mothers!

April 12.—£100 from a dear aged friend in the east of Scotland gladdened our hearts, and is almost a year's provision for the 10 children we took in to-day—three of them from the East, five from Johnstone, and two from Glasgow. £50 from a Scotch friend in London for emigration; £10, "a family offering" from Tillicoultry, for the same purpose; £2 from Uddingston from one who says: "In remembrance of my dear father's 'going home,' this day last year, I send you £2 for use in your work among the little ones, he was so truly interested in. The last use of his pen was signing the cheque to you;" 15s., "proceeds of small drawing-room concert held by some little girls," Perth, and £18 3s. 6½d. from other quarters, have also cheered us to-day. A friend writes:—

DEAR SIR.—Some little girls in Alyth who have received blessing, were much impressed with the fact that many boys and girls both at home and abroad, were destitute of the many blessings and privileges they enjoy, and being desirous to do something to help those not so highly favoured as themselves, they held a sale of work. In their name I have much pleasure in enclosing P.O.O., for £5 (being part proceeds of sale) in aid of your Orphan Homes, trusting their little gift will be a means of helping in some small measure, such a noble work.

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord," and anything done or given to Him never makes us poorer. It is the laying up of treasure in heaven which we will find at last when all the treasures of earth have rusted away. We pray that these little ministering ones, and all like them, may have the Lord's exceeding abundant blessing in their own hearts and lives.

April 16.—We felt much encouraged by the following letter from Londonderry, proving to us anew that the work is the Lord's, and "in some way or other" He will provide for all our needs:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—On last Saturday I received by post, from a lady friend in Glasgow, an account of your great work. I tell you I'm astonished past measure. There is nothing too hard for the Lord—wonderful faith. May He always strengthen your heart and hands, and be at all times sufficient for you in every emergency. After getting into bed, I could not sleep for thinking about all I had read, especially the clock and bells. What a lesson to weak believers! "Only trust Him." As I lay awake I said—Lord, I must help Thy servant. What will I send? And the answer came in a moment—Send a good sack of oatmeal; it will be acceptable. I sent it on by to-day's boat to your address, Bridge-of-Weir. I know you believe in the old adage as well as myself—every little helps. With best wishes in Him.

£10 for emigration from an unknown donor; 2s. 6d., "Maggie Jane's spare pennies;" 15s., "first-fruits as organist;" £1 5s. and parcel of clothing from a "praise meeting" in Yetholm; and 200 articles from our old workers in Aberdeen, were among gifts sent to-day. A friend in Glasgow writes:—

Having decided to no longer adorn my person with a gold albert or other chain, I send you my albert for the Lord's work with the children. You may get some Christian friend in that line of business to give you more for it than I could get. It cost me about £4 5s. a few years ago. The Lord prosper your work.

May the Lord recompense the work of each dear helper. Two more boys went forth to sea from our training ship on land at Bridge-of-Weir. We follow them with our prayers asking God to make them true

missionary seamen, which is our desire for all who go out from our good ship the *James Arthur*.

April 18.—"Two happy friends, with the hope that the enclosed may help to make others happy," send £100. Two donors in Glasgow £40 for emigration, and £10 for our own use, and others in Glasgow, Kilmarnock, Uddingston, and Edinburgh, £6 5s. For the passages and outfits of our girls' party which we intend sending to Canada on the 30th of next month, we still require about £350, but this also, we are sure the Lord will provide.

April 24.—An anonymous friend in Greenock who signs himself "Sagittarius," sends £40, asking us to take £10 of it for our own requirements. We would like to thank this unknown one and many others like him who give in this way, but feel sure our Father who seeth in secret, will reward openly. £20 for emigration from friends in Edinburgh and Hamilton; £3 "proceeds of a little work-party of young people," Meigle; and £2 18s. in smaller sums, also reached us to-day.

April 30.—£50 from an old donor; £10 from a new one for emigration, and £28 7s. 6d. from various sources were most acceptable gifts, as there has been little sent for some days past. A friend writes:—

DEAR SIR,—My daughter desires me to intimate to you that yesterday she expects a parcel of clothing for the Homes to have been sent off, amounting to about 111 articles; also £1 3s. 6d., she will send one of these days when she feels herself able, and another small parcel of clothing about 20 articles, also £5 17s. 6d., all collected from friends in Walkerburn, Innerleithen, and neighbourhood. As formerly, the clothing has mostly been contributed by working people, also part of the money.

During the past month we have taken in 51 children, all with sad stories of misery, want, and suffering. We are straitened for accommodation, and keep looking to the Lord to send us more houses, and specially do we feel the need of an Invalid Home for boys, where older consumptive and delicate ones among our number could be housed and cared for. We have our Bethesda for girls and little boys, and would much like to have one for the older lads. The Lord knows the need, and will, we believe, supply it through some of His stewards who delight to honour Him with their substance.

May 3.—£86 1s. 9d. yesterday, cheered us; to-day, only £14 1s. 5d. have come; £2 from Broughty Ferry with the following touching letter:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Please accept for one of your sailors the suit, for a short time worn by one dear who has entered the "Harbour." Also the enclosed for the purchase of Bibles with leaflet attached, or anything you think necessary for your sailor lads, with the prayer that the Lord may early open their hearts to His love and give you the joy of knowing that your labour for them also, has not been in vain in the Lord. "We only give Thee what is Thine." From the testimony of other apprentices on board his vessel we learned, with gratitude to God, that our young sailor had openly and regularly read his Bible, keeping it on a little shelf above his berth. Kindly communicate this fact to your boys, with the earnest wish that they may use their Bibles as the guide of their life, with even greater care than the compass to guide their vessel.

A friend, Pitlochry, sends 2s. 6d. for "higher educational purposes" in Canada. This, with £2 from Torrington, recently, is the earnest of £1,000—we are desirous of having as a fund for the assisting of any of our older boys in Canada, who are desirous of entering the ministry, mission, and educational work. The help would be given on the condition that it should be repaid, if those benefited were able by-and-bye to do so. We leave the matter with the Lord to decide as to what should be done.

May 6.—We had a very busy time this afternoon dealing with the needy

ones at City Home, and seven children have been added to our number. Three of 10, 8, and 6 whose father, ailing for 10 years, died four months ago. The poor mother has for many years been the bread-winner of the family, going about with basket selling smallware. She has struggled on bravely with the three children, but now with another little one coming she has had to succumb. They have been turned out of their house, and the few things they had, sold to pay the rent, and for the last three nights have been sleeping in the Night Asylum. Poor body! she said she had tried to do her best to care for her little ones, and we are sure she did. We were very glad to be able to help her by taking the 3 children, and trust she will get through with the rest of her burden. The others received, were a boy of 9 whose father, belonging to Bridge-of-Weir, died of consumption 9 months ago. He was ill two years, and mother had to go out to work, so the boy was left to himself, and has consequently got into bad ways; and three others of 11, 9, and 5, whose mother has two younger to keep. £15 4s. 9d., two patch-work quilts and some stockings have come to-day.

May 8.—Among other gifts yesterday, were £3 from Dunoon, "saved from tobacco to buy oatmeal;" a carved Indian writing desk from "a widow well up in years, who has no money to spare"; £2 "of Thine own"; 5s. for "Fairknowe"; £2 "a birthday present" from an aged friend, Perth, who has entered his 88th year; £30 from Stornoway for emigration; and £20 from Toward with the following letter:—

MY DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—My precious husband will enter his 65th year to-morrow, and as a thankoffering to God for honouring me with such a crown, I enclose a cheque for £20, to send two boys out to America, and may God bless the lads and write His own great name upon their hearts every to-morrow.

To-day a legacy of £200, less duty £20, was a most acceptable gift. A kind helper in Edinburgh sending a parcel of clothing to help our girls' outfits, writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I wish I had ten times as much to offer in aid of your blessed work. Perhaps you may have a little anxiety at times when a very needy season draws nigh, so I often ask that you may be kept from anxiety, and that your work may never come between you and Jesus, but that always it may be Jesus first. You require to be refreshed by some quiet communion with His own self, even in earing time and harvest.

We do daily feel the need of communion with the Master, and that before watering others, we need to be watered ourselves.

May 11.—Only £5 6s. 3d. and some clothing from Alva. We look up for what is still required.

May 14.—£50 yesterday from Castle Douglas "in memory of a father," and £100 to-day from Edinburgh for emigration, also a legacy of £100 for our building fund, were most welcome gifts. 10s., "a small birthday thankoffering to God," from Aberdeen; 30s. from British Columbia; £1 3s. and some articles clothing from friends in Yetholm, with kind words of sympathy, also cheered us. An old worker in Laurencekirk sending 19s. 6d. says, "I ought to have written you ere this time, to let you know the impression my visit to the Homes had on me. I think the Queen of Sheba was not more struck by the wisdom and greatness of Solomon than I was when I came in full view, and more so when I came amongst them. One could just exclaim, 'What hath God wrought!' And still the work goes on and increases. May our heavenly Father ever be near to strengthen you, and give you direction in your work. The promise still is, 'I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.'" Last week one of our older lads in the City Home died of consumption, and to-day, one at the Bridge-of-Weir

Homes has been called away. We are much feeling the need of an Invalid's Home where such could be cared for, and trust it may be laid on the hearts of some of the Lord's children who have the means, to send it soon.

May 15.—A legacy of £400, less duty, £40, is most acceptable for our Building Fund at Bridge-of-Weir Homes, for which we are requiring much for extensions, road-making, etc. £10 to take a girl to Canada, and £11 3s. 2½d. for daily bread have come.

May 17.—£22 19s. 6d., from various friends—£10 of it from Greenock as "a thankoffering for the Lord's goodness to me during 25 years in business;" £5 from Grangemouth, "in memory of little Alick;" 10s. from "Margaret, with loving sympathy and in memory of a dear old relative;" and 5s. from a few cousins, Paisley and Canada," have reached us. A useful parcel of clothing also came from young friends in Glasgow, who gather one evening a week after their day's work is over, to sew for our little ones, providing their own material and otherwise helping. A friend in Dunfermline, from where we took three children recently, writes:—

DEAR SIR,—Referring to the three children of this town, which you kindly took in charge and looked after in your Orphan Homes, some weeks ago, I have now to intimate the sad news that their mother died last Friday night about 8.30 p.m., quite peacefully. She was buried this week, and a few of us saw everything carried out decently and according to her wishes. She has struggled long and latterly suffered a good deal, but she bore it all very patiently, and quietly fell asleep with calmness and resignation. Would you kindly break the news as gently as possible to her boy who has been writing to his mother occasionally. We are glad to hear that the other children are keeping well, and liking the place very well also. I enclose with pleasure a £1 note towards your noble institution. I expected I would have been able to double it; but meantime accept of this small offering as it is given with a great desire to do more, and I hope I will be able to do so by and bye, if the Lord will.

May 21.—£100 from a new donor in Ayrshire, and £10 6s. 6d. from Cupar-Fife, Hamilton, Bothwell, Rothesay, Banff, Edinburgh, Grangemouth, and Glasgow have come, £2 18s. 3d. of it (half for our own needs), from young people's sewing meeting in Glasgow. "One who is deeply interested in your work," sends £1, "from two sisters," and says: "please remember in prayer the sender, who has been, and is still, a sufferer, if it would please the Lord to restore to health and largely bless repeated illness;" and a donor in Aberdeen, 4s. for our own needs, and says: "We have been in trouble in our family, and need your prayers and sympathy. We laid the remains of our second daughter in the churchyard this day last week, aged 18 years, but she went home singing 'glory,' and we have much joy in her happy death." The Lord's ways are not as our ways, and He knows what is best for each one of His children. May these tried friends realise that His grace is sufficient, and that He doeth all things well. Four orphan children, with no one able to keep them, were taken in to-day.

May 24.—From Cardross, Bonhill, Lanark, Ayr, Walkerburn, Kirn, Weston-super-Mare, Dumbarton, Bridge-of-Allan, and Glasgow, £28 11s. 6d., a bag of flour, and some clothing have come, and four needy little ones have been taken in. Two boys of 6 and 4 from Leith, whose father, a ship carpenter, died in the hospital 10 months ago, leaving mother with seven children. One of 9, from Greenock, whose father committed suicide when insane some years ago; mother, a decent Christian woman, goes out to wash and clean, but having no friends to help her, she is not able to keep him and other two children, and a little fatherless boy of 4, who has been greatly neglected, mother having been much knocked about, and has a baby of 3 months old to keep.

May 28.—Gifts, amounting to £125 sent for emigration to-day, fully cover the amount required for our girls' band, which is to sail on the 30th. In the midst of the trials and difficulties of the past days in dealing with the relatives of the children going to Canada, etc., we have been strengthened and cheered by the kind words and practical sympathy of many friends. An old donor writes:—

DEAR Mr. QUARRIER,—I would like to send the enclosed pound as a thankoffering. If you have not received all the money required for the equipment of the little Canadian band, let it go for that purpose. I hope to get to see the children on Thursday morning; may our covenant God preserve their going out and their coming in at this time, and from this time forth and even for evermore. He who has given the work to do says, "Fear thou not for I am with thee; I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee." What repeated assurances that we may have "strong consolation." You will have had a busy and in many respects trying time since I saw you, but "thy God whom thou servest continually," is able and does, and will deliver thee.

Another in the far north:—

MY DEAR FRIEND,—Herewith find £1 for the Lord's work placed in your hands. Many of your rescued ones will in turn become fishers of men too: even now are there not some of them so engaged? When the reckoning time comes, and you and yours unitedly lay down your trophies at the blessed Master's feet, will they not prove a large host? Then fresh courage take, my brother. Draw on the infinite stores of grace in Christ. Oh, that the Lord's stewards would see the importance of the work you are permitted to carry on, and give of His in their hands, to help you to extend this work much more. How many who have money, keep it only to be in the hands of those whom their death will put in possession of it, money that will be abused and prove a curse to them who get it.

And one in Glasgow says:—"I send enclosed a cheque for £20, being £10 each, from my wife and myself—hers to pay for one of the girls' outfits, etc., of the band you are about to send to Canada, mine for the same purpose if required, or any other you deem best; neither hers nor mine, but His who gave it, whose blessing will, we trust, descend on you and your big family." 10s., "saved pennies of a few of the girls in Greenock Cottage" going to Canada, was specially cheering, and we are sure they will not be any the poorer for in this way seeking to show their gratitude for what has been done for them. To-night we held our usual parting meeting with the children in the church at the Bridge-of-Weir Homes, all having a special tea beforehand. A happy evening was spent, the outward bound as well as those who are to be left, contributing to the enjoyment by singing, recitations, etc.; and we closed with united family worship, commending one another to the loving care of our Heavenly Father. The going forth of these little ones leaves a blank in the cottages where they have been for many months, and some for years, but the thought that other needy ones are waiting to fill the vacant places, and that many kind hearts and homes are open to receive them on the other side, helps to make up for the loss.

OUR SECOND BAND OF CHILDREN TO CANADA THIS YEAR.

May 30.—To-day our girls' party, numbering 104 girls and 19 little boys (123 in all), sailed for Canada in the s.s. *Siberian*, of the Allan Line, at noon. A public farewell meeting was held in the Christian Institute at 9.30, when quite a number of friends gathered to wish the little ones God-speed. The day was fine, and we had a pleasant sail to Greenock, where we left them about 8 o'clock, feeling thankful to the Lord for all His loving-kindness to this, another rescued band. They are in charge of my daughter, Mr. Douglas (a helper for many years in the City Home), and Miss Burges. The good ship *Siberian* by which they

sail has carried several of our parties across the Atlantic, and is a great favourite with the children; Captain Moore, his officers, Mr. Stewart (the chief steward), and all on board showing great kindness to them, and doing all in their power to make the voyage a happy one, so much so, that often when we reach the other side, many of the children do not wish to leave the ship. The following account of the Farewell Meeting appeared in the *N. B. D. Mail* of 31st inst:—

A farewell meeting with 125 children, mostly girls, *en route* from the Orphan Homes of Scotland at Bridge-of-Weir, for Canada, took place yesterday in the hall of the Christian Institute. The children were seated on the platform, and their relatives and friends of the Institution in the body of the hall. After praise, prayer, and the singing of various songs, temperance and otherwise, and the giving of recitations by the children,

Mr. WM. QUARRIER said they had been engaged in the work for 25 years, and it was 18 years since they began to send children to Canada. The first band went out on the same condition as the present one—that is, payment was made for every boy and girl. In the first six years, from four to five hundred were sent; in the second six years, one thousand; and in the last six years, fifteen hundred—in all, three thousand. That number would just fill the City Hall; but three thousand more had been helped in this country, so that it would take St. Andrew's Hall to accommodate the six thousand! On the 1st November he had on hand only 11s. 4d., being the smallest sum to which they had ever been reduced. But they were, as they had always been, on the right side of the balance. They did not call upon the public to give, because forced subscriptions did not get the blessing. The money came in all right. As to the emigration work, many of the girls on the platform had brothers amongst the 130 boys despatched on the 15th March. He went upon the principle of not dividing families, and if he received five of a family from, say, Edinburgh, he never rested till he had them all together in Canada. There were 32 buildings in connection with the work, costing over £100,000. But if he had to build houses for the three thousand in Canada, he would need 150 houses. But, instead of building additional houses, they had about two thousand homes in Canada. In letters he had received from children sent out, one would say, "We have 30 cows and many horses;" another would give a smaller number, etc. He would never send children across the Atlantic if he did not think they were better situated than at Bridge-of-Weir. Why, some of the boys in Canada wrote that they went to church in a carriage and pair. Then he got a letter from one (Little Tommy) about his adopted father, who had died and left him 400 dollars. There were many such cases. Roman Catholics and others said that the children were sent to the backwoods. Well, he had gone to these backwoods and found children living in a house like a palace. Farmers there did not cut at once the wood nearest their houses, preferring to retain it for building purposes and fuel. Then his enemies said he sold the children to be slaves, and whispered such tales into the ears of mothers who wished to drag their children down to their own level. Why, they never gave a child for payment to anybody, and they would never accept any for payment, although he got hundreds of applications of the kind. Well, on the 1st November he had only 11s. 4d., although he required to fill 700 or 800 mouths. In fact he required, independent of building, £1,000 every month. When he had to send 130 children to Canada in March he required £1,300, and it came, and also the £1,200 for the girls sailing to-day. Since March they had taken over 100 more children. The Homes at the Bridge-of-Weir were filled, all the houses having 5 to 10 more than they could properly accommodate. Of the 800 in the houses, 120 left that day, leaving 680. If they went on receiving on an average two children daily, 10 more houses would be needed. Edinburgh, Dundee, Ayr, and Kilmarnock although they sent children had not built a house. Mr. Quarrier showed the contents of one of the girls' boxes, containing in all 50 articles, including five frocks, five pairs of stockings, two extra pairs of boots, a little desk with pen, ink, and paper, a Bible, five handkerchiefs, several pinafores, etc. An outfit, passage money, and surveillance for ten years cost £10 a head. His daughter wrote him that there were in Canada already 400 applications for the girls going out. No child was handed over unless the applicant presented a minister's certificate, and no one was obliged to keep a child a day.

Rev. Mr. DUNCAN, of Bridge-of-Weir, said a few words, and implored the Divine blessing on the children. They then left the Christian Institute in buses and brakes, and sailed from the harbour in the Allan Liner s.s. *Siberian* about noon.

Our old worker, Mr. Andrew M'Connell, who was with us in the Bridge-of-Weir Homes for about 11 years, died at Paisley to-day. He was a true genuine Scotchman, and in the least as well as the greater matters committed to him, was a faithful and conscientious servant. May the Lord comfort and sustain his bereaved widow in the trial of separation.

June 1.—“One of His Stewards,” Wales, writes yesterday:—

Having just balanced the account of the year, I find that the Lord has prospered me beyond my expectation, and in a way of a thanksgiving, I have this year advanced the per centage to *Him*, to the 7th from the 10th I used to give; as the old Satan tempted me by saying it was too much of a gift to give away so much, urging my growing family. But I have had the uppermost hand through God's mercy, and I have already added to His credit the 7th and a handful over, to make it a round sum. Praise the Lord for, and on my behalf—1st, for the mercies of the year, and 2nd, for the victory over the Evil One, when tempted to lessen my thanksgiving. I now enclose cheque for £12 4s. as part of the 2 Chronicles xxxi. 10—£5 for yourself and £7 4s. in aid of orphans.

“There is that scattereth and yet increaseth,” and we are sure this dear friend will be none the poorer for thus increasing his gifts to the Lord's work. Would that many more were led to follow his example. If all the Lord's people were stirred up to give a certain proportion of their means for the furtherance of His cause, there would be no lack, and no need to resort to questionable methods of securing that which should be given with a willing heart. May the time soon come when this shall be the case! £10 collected by friends in Milngavie to take a girl to Canada, gives the earnest for another band. 6s. 6d. from a Mission Children's Meeting in Haddington; 4s. 7d., saved pence of a few of the children gone to Canada; £3 1s. 3d. from Crieff, Carluke, and Glasgow, and some bread are our other gifts to-day. A young woman from Alloa in need of a helping hand, was admitted to our Training Home in the City.

June 4.—£50 from a friend on the West Coast, £10 of it for our own needs was most acceptable. An old donor in Forfar sends £2, £1 of it for personal use, and other friends £3 8s. An aunt of a family of five children we took from Ayr some months ago, one of whom died last month, writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Just a note to inform you that our late brother had his family entered in two small societies, which, by God helping us, we have been enabled to continue paying; so we thought if God should call any of the little ones away, we might in that way be able to contribute to your good work, with which we have a heartfelt sympathy; and may our Father out of His abundance supply all your wants. I now enclose this order for £3, which we received this forenoon. I feel I cannot close without confessing to you how deeply I felt the love of God when I looked round on such a band of orphan children with their guardians, out to pay the last respect to a little orphan boy, but we are much comforted to know he died in the same spirit as his father, who cried, “Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.” May we all close this life with the same desire.

We do not look for gratitude or help from the relatives of the children, but it is none the less cheering to us when we receive it. Four needy ones were added to our number yesterday and three to-day. The vacant beds left by the party gone to Canada will give us space for a little, but if the children come as quickly as they have been doing, we will soon be filled up again. But for the outlet that Canada affords, we would have to refuse hundreds of children, who in their turn would be made chargeable to the rates as paupers or criminals. Since the work commenced, we have never had to turn away any fatherless, houseless child, and for the thousands that we have been privileged to help from all parts of the country during the past years, we do bless God. With the houses that we have at present, we are able to rescue 450 new cases in the year, but are looking to the Lord to

send us 10 more, so that we may be enabled to rescue 700 each year, and house 1,200 permanently.

We have been cheered this week, in receiving from friends in Paisley the promise of the needed money (from £1,500 to £2,000) for the enlargement of our workshops, laundry and washhouse at the Bridge-of-Weir Homes. This gift removes a great barrier to the efficient management of the work, and adds another honour to Paisley. For all that is still required we look to the Lord whose are the silver and the gold, and who can move His children's hearts as He will.

June 7.—A friend in Ayr writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I am glad to see from your yearly “Statement of Facts” and “Occasional Papers” which you kindly send me, that your “works of faith and labours of love” are day by day more and more prosperous. May the blessing of our Heavenly Father rest more and more on you and them. I am late in sending you my donation this year; I intended to have sent it, at latest, before your second lot of children were sent out to Canada, but between one thing and another it entirely escaped my memory. I now enclose you cheque for £10—five of which please apply to your large orphan family, and the other five to your own purposes, for now having given up business and devoting all your time and energy to your orphan family, I very much doubt your own will be often neglected.

Our Father remembers our own needs from day to day, and since we were led to give up business seven years ago, and depend on Him for all that we required, He has not suffered us to lack any needed thing, for which we desire to praise Him. An aged donor in Edinburgh says, “I find I have a little money to spare, and think it will be profitably employed among your orphans, so enclose order on bank for £10.” Following the precept laid down in Prov. iii. 9, a young friend in Manitoba sends £1 17s. 1d., “amount of first earnings in the new country.” May the promise that follows the obedience of the injunction be fulfilled in his case, “so shall thy barns be filled with plenty;” £3 1s. 1d. “from 2 Chron. xxxi. 10, through one of His stewards;” and £1 0s. 3d. from Uddingston and Glasgow have also come. Yesterday two more of our sailor boys left for sea. In sending them forth, we provide them with a good outfit and all that is necessary for their voyaging on the mighty deep; and we follow them with our prayers, earnestly desiring that they may be blessed and made a blessing. When they return to the home land from time to time we are glad to welcome them, and if in after years, any are desirous of attaining to higher positions, such as mates or captains, we are willing, as far as lies in our power, to aid them towards this end.

June 12.—Heard of the arrival of our girls' party at Quebec last night, and praise our Heavenly Father for journeying mercies so far. From various sources, £16 17s. 4d. have reached us, and three little boys of 6, 4, and 2 years, have been taken in. Their father, who was a chimney sweep, died of consumption five months ago, leaving mother with these three and a baby of 11 months. The Parochial Board would give nothing after father's death, but offered her the house, so that she is not able to bear the heavy burden alone, and we are glad to be able to help her by taking the boys. A friend, writing about the death of the mother of a little girl we took from Broughty Ferry some time ago, sends £1, and says “Maggie's mother expressed her deep comfort and gratitude that the future of her little one was so bright, which had afforded great relief to her mind before her death. From what I heard I have reason to hope that she died happy in Jesus. I must thank you for so readily taking little Maggie, and thus opening out a new life of happiness to her, if spared.” An anonymous

friend sends £1; "something towards the baker's bill," and says "God bless you and your large family; we always remember you in our prayers." Our flour account is indeed a large one, using as we do two tons a week, or 100 in a year. In the bakehouse we turn out 32 dozen loaves in a day, and with our increasing family will soon require more. Another unknown one in Greenock, "a poor widow," sends 10s. as "a thankoffering," and is sorry it is so little. We are sure the Master, who took notice of the poor widow's mites while here on earth, will not forget the ministry of this humble servant of His. "Inasmuch," Edinburgh, sends 2s. 6d., and says: "I set apart the tenth of my small income for the Lord. I have gone a long way beyond it this half year, so my sum to you is small, but if spared till winter, will send more. May the Lord bless and cheer your heart."

June 15.—One of our little boys in Canada writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I write to you these few lines to let you know that I am well at present. I hope they are all well at your Homes. I am in a good home, and I like it well; and I have plenty of good friends near, to care for me. I also hoped that you had a good journey over to Canada this year with the girls; and I am also pleased that you have sent me out. I have got my little brother just half-a-mile from me, and he comes every Sabbath day and goes to Sunday school and church, and he is getting on well, too, with what he has to do. We have got two horses, and I am learning to drive them; and we have a large colt which is nearly fit for work next year. We have eight cows milking and a few calves to feed twice a day. We have a dog called Nero, who comes and gets the cows with me, and after that I get the pails and commence to milk as many as I can; and the cows are so quiet that we don't need to tie them. We have got two pigs; and I also help to weed and hoe carrots and turnips and potatoes; and I also feed the little ducks and chickens, and do more things besides. No more to say at present.—Your sincere friend, G. A.

Only £3 2s. 6d. to-day and £1 7s. 6d. yesterday. Our needs are great; but we are not in debt, and we rest on the promise of Him who is the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever.

June 18.—An aged friend in Dundee writes:—

DEAR SIR,—I have just been thinking about what part of God's work I can apply His own money to at present, and looking at your February paper you sent me, I see there are some of your old boys wish very earnestly to become missionaries to the heathen. I hope they will succeed in their desire, as they cannot be better employed in this world, I think, for God's glory and the good of mankind. I hope you are getting all the support you need, both here and from above. Enclosed you will find a post-office order for the sum of £6; if suitable to you, £3 for the education of the boy missionary, and £3 for your other work.

10s. from an anonymous friend, Greenock, £2 from Perth, £1 from Lanark, 5s. from Young Women's Class in Lancaster, make up the amount received to-day. Some young friends in Glasgow send a parcel of clothing, one a basket of bread and rolls, and another in Dumbarton 12 pairs stockings.

June 20.—Two gifts of £100 each, greatly cheered us, as there has been little sent for some days past. One of the gifts came from Helensburgh, from a helper hitherto unknown to us. A friend, in sending the money, says: "The donor has for many years been interested in your work, and the sum contributed is the result of long and careful saving. She does not give out of her abundance, and therefore a greater blessing may be expected from her contribution." We feel much encouraged by the sympathy of this dear friend expressed in such a practical way. We pray that the Lord will abundantly reward her ministry of self-sacrifice even now, and at last may she receive His "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." The

other gift came from a helper in Glasgow, whose kind interest and practical sympathy have often strengthened us in the Lord. Among other gifts, some tea-bread and two smoked hams come in very acceptably in our large and varied family.

June 22.—5s. from Aberdeen with kind words of cheer; 12s., "prize for horse at Fenwick cattle show, praying that you may be long spared to carry on your noble work;" 10s. from Dundee, "in memoriam of our beloved Rufus;" 10s., Dumfries postmark, "a birthday gift" for personal use, with kind sympathy and Ps. xli. 1-3; 5s. from a "U.P. student;" £1 6s. from Whiting Bay and Greenock, and £5 from an old donor in Edinburgh for our own needs, reached us to-day; not a large amount, but the kind sympathy expressed in the small gifts sent, is most encouraging to us.

June 27.—£10 15s. from Edinburgh, Newcastle, Rutherglen, Gourrock, and Glasgow. An aged helper in Gourrock writes, "It is with much pleasure I enclose £1 for the children at Bridge-of-Weir. The Lord is blessing you and making you a blessing. I greatly enjoyed the meeting in September of last year. I fear I won't be privileged to see many more, as I am now old and grey-headed. May the Lord think of me. Pray for me, my dear friend." The sure promise for the Lord's children is, "Even to your old age I am He; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made and I will bear; even I will carry and will deliver you."

June 29.—£37 2s. 8d. from various quarters have reached us; £11 2s. 6d. collected by a friend in Moffat; £3 (10s. of it for our own use) from a kind donor in Glasgow, who often ministers to the needs of the little ones as well as our own; 10s. from Ayr; £8 5s. from Hamilton; and £1 from Annan. The following letter is from one of our older girls in Canada:—

DEAR FRIEND,—I now write you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. I guess you have forgotten all about me by this time. It is nine years since I came out to this country, and I like to live here splendid. W. S. is here too; he came out this spring. He likes his place real well, and we like him splendid; I think he will get along real well. Well, I guess I ought to have told you my name before this; my name is Maggie C. C. I have one brother in this country, and he is learning blacksmithing; he will soon be through with his trade. I never will forget the Home as long as I live, and I am sure I never shall forget you. Although I never wrote before this I always thought of you. Last new year I did not get any papers from you, and I thought that you had forgotten me. I am going to get married next fall to a real nice fellow near here. We are going to get our pictures taken this summer, and would you please send me one of your pictures and I will send you one of ours? Some day I intend to try and do something for the Home that has done so much for me. I never can repay you for all you've done for me. One year ago I gave my heart to Christ, and now I am trying to serve Him with all my heart. I have joined the church at K. I have a class in the Sunday school, and I lead the singing in the church. I think I will have to close my letter at present. Give my love and best regards to all the friends in the Home. William said to tell you he is going to write to you. I must say good-bye. The Lord is my keeper.—Yours truly,
M. C.

July 3.—£150 towards the keep of our Invalids' Home, and £13 14s. 6d. from Glasgow, Edinburgh, Leith, Ayr, Hamilton, London, Stevenston, Campbeltown, and Markinch cheered us to-day. The Lord is mindful of our needs, and does not suffer us to lack any good thing.

July 8.—From many quarters all over the world, the Lord's children are led to minister to our large family. A friend in Trinidad, who, with her dear husband (lately gathered home), has had fellowship with us for many years, sends £3. Another in Queensland sending £2 this week writes:—

DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in sending you my own mite of two pounds (£2). I am sorry that I have not been able to get any other donations this year. I trust the funds of the Homes are in a flourishing condition, and that through the blessing of God your hands are being held up by those who have been blessed with means, and by the prayers of the people of God. I was very much pleased to read from the report, of the numerous donations of money and other things, and which I see all become useful for the Homes. Then the title for admission being destitution, it is a relief from so much of the red tapeism. I do think that the large tracts of land in Canada for farming, will eventually become a source of income to the Homes, as well as finding employment for so many of the lads who are sent out there. Trusting that God will bless you and those who are helping in the work.

"A Frenchwoman," sends us £5; a friend, Bridge-of-Allan, £5, as "a thankoffering for daily provision;" one in Gorebridge, £12 5s. 11d., and an unknown helper £1 "for the keep of a child for a month."

July 10.—Three orphan children of 12, 8, and 6 were admitted to-day. Their father died last year from the effects of an accident, and the mother just a few days ago, of consumption, leaving no friends able to keep them. £10 from Lochgilhead, £3 from a dear aged helper in Cambuslang, £2 from boys and girls in Dumbarton, 4s., "a mite," from Lothian Burn, 7s. 6d. from "Alice, Willie, and Baby's box," Grangemouth, £1 from S.S. in Dundee, 10s. from an anonymous friend, and 10s. from Glasgow, have come.

July 15.—Only £7 7s., and 30 pairs stockings and socks from a friend in Motherwell. 2s. of the money is from "two little girls, twins, six and a-half years old," in Fifeshire, "whose father would like to get them early interested in Christian effort," and £4 "from His store through one of His stewards."

July 17.—One of our girls sent out to Canada in May, writes:—

MY DEAR FRIENDS, MR. AND MRS. QUARRIER,—I think it is time I was writing to you. I guess you have heard from some of your children before this. I could have written four weeks ago, but the truth is, I did not feel in the way of writing. I suppose you have heard all about our voyage, and the nice passage we had. We were all very sick the first few days. I thought I was not going to be sick, but I soon found I was amongst the number. I was not so bad as some of them; I was just a little sick the first two mornings. I felt all right through the day. Some of us could not help laughing at each other the way we were going on. I need not tell you, for I guess you know all about it. The first run in the morning was up on deck, as many of them as could go. We always felt much better there. We had nice fine weather, and were up on deck every day, and had plenty of fun. There were ropes and swings for the children; Mr. Douglas gave them lots of swings. The sailors were never tired mending the swings, and doing little things for them. Every one was so kind to us; they all seemed to like the bairns. Mr. Stewart was never tired serving us; we got plenty of everything. He knew the kind of stuff that children like, and we liked the nice toffy he made for us. We had all our meals on deck except breakfast. We had plenty of singing, and had our usual Sunday services, and many of the passengers joined us. We were sorry to leave the ship, although we were very anxious to see Canada. Many of us won't forget the good *Siberian*. We think there's not another ship like it. We were all welcomed to Fairknowe; it is a real nice home. The night after we arrived, we had a nice meeting in St. John's Church. I have seen some of my companions who came out here one and two years ago, and Canada has made a good difference in them. I am liking Canada very well as far as I have seen of it, but I shall be able to tell you better about it, the next letter. I send my best respects to Mrs. Quarrier, and hope she is well, and also Miss Fox. May the Lord bless you and your good work. From your girl,
K. W.

Among a few gifts received to-day, 5s. came from an anonymous friend as "a token of sympathy;" £1 from Dundee, from one who says, "I often ask our loving Father to pour out His best blessing on you and on the dear souls that have been given you to care for;" and 5s. "for Fairknowe," our Canadian Home.

July 20.—This week being the Fair holiday time, our working lads in the City Home have had a week's outing at Cockenzie, a fishing village on the east coast, which they greatly enjoyed, and the older girls have been with us at Bridge-of-Weir and spent a very happy holiday; the change from the city air, sights and sounds, being a great luxury to them. The children have also had their usual three weeks' summer holidays from school, and the picnicing outings, walks to the hills and glens in the beautiful country around the Homes, and other enjoyments they have had during that time, will not soon be forgotten by them all. We often feel sorry for so many of the poor little ones among whom we labour, who have not the advantage of the pure bracing country air which our rescued ones enjoy. The "Fresh-Air Fortnight Scheme" has been the means of much good to many such, in the past few years, and we trust its benefits will be largely extended in the coming ones. £1 from Strathaven is the only money we have received to-day. Eight boxes dried cod fish from Fraserburgh were a most acceptable gift, and will be a nice treat for our bairns.

July 24.—This morning, one of our little ones, a boy of 7, was taken to be with Jesus. His father and mother both died of consumption, before he came to us just a year ago this month, and there were no friends able to keep the little orphan. The same trouble was the cause of his death; and though we would like to have kept him with us a while longer, we feel thankful for the privilege of caring for him, even for a short time. Four children were added to our number to-day. Two orphan boys of 10 and 7 with no one able to keep them, and a fatherless boy and girl of 11 and 8. Not much money has come and our family is increasing, and so our needs. £1 1s. 6d. collected by a friend in Coupar-Angus, with the words "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me;" a parcel of clothing from a few members of the Y.W.C.A., Aboyne, "who earnestly pray for you and your great work, that God will bless you more and more;" £2 10s. from St. Andrews, Jedburgh, and Lockerbie; and £5 from Glasgow, make up the amount received.

July 26.—£50 from a dear aged friend in Glasgow, was a most welcome gift, and we praise God for the renewed fellowship of His servant. £5 from a kind helper in Mauchline, and some clothing and bread, are our other gifts for the day. A sad case that we took in at the City Home, was that of a girl of 14 from Alloa, whose mother has been dead for six years, and the father not seen for four. The poor girl has been knocked about from one place to another, and seems hardly to have known kindness. Last place she was in, the people were very unkind to her, drank and quarrelled from day to day, and tried to illuse her. She ran away, and in her despair, even attempted to drown herself, but was seen by a fisherman, who took her to police office, from where she was sent to a person interested, who brought her to us. A boy of 11, from Aberdeen, brother to one already in the Homes, and a lad of 14, were also admitted.

July 31.—From Perth, Penicuik, Stirling, Bridge-of-Weir, and Glasgow, £3 10s. 6d. have come—just about a tenth of a day's supply. However, we have not lacked any needed thing, and have sufficient on hand to close this, the ninth month of our financial year, with the balance on the right side. "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him." Out of many encouraging letters received this month from Canada, we give the following from a girl and boy:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I take up my pen with great pleasure to write you a few

lines to let you know that we landed safely, thanking God for His kindness to us on the way. No harm came near us, except one of the passengers' children died and was cast into the sea. I am in a home: the people in the home are very kind to me. The stewards in the ship were very kind to us. We got oranges, nuts and raisins, *Siberian* toffy, and two magic lanterns. We saw dozens of whales and porpoises. We got nice fun in the ship after our sea sickness was by; we were very sick for about three days. I go to Sabbath School; the teacher is also very kind to me. The night after we landed we had a nice tea in St. John's Church. After our tea was done we got singing and recitations. Dear Mr. Quarrier, you were just like a father to me; you were so kind to me. Perhaps by next year, if the Lord spares me, I will be able to send a few dollars home to you. I am still trusting in Jesus to be my friend through life. He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Friends will leave, but He will not leave or forsake us. He has promised, and He never breaks His word. I hope all my friends in Bridge-of-Weir are keeping well. We had a nice day 1st July; the soldiers from Montreal were down at night. We saw flottillas and fireworks going off; it was very nice. I will bless and praise the Lord every day for ever and ever. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths. If sinners entice thee consent thou not." I hope you and Mrs. Quarrier are well, as it leaves me at present. —I remain, yours sincerely,
S. S.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I received your letter, and was glad to see from it that the needy ones were coming from all parts, and I am sure that the Lord would not be unfaithful to the poor orphans, for He has said I am the Father of the fatherless, and we all know that the Lord will provide for the orphans. I am glad that I can say that I am a child of God. I had a letter from the Brockville Home telling me about the boys coming out, and I was glad to hear that the Lord had provided homes for them. The people of the town provided a splendid tea for them, and the boys gave them a splendid entertainment, and the people enjoyed it very much. Mr. Burges told me Mr. Lang came out with the boys, and he named some of the boys who came there visiting, and I remembered them all. J. R., who came out in 1885, is attending the High School in Brockville; I am sure he is getting on well. I see that there are a great many buildings put up since 1886, when I came out to Canada. I made up my mind then, that if the Lord gave me a good home, I would stay in it, so that I would set an example for other boys. Canada is a climate that agrees with me; I never have been a day sick since I came out here. I have got to be quite a farmer. Mr. Burges sent me one of the *Scottish Band of Hope Mirror* and "a safeguard for the young." I read it carefully over, and I thought that it was an advice that was good for both young and old people. If they would only look and think over the matter, they would see at once that God our Heavenly Father never intended an artificial drink should be used; He intended nothing but a natural drink for His people. This artificial drink is the sum of all evil, and how it brings children to a state of starvation, and how it breaks a mother's heart that has love for her children! I am sure it puts many a family that they have not got a mouthful to eat. What would the poor things do if the Lord did not have mercy on them, and pick them up and bless them! I have not much more to say, but I ask you and all the friends at the Homes to pray for me, that I may be found faithful unto death and that I might meet you all in heaven. I send my kind love to all, with best wishes. Good-bye. "All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me, and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out."—I am your sincere friend,
D. B.

Aug. 3.—£72 0s. 11½d. from various sources cheered us yesterday, and to-day, £13 13s. 3½d. have come—10s. of it from "Help," £1 8s. 6d. from Busby, proceeds of four girls' sale of work done in their spare time during holidays, £2 2s. from Oban, "trusting it may be more next year;" and £3 17s. 1d. from "One of His Stewards," £1 of it for our own needs.

Aug. 7.—To-day we have taken in seven orphan children. A little girl of 6, born without hands, whose mother died 12 days ago; a grandmother takes a boy of 4 to keep, but is not able for both. A family of four from Ayr, whose mother died nearly 5 years since, and father, a labourer, just last month, of consumption, after being idle only nine weeks. His special wish was that the children should come to the Homes, and a friend interested in the family saw that desire carried out. The others received were two boys of 11 and 13. Their mother died in 1887, and father on

20th of last month in the Poorhouse Hospital, of consumption. His youngest child, a little girl of 7, is adopted by a person whom he asked to bring boys to us. Thus, from day to day, many little ones are being left unprovided for, and it is our privilege to be the means of saving them from entering the Poorhouse and becoming paupers, or worse. £6 10s. was all we received yesterday, and nothing the day before. £15 14s. 6d. have come to-day, and £3 for our own needs, which our Father knows. 14s. collected by some working boys, who are in the employment of one of our older lads, who is now married and in business for himself, was cheering, and is another proof to us of the words—"Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days."

Aug. 9.—Only 2s. 6d. from Montrose, and £1 from an anonymous friend, and nine children have been added to our number. A family of six—four boys and two girls, 16 to 3 years—from Kirkcaldy, whose father died in November of consumption, and mother end of last month. There are several uncles and aunts, but all poor. One aunt had the girls, and promised the mother to keep them, but brought them back as soon as she was gone, and also took away some things that were in the house. The parents were decent people and members of a church, the minister of which brought the case under our notice; but, through sickness and difficulties in their family, they were not able to leave any provision for the children, for whom nothing but the Poorhouse remained had we not received them. The others taken were two girls of 9 and 6, sisters to two boys we sent to Canada in the Spring. Their mother, a very decent person, is in poor health, and quite unable to provide for her girls, who are not strong either. The father went to Queensland seven years ago, meaning to send for his family, but for six years there has been no word from him. Also an orphan lad of 16 out of work, to our City Home.

Aug. 14.—£30 4s. 4d. from different sources, and £2 for our own needs. A working-man, Bonhill, sending 5s., says: "Please accept of this little love offering; it will be as a drop in the ocean. May the Lord bless you and the work, and may His kingdom come. Oh that all Christians would feel that they have a part in the forwarding of it, to the glory of His grace." And an old donor in Milton of Campsie writes:—

DEAR SIR,—I enclose a postal order for 10s. for your good work. It is most cheering to read about the many you are rescuing from misery and vice. I do not know what our country would be, were it not for the many noble and blessed efforts that are made by devoted men and women for the poor children. Many of them are worse than orphans, having parents who have not the natural affection of the brutes for their offspring. May your work and labour of love for the poor children be more and more blessed by Him who alone can bless, and may He long spare you and your family to carry it on.

Our numbers are daily increasing, and we look up to the Lord for the increased supplies; for new workers; as well as for wisdom, patience, and grace, which are none the least of our needs from day to day.

Aug. 19.—£1 from Darjeeling, India, "as a thankoffering to God, with earnest wishes and prayers for the continued success of your labour of love," is our only gift to-day, and there has not been much money sent during the past fortnight. We would rest anew on the old promise, so often proved true in our experience in the past, "My God shall supply all your need." Although the money received is less, the number of children admitted in the past fortnight is greater, than in any previous one of this year. Twenty-four from different parts of the country have been taken in, seventeen of them without father and mother, and seven with mother alive. The large

numbers who are seeking admission from day to day, lead us to see the great need there is for more houses, and we keep looking to the Lord to send them through His children who have the means. Edinburgh, Dundee, Perth, Stirling, Kirkcaldy, Dunfermline, and many other cities and towns throughout our country, from which we have taken many orphan little ones, are not yet represented in the National Group of Homes at Bridge-of-Weir, and we are very desirous that they should be. Who or what places shall have the privilege of adding the cottages still required, we know not, but we believe they will come.

Aug. 22.—£30 16s. 11d. from Huntly (amount of a legacy less duty and dues); 14s. from "a few friends in Guildtown," Perth; and 10s. from one in Guthrie reached us to-day; also a doz. young hens, and some bread. We have been cheered by the following letters from Canada, among others received this month:—

DEAR SIR,—Little David R. has found a home with us. We have no children of our own, and we trust and pray that God may fill our hearts with love towards David, and that we may be guided in bringing him up in a way and manner that will be pleasing to our Lord and Master. He has been with us for two months now, and has asked me a great many times during that time if I would write to Mr. Quarrier for him. He says to tell you that he is learning to do lots of work and goes to Sunday school and church every Sunday, and has gone half-way through his book at week-day school. He says to say he likes to live here better than in Scotland, "for we make sugar from trees here!" He is about twelve miles from his brother and sister. I think if you could find time to write him a letter, only a few words, it would please him wonderfully; and, if possible, when calling on your little ones in this part of the world, come and see David.—Yours truly, D. K.

One of our boys who went out in 1879, when only 6 years old, writes:—

DEAR SIR,—I have neglected to write you before, so I will write now. I am well and growing fast. I attended school very regularly, and that helped me on. I passed the entrance examination, which entered me into the High School. I attend church and Sunday school every Sunday. I was very sorry I did not see you last year, but hope to see you the next time. I wrote a story for a competition, and took a 25 dol. prize for the best story in the county of Glengarry. The prize was five volumes of books, called "The History of England." I saw Mr. Burges when he was around last winter. My brother told me that he wrote to you and got his right age. Please send me mine. People ask me when my birthday is, and I cannot tell them. I did not touch a drop of any kind of strong drink, and do not intend to, for I have signed the Sunday school pledge, and will not break it for anybody. Please try to find out where my mother is. In the Lord I trust. Please come around soon. I will come to a close now, as I have nothing more to say. Please excuse bad writing. I send my best wishes to you and Mrs. Quarrier.—Yours affectionately, V. A.

Aug. 27.—A friend in Edinburgh who interested himself in getting two children into the Homes writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I have sent you to-day carriage paid a small rubber stamping press, a font of type, and set of stencil plates, which I have no doubt you will find a use for. It was seeing the names of the children on the outfits which caused me to think they would be useful. A friend from France and I went through the Homes last month. Everything seemed more wonderful than another. My friend was so struck with the order and cleanliness all through, that when we were finished he asked if he could not see a place of disorder, but this was evidently foreign to your excellent management. I was delighted to see the two little G.'s looking so healthy and happy, and under the immediate care of such a worthy father and mother. To see such answers to faith is a very great encouragement and incentive to all Christian workers. It is such to me. I shall be glad to supply you with any rubber stamps you may require from time to time as a little gift towards your grand work.

Thus another of our varied needs in the work is met.

Aug. 29.—A donor in Glasgow sends £20, £5 of it for our own needs, and says, "I read with much interest your reports from time to time and

trust that this year may, with the blessing of God, be even more fruitful of good than any that have gone before;" "a widow," Greenock, 10s., wishing it was more; "Alick," £1, "part of one-tenth of amount I allowed myself for my holidays and which is the Lord's share;" "Alice, Willie, and Baby," 10s.; "Of Thine Own," £2, and 5s. usual fortnightly gift "for Fairknowe," a worker, 10s.; and a friend in Glasgow who frequently helps in this way, 200 rolls.

Aug. 31.—Yesterday, two fatherless boys of 13 and 11, and one of 11 with both parents dead, were taken in; they were all getting beyond control and in danger of going wrong, but we trust to be the means of saving them. When the breadwinner is taken away, and a mother has to struggle on trying to support her little ones, it is no easy task to keep them in the right way, specially as there are so many companions and associations to drag them down, and few days pass without such cases being brought under our notice. With the kind, firm dealing exercised in the Homes, and the blessing of God, we have been the means of saving many such. To-day, we were cheered by a gift of £10 from an unknown friend visiting the Homes, who did not appear to have much of this world's goods, £1 from another, £2 from Helensburgh, and £15 13s. 2½d. from Glasgow, Strathaven, Bridge-of-Weir, and Gourrock—£1 from the latter place from one who says, "Will you accept a small offering, half for yourself and half for Homes, a thankoffering for God's mercies, as I have enjoyed better health. May I tell you how much I was pleased at being at your 'Thanksgiving' last year, and only wish you made it annual. My girl has again got a box ready and wishes to come and see your work, and a parcel with a few things I have I will send with her. Praying you may be prospered as in the past."

Sept. 3.—In closing last month's accounts, we were able to do so with the balance on the right side, and we are now entered on the second last month of the 18th year of our trust in the Lord for all the needs of the Homes. To-day, from Inverness, Dunfermline, Ayr, Ardrrossan, Musselburgh, and Houston £15 9s. 4d. have been sent, with cheering words of sympathy. A working lad of 15 was admitted to the City Home and other needy cases dealt with and advised.

Sept. 5.—An anonymous friend sends £10; an old donor, for emigration, £4; two in Edinburgh, £4, and £2 for personal use; and others in Millport, Glasgow, and Hamilton, £2 16s.—£1 of it "an unexpected dividend." Seven pieces dress stuff and shirtings, sent to-day also, are a most useful gift. One of our City Home girls, now in service, writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I write you these few lines to let you know how I am getting on in my situation. I feel very grateful to you for all your kindness to me. I am very sorry for giving you so much trouble, but however I will make up for it now. My mistress was saying that I had such a warm heart to the Home, and so I have. There is no place as dear to me as the Home. I am going to give a pound every quarter to you to help some other poor girl, as it is all I can spare in the meantime. I cannot be too grateful to you for all your kindness; you have been far better to me than my own father. What would have become of me if you had not helped me? Dear Mr. Quarrier, excuse me for taking the liberty in writing to you, but I just felt it my duty. I am doing my utmost to please my mistress, God helping me. I hope Mrs. Quarrier and family are keeping well. I am always asking God to help me. I have no more to say, so I must now draw to a close.—No more at present, but remains yours in sincere thanks, A. T.

Sept. 7.—£20 from an aged helper, Edinburgh, and £15 14s. from other friends cheered us yesterday; and £19 17s. 11d. from various sources

have come to-day. "Mary, Willie, Sarah, and George" send 1s., young women, Collace, 12s. 6d., boys of a S.S. class visiting the Homes, one of whom has promised his first week's earnings, left £1 1s., and Mission workers, do., £1.

Sept. 12.—Only £1 9s. 3½d. to-day, 5s. of it from an old donor, Holytown Junction, 4s. 3½d. collected in box by a servant girl, Gourrock, and £1 from friends, Irvine, with kind words of encouragement.

Sept. 18.—£18 yesterday, £2 of it from friends in China, and £5 from Helensburgh, with the following letter:—"Dear Mr. Quarrier,—I have the pleasure of sending you £2 10s. from our children, and £2 10s. from myself, with our hearty good wishes for the Lord's work committed to you. May the Lord make every one of your large family His very own, then what a gathering from the Orphan Homes there will be 'up yonder;' orphans indeed no longer, when brought to rest under the shadow of His wings." We have had much encouragement during the past, in very many of our dear children being brought to know the Lord, and our earnest desire and daily prayer is that all may be gathered into His fold, and in this, we ask our friends to unite with us in praying that it may be so. To-day, a friend in Alloa sends £25, one in Jedburgh 30s., and others in Galashiels, Roseheart, Inverness, Glasgow, Johnstone, and Cathcart, £2 14s., 10s. of it "in memory of little Willie's birthday, 12th Sept.," and 2s., with the words, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?"

Sept. 21.—One of our number, a little boy of 6, left us to-day for the home above. He had been ailing for a little while, but took seriously ill with water in the head a few days ago. All was done for him that human skill could think of, but the Master had better things in store for little Willie and the change for him is a blessed one. Only £3 3s. 6d. to-day, and £10 1s. 4d. yesterday; 8s. 8d. of it proceeds of waste paper sold, and £1 13s. 6d. from Sabbath school children, Darvel, who "wish you all success, and pray for you and the little ones that the Almighty Father may give His best blessing to all."

Sept. 23.—The Lord has come among us again and removed another from our family here, Lizzie M'Phail, a poor lame girl who had no power in one of her legs and had always to walk with crutches. She was with us for many years and till a few months ago was able to go about, but the poor frail body at last gave way, and now she has gone where there is no more pain, neither sorrow nor sadness. While with us, she was brought to know and love the Saviour, and often her voice has been heard in our meetings and in her home testifying for Jesus. We do pray that these calls from time to time, may be a warning to all among our number who are not yet ready. To-day, the Lord sent us two other needy ones to care for, so we are not left with vacant places long. £10 from a dear helper in Glasgow, who is passing through trial at present; 17s. 6d. from a Bible-class, Falkirk; 10s. from "a worm;" 15s. 6d. collected at services held in Moffat and Beattock; some clothing; a useful present of a number of hats; and a quantity of leaflets for distribution in Canada, are our gifts for the day.

Sept. 24.—Among the needy ones at City Home this afternoon, was a wee delicate girl of 7 with spine trouble, whom we took in. Father, a professional musician, died of consumption in 1884, after being ailing for years; and mother, only a week ill, in July last. Two boys, one a cripple, are kept by uncles, but there is no home for this little girl. Mother's sister, who brought her to us, is a widow with five children, and earns only

a precarious living at dressmaking, so can't keep her. The child got her spine hurt when about 3 years old from a fall out of a perambulator, and we fear will never be strong; however, in our Invalids' Home, she will have all that good care and nursing can do for her. Three applications from Edinburgh and district, to help needy ones, reached us yesterday and to-day, and many others are seeking our aid. No money at all has come. Our expectation is from the Lord, who never disappoints any who put their trust in Him.

Sept. 26.—£24 from two Dundee friends visiting the Homes, with £2 17s. from Stornoway, Bridge-of-Weir, and Glasgow, cheered us to-day. We have taken in three children—one a little girl of 4, with no one able to keep her, and a boy and girl of 9 and 6, who have been greatly neglected, and last night slept on a stair with their mother. Father, a furnaceman, went to America two years ago, and has not been heard of for nine months. Mother has been put out of her house, and is in starvation. Two boys older have taken their own way; one is away and his residence unknown, while other sells papers on the streets, and lodges in a common lodging-house. We had also to give a little boy, whom we have had for two years, back to his mother, which is a trial to us; as the good he has received while in the Homes will soon be undone in the old surroundings to which he has returned.

Sept. 28.—£2 from an old donor, "Dalhousie St.," and £2 from Perth and Motherwell, all we have received to-day.

Oct. 1.—This, the first day of the last month of our financial year, has been an extra busy one in dealing with needy cases at the City Home, and eight children have been admitted. A family of four—13, 10, 8, and 3 years—whose father, a sergeant-major, died in the Infirmary last year. He drank heavily and left a large amount of debt, so that all furniture was sold out, and his wife and family dependent on kindness of friends and parochial relief. Mother is not strong, and has had a hard struggle; but now that her little ones are provided for, she will take a situation and be able to keep herself. A cripple boy of 11 from Edinburgh; father a commercial traveller, died four years ago, and mother is a very worthless character, even taking the clothes off her boy and selling them for drink. Two girls of 15 and 13, whose father, a decent Christian man, died last year of consumption. He was long ill, and 16 months confined to house. Mother, who was given to drink, died two years before, after two days' illness. An aunt, who is a nurse, paid rent, and an older brother of 18 was sort of head, but he died recently of consumption also; and aunt, who is well up in years, sees no hope of longer keeping on house; and another young woman of 15, whose parents are dead, and she is on the brink of ruin. What a curse drink is to our land, and how many are ruined body and soul through it! If the public-houses which are at every corner were swept away, and the temptation to drink not there, hundreds would be saved who are now perishing. May God arouse our country to the point of demanding the removal of every one of these places, which lead so many into immorality and crime. Among the money sent to-day, in all £29 10s. 9d., £2, "the widow's mite," with kind words of cheer, and £2, "a birthday thank-offering," with the promise, "My God shall supply all your need," encouraged us in entering the closing month of this year.

Oct. 3.—Applications to help needy ones are coming from many quarters. Yesterday, we took in four orphan children, oldest 12, and youngest a baby

15 months, but more like 3. Mother died last year, and father three days ago. Since mother's death he kept on house without a housekeeper, and children have consequently all been much neglected. Baby was boarded out, and has been with four or five separate parties, so it is hardly to be wondered at, that she is so delicate. A friend in Dunoon writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—There are four children here left orphans—two boys and two girls—the youngest about 3 years and the eldest 9. They are in poverty, and any relations they have are the same. I saw their grandmother this morning, and she said she would be very thankful if you could take them into your Homes at the Bridge-of-Weir! She said she would hand them over to you to be wholly under your control, to be sent to Canada, or any way that you saw best to act towards them. The father died about a year ago; the mother was buried last week. If you can take them, let me know, and I will bring them to wherever you direct.

We have arranged to take these little ones. Two heartrending applications to help children with brutal, drunken fathers we had to refuse, for should we take such, the orphans' places would soon be filled up. A donor in Edinburgh writes:—

DEAR SIR,—I enclose a donation of £5—four-fifths for the work and one-fifth for the labourer. May both be greatly blessed and prospered. I have recently been greatly perplexed and worried as to whether or not I should do a certain thing of to me very great moment, and, that I might get the guidance, I have been led to open my hand more freely. I allude to Is. lviii. 10, 11. Pray that God's guidance may be given me.

Another in Perth sending £1 says, "I much regret that it is out of my power to make it five times the amount, but if the Lord prospers me, the orphans will not be forgotten. With faithful prayers for your work and God speed to yourself." To-day, only £1 9s. 3d. from Edinburgh, "interest on money invested," and £1 12s. 6d. from Perthshire, from one who asks prayer, have come.

Oct. 5.—As shewing how the Lord influences the hearts of His people, to provide means for His little ones under our care, a friend in Girvan, writing about two children of a poor woman, yesterday, sends £4 and says: "I remember spending a very pleasant Sabbath at the Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir, some years ago, and have occasionally heard of the work both in the papers and from friends since. I am very glad to know you are in such a prosperous condition. The Lord is the same; He changes not, and His compassion never fails. I enclose an order for the Orphan Homes, which I think is His prompting, as I had not thought of doing so when I began this letter." To-day "Hope," Wishaw post-mark, sends 10s. for the work and 10s. for ourselves; another anonymous friend, Greenock, £2 for Bethesda, and £2 for our own needs; and from Crieff, Edinburgh, Cambuslang, Tullymet, Thornhill, Callander, Castle-Douglas, Paisley, and Glasgow, £6 0s. 4½d., and some parcels of useful clothing have come.

Oct. 8.—£50 yesterday from an old donor—£10 of it for our own needs, and £6 14s. from others, were most acceptable. A new donor writes to-day:—

DEAR SIR,—Please receive cheque for £10, and apply to any one of the schemes under your guidance which is most requiring it. I shall not soon forget the pleasant time we had at your Homes in spring, bidding farewell to so many bright boys. What a privilege to be engaged as you are! I trust there are still many years of usefulness before you. I hope some day to return with my children to see your beautiful Homes.

And a number of other smaller gifts from old and new friends have cheered us. This morning, one of our little ones, a sweet twin baby of two years,

was taken to be with Jesus. She has never been strong, but latterly we thought she had improved somewhat; however, the Master knows what is best, and we can but say, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord." She was a winsome little pet and much loved by the kind cottage mother, who nursed and cared for her the short time she was with us; and to her, as well as her own widowed mother, the removal is a great trial.

Oct. 9.—A friend in Glasgow sends £2 1s. 3d. from members of a Y.M.C.A., and says:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Most of our members (both young men and women) belong to the working classes, and I think it will interest you to know that the above amount is to a great extent the result of some self-denial. About 25 of our members had the pleasure of visiting your Homes, on Saturday, 31st August, and it was then suggested that a special collection be made on Sabbath, 6th October, such collection to be, as far as possible, the result of self-denial.

An inmate of a hospital in the north sends 2s. 6d., wishing she could give more; and from other sources £5 15s. 0½d. have come, 2s. 6½d. of it "savings of a little boy now gone home."

Oct. 14.—£10 14s. 6d. from different quarters to-day, and some clothing and bread. A friend in Aberdeen sends 4 pairs stockings as "a loop or two in the big stocking for the coming winter;" and a servant girl in Elgin writes: "I send 2 pairs small stockings for some one of your large family, done in spare moments. A servant has not much time, but the Master will say she has done what she could." We are sure our Father will reward this piece of service done to Him, in the person of His little ones.

Oct. 16.—A minister on the south side of the city writes:—

MY DEAR SIR,—I was asked to attend a funeral yesterday of one who was an entire stranger to me. I found that deceased had been a working man who had died suddenly from inflammation, and that his wife had predeceased him by five days only. Three children are left helpless and destitute, and I write to ask if you can receive them.

We were glad to be able to say we would take these orphan little ones who are thus left destitute by the removal of their parents; and how many such there are from time to time! Among other gifts to-day, £10 3s. 4½d. came from our gathered-in family at Bridge-of-Weir, being part of their Sabbath collections during the year, given to help their more needy brothers and sisters. Out of the collections, which amounted in all to £55 1s. 8d. (including £6 18s. 3½d. sent to China in April, towards the famine fund), which is nearly £11 more than last year, they sent £10 to China, £18 to three different missions in Africa, £5 to India, and £5 to Mr. Mackeith, Glasgow, as an earnest of the house he is desirous of having in the country or at the coast, in connection with the "Fresh-Air Fortnight" for poor children of our city. In other words, our children give 50 per cent. of their income (one penny a week) to the Lord's cause at home and abroad.

Oct. 18.—To-day, we received £2,039 18s. 9d. from friends in Paisley, for the enlargement of our workshops, laundry, and washhouse at the Bridge-of-Weir Homes. We praise God for this new gift, and look to Him for the other needed buildings. Yesterday, two legacies of £25 each, from two friends in Lenzie; £13 10s. and the promise of a horse from a new donor in Midlothian; £25 from Perth; £5, and parcel of useful remnants cloth, from an unknown friend in Glasgow, and other smaller sums cheered

us; and to-day £50 from Paisley, £5 from Taynult, and £5 4s. from other sources have come.

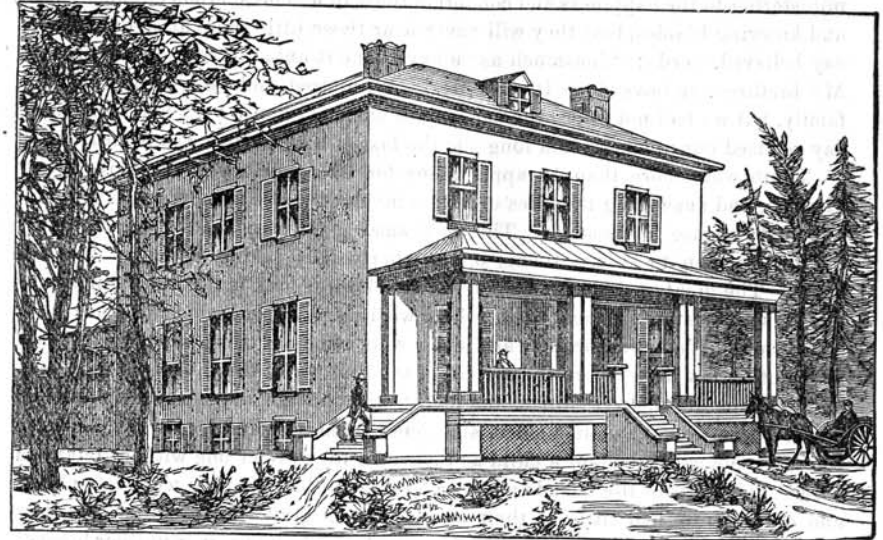
Oct. 23.—Yesterday, three fatherless children of 10, 8, and 6, from Inverness, and a little homeless boy of 4 from Glasgow, were taken in; and to-day two orphan boys from Ayr have been admitted. A very sad case of two children in Edinburgh bereft of their parents within a short time of each other, was brought before us, and many other needy ones are applying. We praise God for the numbers already rescued, but long to see more.

Oct. 26.—£7 15s. have come, £3 10s. of it as thankofferings; a bag of oatmeal and several parcels clothing. This week our children have had three nights' pleasant and profitable enjoyment through the kindness of Mr. Mackeith, who, along with three friends, came down from Glasgow with his large and powerful magic-lantern, and took them through the journey of "Pilgrim" from the City of Destruction to the Celestial Country. The Holy Spirit was in our midst, carrying home to old and young the Gospel truths so clearly brought out by the pictures shown and words spoken, and much spiritual blessing was received. On the second evening, at the close of the service, we held an after-meeting, when very many of the children remained to be spoken with, and quite a number decided for the Lord. Their lives since have shown that there has been a saving change, or as one "mother" expressed it, "They have got something they hadn't before."

Oct. 28.—The knowledge that very many of the Lord's children throughout the land daily pray for us, is a great source of strength and encouragement in our work for the Master. Amid varied difficulties we have been passing through, the following sent to-day from a friend in Glasgow, cheered us:—DEAR SIR,—“I have much pleasure in sending 10s. for Orphan Homes from my wife and myself. Permit me to say, that I sympathise very much with you in the trials you have to suffer at this time, and every day remember you and your numerous family at the throne of grace.”

Oct. 31.—Again we are brought to the close of another financial year; and in reviewing the past months, so full of the mercy and loving-kindness of our Heavenly Father, our hearts are filled with praise and thanksgiving to Him. Once more our balance is on the right side, and we can truly say "He hath done all things well," and "There hath not failed one word of all His good promise," either for the children or ourselves. A number of gifts have reached us these closing days, £1 with the words, "The Lord reigneth," and the promise, "The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children," was specially cheering in looking out on the coming year. Our children had their usual treat to-night in honour of Hallowe'en. The ducking for apples, feast of "champed" potatoes and nuts, and the illuminated procession through our grounds were enjoyed to the full; after which two hours were happily spent in the church with singing, recitations, etc. We closed with united family worship, giving thanks to God from whom every good gift comes, and who has so abundantly blessed us in the past year. 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." For the new year on which we are just entering, we rest on His promise, "Certainly I will be with thee."

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FAIRKNOWE HOME, BROCKVILLE,

ONTARIO, 20th October, 1889.

DEAR FRIENDS,—It is hard to realise that already we are called to take a retrospective glance of another year, the record of which with its joys and sorrows, successes and failures, is indelibly registered on high. Upon the whole it has been a year of blessing to the community generally, as well as to the work in particular. Full granaries reward the farmers for their toil; and success to them, means, a healthy stimulus to every branch of commercial enterprise.

The demand for Scotch children is still on the increase, and applications are coming all the time from far and near. Vacancies have been filled occasionally by children leaving former places, while other applicants are patiently waiting for next year's parties from home. The call has been so great in this and surrounding counties, that we have had to refuse friends at a distance, unless in special cases where brothers and sisters were already in the districts. Both boys and girls on their arrival here, in March and June, were as kindly entertained and highly honoured by the thoughtful Brockville friends, as in the previous year. The ladies seemed to vie with each other in providing all the varieties of rich and tempting cakes for which Canadians are justly famous, and to the children the display must have been truly marvellous. All the evangelical churches were represented in the assemblies crowded into the two large churches, to see and hear the Scotch laddies and lassies, and wish them "God speed." Although the recitations, hymns, etc., given by the children occupied most of the time, and afforded a pleasant evening's entertainment, several short and appropriate addresses were delivered by ministers and other gentlemen present: and we doubt not that good seed fell into good ground.

Those 500 children of last two years will ever look back with pleasure on the welcome thus given to the land of their adoption, and better far our blessed Saviour will not forget to recompense those who have done it for His sake. We often wonder why so many professing Christians even, miss the present joy of ministering to the happiness and comfort of those in less prosperous circumstances, and knowing besides, that they will never hear those little thought of, or should I say believed, words: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." A hundred and forty is quite a large family, but we had not to tax the capacity of our good house very long, for every day reduced our numbers, and long ago the last of both parties was placed out.

There were more than 10 applications for every girl over 11 years at our disposal, and answering the piles of letters involved a great amount of labour and no small expense for postage. The very small ones also readily found hearts and homes open to receive them; one motherly lady taking sisters of 2 and 4 years. The greatest difficulty in placing the children out, is the large number of brothers and sisters amongst them, whom we invariably endeavour to place near each other. We kept a brother and sister who came out with second party last year until a few days before the arrival of the first party this Spring, being very loath to separate the wee things, and had the gratification of getting them into one home, which we have visited since, and found them well and happy. Of course where people wish to adopt a child as their own they prefer one without relations here. The visits of the friends who came out with both parties were refreshing, and although we had little of their company, it is gratifying to know that they have seen for themselves how the children are treated and prosper in their homes; and the knowledge of what the Lord is doing for them in this vast country, will stimulate to renewed energy and exertion on behalf of the multitudes of needy ones within the narrow limits of your island home.

A few letters from the children, which speak for themselves, will be interesting:

MY DEAREST FRIEND, MRS. BURGES,—I received your kind and welcome letter, and was very happy to hear from you. I am well, and live with a nice family in M. I am in the country just now. My mistress is like a mother to me. I have now been with her seven months, and get \$7 a month. I hope you are all well. I often wish I could see you all. I think of you all the time, and pray for you every night; and I am ashamed of myself for not writing sooner, but trust you will forgive me. I will write to you in the future, for you seemed like a mother to me, and I trust God will reward you for all your kindness to me. I looked for Mr. Burges when he came to see poor little C. B., who was so very sick. I will send you my picture this Fall, and would like one of yours very much indeed, and also Mr. Burges's. How I would like to see you all again! Did you know that Willie was married last winter? so "aunt" is alone, and she told me if I would go back she would meet me. But I am not going, since my mistress does not wish to part with me. She has one little boy whom I take care of. This is a lovely place, a nice lake, and lovely mountains. How are Mr. and Mrs. Quarrier? Give my love to them. Give my love to Mr. Burges and Miss Ross, and a good share to yourself, dear Mother. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain, yours truly,

ELLA D.

DEAR MRS. BURGES,—It is with great pleasure I now sit down to write to you. I am now settled in my new home, I am just delighted with the country. I like the farm work very well. I can milk the cows splendid. I had a letter from my brother, and he is getting on as well as ever. He says he would have liked to have me a little nearer him, but as he has a good home and is content, I think I am just as well to keep mine. It seems as though I am getting stronger every day. I have never known a day's sickness since I came out here. I often think that I ought to be so thankful to my Heavenly Father for all He has done and is doing for me. I wrote to Jessie H. quite a while ago, but I have not yet received any answer. Jessie and I have always been like sisters, for we have known each other a long time, and we always got along so well together in Bethesda Home. I hope you and Mr. Burges and little Willie are all well. Please give my love to Miss Ross, Maria, Effie, and Maggie.—Yours lovingly,

G. G.

DEAR MR. AND MRS. BURGES.—It is with great pleasure I now sit down to write to you. I am enjoying good health, and hope you are enjoying the same blessing. We

are having lovely weather here now; we have not got much snow, and it is real warm. To-day I received the Christmas cards and papers you sent me. Many thanks for them: It was very interesting to read them. I enjoyed Christmas and New-Year splendid, and I presume you did the same. I well remember the good times we used to have on New Year's day when I was in the Home. I often think how you used to try and make us enjoy ourselves; and we did, for we always had a good time and plenty of fun. I have got a good home and kind friends here. They are good Christian people, belonging to the Wesleyan Methodist Church. We have a good Sabbath School; I attend it, and like my teacher very much, she is very kind and good. I would be delighted to have your photos, if you have got them for me. The Lord is blessing me every day, and by His assisting grace I am going to serve Him as long as He lends me breath. I often sing that beautiful hymn we used to sing in the Home—"We know there's a bright and a glorious home away in the heavens high." I know if we only obey His command and put our whole trust in Him, we will gain that beautiful home on high. Now, I guess, I will bring my letter to a close for this time. Good Night! Please write soon. With love and best wishes of the season to you all.—Yours affectionately,

M. M.

DEAR MRS. BURGES,—It is with great pleasure I now sit down to write you these few lines. I suppose you were wondering why I did not write you sooner. Well, I kept putting it off till now. I was singing a very nice hymn and I thought of you. I suppose you are well and all the rest in the house. How is little Willie? The Lord has blest me and I know I am His child. I ask you all to pray for me, that I may always live for Christ; not only when I am sick, but when I am in good health and strength. I need the Lord every hour. I have many temptations but the Lord is willing to help me. I love the Lord with all my heart, and I want to live to do His will at all times. I like my home more and more every day. The longer I stay in it the more I like it. Mistress is so good to me, she is like a mother. We have had good meetings at the corners, and I tell you the sinners are beginning to see where they are and give the Lord the rest of their days. I could sit down and write a whole book about our meetings, but I have not time. They do a lot of good. Maggie is well. I had a letter from her the other day and she told me that she was coming to see me. I went to see her and she is nearly as big as I am. She says she would like to go and see the Home. Give my best love to all in the Home. I would like to come and see you about New Year if I am spared to see it. I think I must close as it is near bed time. I think I have told you all the news, so I must close. Write soon and let me know how you all are. Your orphan girl,

S. L.

The boys and girls who came out in the earlier years of the work are now men and women, and it is a great encouragement to us to hear from one and another of them who are now filling useful positions. Several have married during the past year and have received their "father's" present—a Bible or other useful article. One writes, October 14, 1889:—

MY DEAR FRIEND,—You will think me rather long in replying to your kind remembrance of me, but I have not forgotten, only did not get at writing. Many thanks to you and dear Mr. and Mrs. Quarrier. The Bible is beautiful and complete, just the kind I have been wishing for this long while. The mat and cover are lovely, the work is so pretty, and also the card you sent me on our wedding day. I got quite a number of nice presents and useful ones. My husband and I are very happy, and it is so nice to be in our own little home. We had a beautiful day on our wedding day and the church was full; when we came out they threw lots of rice on us. I belong to the society called "The King's Daughters," and we meet in the church every week and pray, sing, talk, plan, and sew for the good of others: Last year we did missionary work for Japan, and kept a little Indian girl. We call our circle "The thoughtful helpers," "In His Name." Hoping to hear from you soon, and with much love, your friend,

M. B.

One of the boys who is now the pastor of a church in the West, writes thanking us for 10 dols. sent by the boys and girls here, as follows:—

DEAR FRIENDS,—I was more than surprised when I saw your letter, but it is an answer to prayer, for God does very much to me in that way. What I mean is this, that often when I ask Him for something, and when it comes far more than I expected, then I am surprised; but it should not be, for this is what He has promised to us—to give us far more than we ask of Him. I must thank you and the kind friends for your kindness to me in the grand work God has given me, and I would ask your prayers as I need so much patience and encouragement. I have a pretty hard place to work, but I thank my Helper for all, because it is His work. I have four appointments to preach in, and this makes about 40 miles for me to drive every week. I have got 500 dols. towards the church building, and want to get 500 dols. more before I call upon the Conference for help. If I could only get the people to work together I would be far happier, but the experience is grand for the future. The people were very glad when I told them of the

kind friends. May God bless them and you, also the work, and give the right homes for the children. There may be ministers among them as well as among the lot that came out in 1880.—Your own boy in Christ,
W. C.

Through the children already placed out we often hear of homes for others in the district, and not unfrequently when our boys and girls grow up and go to learn a trade, etc., another younger one is taken to be brought up in the same family. The following letter will explain itself:—

DEAR SIR,—On behalf of Mr. D— I desire to make application for a Scotch girl of from 12 to 15 to assist in housework. Our family is small, consisting of three—Mr. D—, my sister, and myself. The work is not hard, and we offer a good home. Upon reference to your books you will remember me as one of your boys brought from Scotland in 1873. I have since that time lived with and been employed by Mr. D—, who has indeed been a good kind parent and friend to both my sister and self. Of course we are children no longer. Susie is a young lady occupying good social position, and much loved and respected. I have for some time been employed in Mr. D—'s office, assisting mostly, in fact managing for the last six months, his private business. I believe you will consider reference unnecessary; however, any information can be obtained from the Mayor of this town or any other prominent man. I shall be pleased to have you remember me kindly to Mr. Quarrier at any time when writing. I am, my dear sir, respectfully yours, J. F.

In all the work our highest aim is the conversion of the children, and no greater joy comes to us than to hear of their decision for Christ. During the past year several have expressed the desire to enter upon mission work at home or abroad, and are waiting on the Lord to open up their way. One lady writes of A. M'I.:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—It affords me pleasure to let you know how I am getting along with my little girl. It is almost one year since we first met. Accept my most sincere thanks for such a child; she is all that I could desire in a great many ways. I had the unspeakable pleasure about three months ago of seeing her savingly converted to God and uniting with our church. May she be an earnest worker for the Master is my prayer and trust. I had hoped to give her a good education and fit her for any calling, but she seems to think going to school is time lost. When you write to her I would like you to impress upon her mind the need of an education.—I am, yours in the work,
S. S. H.

Of another boy who is apprenticed to a trade his master writes:—

John is getting along well. He is the best boy I have had for some years, and if he is spared with health, he will make a man to leave a mark in the world for good, that is, if he runs his race as he started. He has joined the Presbyterian church here.

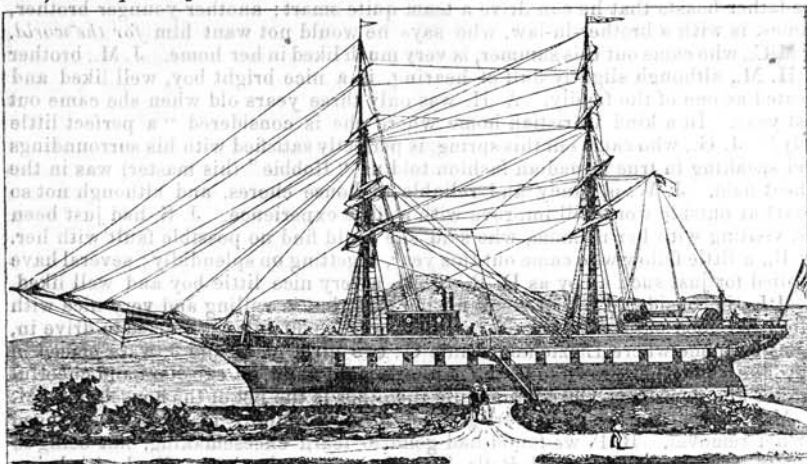
My brother has been fully occupied throughout the whole course of the year, in visiting among the children, and at present is on a two months' tour in the Owen Sound district, which was gone over about the same time last year. Notwithstanding the rapidly increasing numbers, we hope to overtake the visiting even more easily than formerly, by keeping the children as much as possible in the immediate neighbourhood. It is matter of great thankfulness, that to a great extent our desire in regard to visitation has been accomplished during the past year. The manner in which this important part of the work has been prosecuted will not only be gratifying to you, but we feel sure the hundreds of reports of visits paid to children in their homes this year, will prove a great help in dealing with their friends at home. The pertinent fact elicited from the large number of cases, is, that a very general feeling of mutual satisfaction prevails amongst the children and friends who have them; and we have not found by actual computation more than half of the 5 per cent. which you allow as failures. I had the pleasure of making a good long tour through these counties with Miss Quarrier, and will subjoin very briefly the results of first and last whole days as samples. Annie D. and Wm. D. getting on splendidly with a widow lady who treats them just as her own. The husband had openly declared they should get part of his property, but dying suddenly without a will, other relations came in for half. H. M., four years in his first place, has grown quite tall, is a good reliable boy and gets through all the chores when alone, as well as if master did them himself. A. C. getting on very nicely and much liked in her place, where she has been four years. J. G., a good worker, fair scholar and pleasant dispositioned girl, two years in first place. J. H., one of this year's boys, not very smart but quite nice and very reliable. J. W. came out in '83, and could not be a better

girl, although not so particular about her own appearance, as some. A. H., brother to J. H., is in a home where he is very kindly treated, and although small, his father boasts that he can drive a team quite smart; another younger brother, James, is with a brother-in-law, who says he would not want him *for the world*. S. M'C., who came out this summer, is very much liked in her home. J. M., brother of H. M., although slightly dull of hearing, is a nice bright boy, well liked and treated as one of the family. A. H. was only three years old when she came out last year. In a kind Christian home where she is considered "a perfect little lady." J. G., who came out this spring, is perfectly satisfied with his surroundings and speaking in true Canadian fashion told us "Robbie" (his master) was in the wheat field. J. W. is handy and reliable at house chores, and although not so smart at outside work will improve with a little experience. J. S. had just been out visiting with her mamma, who said she could find no possible fault with her. D. R., a little fellow who came out this year, is getting on splendidly; several have applied for just such a boy as D. R. J. H. a very nice little boy and well liked. J. M'L., is considered rather small for her age, but is willing and very nice with baby, and good natured. On the last day we drove 30 miles. Started to drive in, from the home where Lizzie and Annie C., two girls of 14 and 3, were placed in '86. The former has grown to be the mother's right hand, an excellent and cheerful worker and consistent Christian, while the other is the pet of the household. M. A. M'I., a good worker and smart girl, but owing to family matters we arranged for her removal. R. P. we found had gone to learn cheesemaking, not being so fond of farming. Walter and Bella S. both in same house, credited with being strong and willing workers; a sister, Kate, is adopted into a family where there are no little ones, and where she will be well cared for. M. M'W., another of the little ones who came out this year, in a kind Christian household, and thoroughly at home there. J. K. has grand times with her turkeys, hens, etc. Along with two little girls who came out this year she recited and sang at a strawberry festival, and they were the admired of all admirers. R. A. getting on fairly well, but believing that too much was expected for her age, we decided to change her to another place. J. B., a little thoughtless sometimes, but is kind hearted and works well. W. H. C., a big stout boy, doing well in his second home. K. R., a picture of health and happiness, and the only child with a well-to-do couple. M. W. is giving the highest satisfaction, and is looked after with motherly tact and care. J. M'D., another '85 boy, although rather quick-tempered is very smart, intelligent and helpful. L. M'D., a splendid worker, pleasant and agreeable. Has just recovered from a fortnight's illness, through which she was tenderly nursed. Mary J. A. has been four years in her place, and grown quite out of our ken. She is good at home work, and kind and careful with children.

Already we have many reminders in children's letters that New Year's day is approaching. Last New Year's day about 60 of us spent a very agreeable time. Our toboggan slide was in great requisition, but we had to throw on water and let it freeze in the absence of snow. The Christmas tree was heavily laden, and large parcels were laid away under the branches. All were delighted with their share of the spoil. Nor was the dinner table behind in yielding its quota to the comforts of the day, from the inevitable turkey downwards. This year we may expect a much larger party. Throughout the year many of the children have called to see us and the new home, and we often get letters asking if old acquaintances at Bridge-of-Weir have come out. All have the same tale—plenty of room for good boys and girls in their neighbourhood. We feel very thankful to ministers, professional and other gentlemen for their practical sympathy and interest; and to editors of Canadian Press for their advocacy of the work. Already our letter has assumed too formidable proportions, and we will conclude by wishing—what we daily pray for—God's richest blessing on every department of the work, and those who contribute in any manner to its maintenance and furtherance, and all to the glory of Him "who worketh in us, both to will and to do of His good pleasure."—Yours in His service,

JAMES BURGESS.

H A ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR.
£20,000 required for additional buildings to enable us to house 1,200 Children.



We think the above woodcut of our Training Ship on land at Bridge-of-Weir will be interesting to some of our younger readers. It is still a wonder to those visiting the Homes, as to how it came to be amid the hills of Renfrewshire; but there it stands, as a practical outcome of loving sympathy shewn on behalf of the orphans of our country. She is a full-rigged brig with double topsail yards; is 120 feet in length, 23 feet beam, and 9 feet between decks, and fully equipped in gear and stores, as if bound on a foreign voyage. There is everything about her in ropes, sails, etc., to teach the boys all that a sailor ought to know, without the undesirable experience of sea-sickness, which will be all too easily acquired on their first voyage; and as a technical college for the training of young seamen, she is a model in completeness. She is manned by a crew of 22 boys, who live on board, and are under the command and care of an efficient captain and his wife. Our object in having the ship is to train some of the best boys (who are desirous of a seafaring life) in the Homes to be working missionary seamen for our mercantile navy, and if, after being some time at sea, they give evidence of fitness for higher positions, we shall assist with means to enable them to pass as mates or captains.

The past year has been one of progress in connection with building operations at the Bridge-of-Weir Homes. Friends will remember that towards the end of our last financial year we received £1,500 to build the "Kintyre Home," and it is now finished and ready for occupation. On the 14th of December a friend in Glasgow sent £1,500 to build a cottage, to be called the "Marshall, Bridgeton and Dalmarnock Home." It is now in the painters' hands, and will not be ready any too soon, as our vacant places are filling up so quickly. During the year we have erected a large gymnasium in our general playground, at a cost of £70, which is a great source of amusement to the children, and will help much in the development of the physical powers of our boys. We have also had a large swimming pond made, which we accomplished by damming back the water in part of our burn, and this, too, is a very useful acquisition to our village.

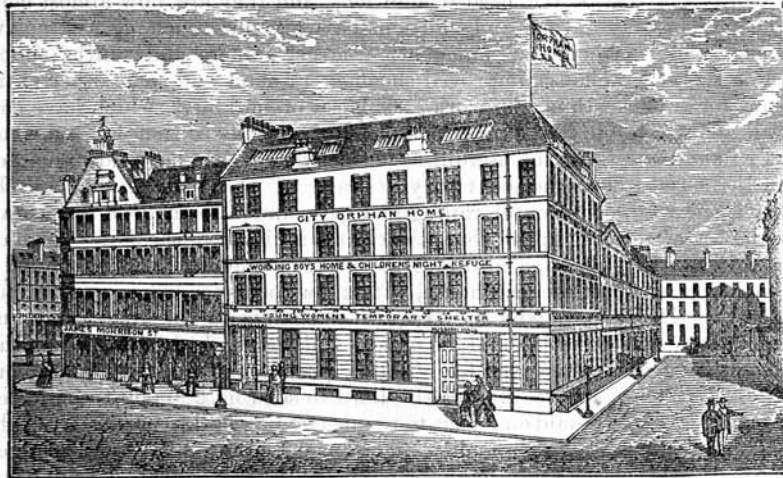
Our workshops, which we anticipated might be enlarged at a cost of £1,500, we found, on considering the increasing requirements of the work, would take

£2,000 to do so efficiently. The family of the late Thomas Coats, of Paisley (who gave the money to build the offices 10 years ago), most generously agreed to defray the cost of the needed additions, and they are now almost completed. These alterations and additions have given us much more extensive laundry and washhouse accommodation, larger joiners' and smiths' shops, double size of bakehouse, improved shoemakers' shop, and some other extra rooms for the growth of the work. This set of buildings, which have cost in all about £4,500, is the most complete of any institution we know of, and will add greatly to the usefulness of our work. We have now enclosed our little cemetery (formed two years ago at the end of the church) by a stone wall, ornamental railing and gate, and also made a stone stair on the terrace leading up to where the church is situated, the doing of which has cost £200. We have also received sufficient money (£800) to build a large hennery and gardener's house, with a few rooms for lodging any of our older City Home boys who may require a change to the country at any time. It is now building, and we expect will be finished in a few months. Altogether, we have received for building purposes in the past year about £7,000. We are still looking to the Lord to send us £20,000 to build ten more houses which would enable us to rescue two new children each day of the year, and house 1,200 permanently. Four of these ten we hope will be given this year, also an Invalids' Home for older boys suffering from consumption and other diseases. £2,000 would erect a house for this purpose, which we feel is very much needed, and we look to the Lord to incline one or more of His stewards to do this piece of service for Him. It takes £1,500 to build a cottage to hold 30 children, and £200 to furnish one, and we are sure money cannot be better invested. More accommodation for educational purposes will also be required; and to give us sufficient for the increase of our family, we calculate £4,000 will be needed; for which and all else required, we look to our covenant-keeping God, who in the past years of our trust in Him, has done "exceeding abundantly" above all that we have asked or thought.

It has sometimes astonished us to find that friends throughout Scotland, when leaving money in their wills to public charities, overlook the claims of the Orphan Homes of Scotland altogether; and others, not knowing the magnitude and usefulness of the work as it now stands, place the Homes among the category of institutions which have only about a tenth of our expenditure. Especially do we feel this in respect to Christian friends in Glasgow and the West, who ought to know much better the extent and deserving nature of our work. We do not speak thus, in respect of want, for the Lord has hitherto supplied all our needs; but, as the friend of children, I cannot understand why it is that such a large, useful, and economically managed institution as ours, should be treated in this way. Have the lawyers anything to do with the disposal of their clients' money, or do the clients not know that there are thousands of fatherless and orphan children in our midst being helped by us? It is required of stewards that they be found faithful in the disbursing of their money, as well as in labour for the Lord, and our gifts and work are accepted "according to that a man hath."

NEXT THANKSGIVING-DAY AT BRIDGE-OF-WEIR HOMES
 will, God willing, be held about the beginning of September, 1890, 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.



Amongst the voluntary institutions of our country for the helping of the helpless there are few that do so in as many varied 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 working boys' home, a temporary home for young women, 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. Every case, before being admitted, is thoroughly investigated; so that, in addition to the labour of managing the working boys and young women in the house, there is a great deal of extra work incurred. The variety of poverty and suffering that comes under our notice, day by day, is so great that we are often at a loss to know what to do, and while considering these cases we frequently draw upon the promise, "If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." To give help to an impostor never does any good, but a great deal of harm; and so, till we get an honest statement of facts, we never trust them much, and we find we are seldom imposed upon. In addition to the hundreds of new cases that have been received, thousands of destitute ones have had help given to them in the shape of advice, food, clothing, money to pay rent, etc., and so in very many ways, this building has been a house of blessing to the needy and perishing ones of our land. Our space is limited, and we can only briefly touch upon the four leading departments of work connected with the City Home.

YOUNG WOMEN'S HOME,

which was the first preventive one in our city for the helping of young women, from 14 to 25, who are in danger of being led astray. It provides a shelter for servants who have been thrown out of a situation and are destitute, having no means to keep them; and we also take in girls who have never been trained to work, and teach them house and laundry work, sewing, etc., fitting them to be servants. 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.

WORKING BOYS' HOME.

Boys of from 14 to 18 years of age, who are destitute and have no one to care for them, here find the comforts of home. 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. 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 necessaries; and, in return, they get 1d. off every shilling for pocket money. We are always willing to assist destitute lads of this class; and friends knowing of such, could help them by recommending them to come to us.

CHILDREN'S NIGHT-REFUGE,

where children 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. It is too often the case that people, to save themselves trouble, give a child a copper or two, and think no more about it; whereas, if they would only follow the case up, they might be the means of saving the child from being lost to society.

EVANGELISTIC AND MISSION WORK.

In all true Christian work the Gospel must have its place, or the work 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 which taketh away the sin of the world;" and in our own personal contact with those who come seeking aid, we seldom lose the chance of telling of the true source of help, for lack of which the troubles of life overwhelm and destroy. During the year Gospel services have been held in our Mission Hall on Sabbath and Wednesday evenings, also Sabbath morning meetings for children, and other special services. In addition to the meetings held, the district round about the Home has been regularly visited by our voluntary workers in the Mission. Thousands of tracts have been distributed, and many visits paid to the sick and dying, when not only has spiritual counsel been given, but in many cases temporal help, which was very much required. The "good seed of the kingdom" has been sown at many other times and in many different ways, the results of which eternity alone will tell.

SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S WORK.

CITY ORPHAN HOME.—On 1st November, 1888, we had 54 boys and 23 girls in the Home, and these numbers have been augmented during the year by 279 boys and 197 girls, thus giving a total of 553 cases, disposed of as follows:—

BOYS.—228 were sent to the Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir; 5 went to lodgings; 1 was sent to another Institution; 27 left, etc.; 6 were dismissed; 3 died; and 13 were returned to friends in different places;—leaving 50 in the Home.

GIRLS.—146 were sent to Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir; 6 were placed in service; 7 were adopted; 5 left; 2 were dismissed; 28 were sent to their relatives in various places, and 26 are still in the Home.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR.—The year commenced with 550 children; 374 new cases were received from City Home, giving a total of 924 disposed of as follows: Sent to Canada, 252; sent to City Home, 2; to other Institutions, 5; to sea, 6; to service, 1; adopted, 3; died, 11; returned to friends, 29; left, 1; leaving at present in the Homes, 614.

Thus it will be seen that during the year we have helped 1,103 children; and in the same time 564 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, 35 lines for Infirmaries 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 workers.

OUTSIDE WORK.—The numbers who daily come to the City Home for advice and help are continually increasing, and during the past year over 4,000 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 £710 11s. 2½d. earned by boys, £10,514 0s. 3½d.; and for Orphan Homes of Scotland Building Fund, £6,665 6s. 6½d.—the total amount for all purposes being £17,179 6s. 10¼d. 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 more 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 690 children and 70 workers, our expenses for maintenance amount to over £30 a day, or about £1,000 a month; but as new members are being constantly added, the needs are daily increasing.

We are looking to the Lord for money to build more cottages to house the little ones. Bethesda, our Invalids' Home at Bridge-of-Weir, has been fully occupied throughout the whole of the year, and, as there have been some of our older boys ill with consumption and other troubles; and many boys we have had to refuse because of being diseased, we feel the want of a house where such could be cared for. £2,000 will build one, and we think some of the Lord's children may wish to do this piece of service for Him. Money for more school accommodation, road-making, etc., at Bridge-of-Weir is also needed, for all of which we look to the Lord whose are the silver and the gold. We will also require £2,500 for the passages and outfits of the 250 children we hope to send to Canada in the coming year, so that our wants are great. 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. 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 answer to enquiries, we have pleasure in stating that the following gentlemen have, since the beginning of the work, acted as Trustees for all the buildings connected with the Homes:—Messrs. Alexander Allan, A. Cameron Corbet, M.P., J. H. N. Graham, Richard H. Hunter, William Quarrier, Alexander Thomson, and J. H. Watt.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S EMIGRATION HOMES, AND CITY HOME AND MISSION.
Abstract of Income and Expenditure for year ending 31st October, 1889.

October 31, 1888.	To Balance at date, being Cash on hand and in Bank,	£0 11 4½
October 31, 1889.	Donations and Legacies received during Year,	£9,379 10 9½
	Found in Boxes and Collections at Special Meetings,	127 17 4
	Proceeds of Gifts, Photographs, and Sundry Articles,	291 9 8½
	Wages earned by Working Boys,	710 11 2½
	Interest from Bank,	4 11 3
		0,514 0 3½

(In addition to above, a sum of \$1892.16 has been received in Canada from Children and Friends, and expended upon the Home there.)

£10,514 11 8

* This balance is just over a fortnight's supply with which to begin the year.

GLASGOW, 15th November, 1889.—I have audited the Books containing the Intrusions of Mr. Quarrier for the year ending 31st October, 1889, 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 acknowledgments 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 Five Hundred and Seventy-eight Pounds Eight Shillings and Threepence, and a sum of Forty-two Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Fivepence in Mr. Quarrier's hands.

ORPHAN COTTAGE HOMES' BUILDING ACCOUNT.
Abstract of Income and Expenditure for year ending 31st October, 1889.

October 31, 1888.	To Balance at date, being Cash on hand and in Bank,	£1,738 8 10
October 31, 1889.	Donations and Legacies received during year,	£6,695 5 8½
	Interest from Bank,	30 0 10
		6,665 6 6½
		£8,403 15 4½

* This balance is entirely absorbed by contracts already entered into but not completed.

GLASGOW, 15th November, 1889.—I have audited the Books containing the Intrusions of Mr. Quarrier for the year ending 31st October, 1889, in connection with the Orphan Cottage Homes Building Account, compared the relative Vouchers and his various acknowledgments 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 Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Pounds Twelve Shillings and Ninepence, and a sum of One Pound Eleven Shillings and Eightpence Three Farthings in Mr. Quarrier's hands.

JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

October 31, 1889.	By General Expenses of City Orphan Home and Homes at Bridge-of-Weir,	£5,688 5 1
	Allowance to Teachers, Fathers and Mothers, and Servants,	1,307 6 6
	Furniture, Repairs, Taxes and Insurance,	192 11 3
	Emigration Expenses of Children sent to Canada,	1,637 12 0
	Money sent for Upkeep of Fairknowe Home, Brookville,	500 0 0
	Evangelistic Expenses, Printing, Stationery, School Books, Postages, Photos, and Advertising,	344 10 4
	Rewards to Children and Premiums to Working Lads on Wages Earned,	173 1 2½
	Relief given to Neccessitous Cases,	86 6 1½
	Medical Charges at Bridge-of-Weir,	13 16 6
	Cash in Union Bank,	£578 8 3
	Cash on Hand,	42 14 5
		*621 2 8
		£10,514 11 8

GLASGOW, 15th November, 1889.—I have audited the Books containing the Intrusions of Mr. Quarrier for the year ending 31st October, 1889, in connection with the Orphan Cottage Homes' Building Account, compared the relative Vouchers and his various acknowledgments 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 Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Pounds Twelve Shillings and Ninepence, and a sum of One Pound Eleven Shillings and Eightpence Three Farthings in Mr. Quarrier's hands.

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October 31, 1889.	By Payments to Sundry Tradesmen for work done during year (including £50 for Alterations at New Canadian Home),	£5,661 10 11
	Cash in Union Bank—Deposit Receipt,	£2,440 0 0
	Cash in Union Bank on Current Account,	300 12 9
	Cash on hand,	1 11 8½
		*2,742 4 5½
		£8,403 15 4½

In Memoriam.

AMID the joy of having our table furnished with all necessary things during the year that is past, we have been called to mourn, in the removal of many valued friends and tried helpers in the work. 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.

Mr. Wm. Duckett of Partick, who from the first has been a kind helper, was called home on the 6th of November. On the last day of 1872 we were requiring £5 before the year closed, and this dear friend, without knowing of the need, was the privileged instrument that God used to supply it.

On the 16th of November Miss Drysdale of Edinburgh, who, though blind and poor as to this world's goods, yet laboured much in the Lord to help the little ones under our care, passed away to see the King in His beauty. Of her it may truly be said, "She hath done what she could."

Miss Margt. Barclay of Irvine, who died on the 6th of December, was, along with her sister taken home before her, a kind friend and helper. The prayers and practical sympathy of these aged disciples, as well as that of many others like them, have often been a source of strength and encouragement to us.

In the end of 1888, Mr. George Rough of Dundee passed away. His gifts and kindly sympathy from time to time, cheered us in the work, and in his will he remembered it by a legacy of £50.—The Rev. A. G. D. Milne of Huntly, also called to rest towards the end of the year, was interested in the Homes, and kindly left £40 in his settlement, for the furtherance of the work.

On the 10th of January, Mr. John Drennan of Trinidad, who was a regular giver, passed away to his rest and reward at the early age of 39. For many years past, he and his wife have taken a practical interest in the little ones under our care, and we will miss his kindly sympathy sent from afar.

Mrs. David Mills of Dundee, who was called to rest on the 11th of January, was another of our helpers. Shortly before her death she set aside £10 that she wished sent to us "after she was with Jesus," and which, with 6 pairs of stockings, her last work while here, we received.

Dr. Alex. Mackintosh, late doctor at Gartnavel Asylum, who died in January also, was wont to help forward the work in our hands. Many in Glasgow and elsewhere will mourn his loss, as that of one who was useful in his sphere of service for the Master, and also in relieving the sufferings of the class most of all to be pitied in our land.

On the 27th January, Miss Agnes Smith of Cornwall House, Helensburgh, whose kindly sympathy of late years we shall miss, passed away. In her will she has not forgotten the work, and has bequeathed £250, provided her estate realises the full amount.

Mr. David Ireland of Kirkealdy, called home on the 5th of February, oftentimes had fellowship with us in ministering to the needs of our large family. He was one of the many practical Christians of that flourishing town who, as far as lay in his power, sought to lessen the burdens of our poor suffering humanity.

Mr. John Fleming of Strathaven, who entered on the rest above on the 11th February, though only a working man, did much to succour and help the needy. His last message to his wife was to "remember the orphans." What a blessed thing it is, that in the midst of suffering themselves, some do think of the needs and sufferings of others rather than their own!

Mr. George Lumsden of Edinburgh, who died on the 26th of February, was a giver to the work, and one among our fellow-helpers in that city of the east, whose practical sympathy has been a great source of strength to us. The Lord accepts of gifts from cheerful givers and blesses the liberal soul.

Mr. Robert Paterson, a merchant in Glasgow, who died on 9th March, was not known to me personally as a giver to the Homes, but by his will he has bequeathed £1,000 out of £30,000 left to charities connected with the city. The fact of his will being made when our work was in its earlier stage, may be the reason of the Homes being placed among the category of smaller institutions, and not alongside of the Western Infirmary, which is to receive £10,000. The extent

and usefulness of the National Homes as they stand at present, and they are increasing every year, justify us in saying that they are worthy of being ranked with our Infirmaries.

Mr. Robert Maclaren of Pollokshields, who passed away in April, was one who in his own way sought to relieve the burdens of the suffering little ones. In his settlement he remembered the work by a legacy of £100.

In April also, Mrs. Macindoe of Buccleuch Street, one of our oldest helpers and personal friends, was called home to her rest and reward. From the first, she was interested in all that concerned the Homes, and her bright cheery sympathy was often a stimulus to us. May the grace of the Lord Jesus be exceeding abundant to the sorrowing one left behind, until they shall be reunited in the Father's home above!

Mrs. Green of Blairgowrie, who died on the 15th of April, is the second oldest on the list of our helpers called home during the year. Her fingers wrought nimbly, while her heart prayed continually for the little ones under our care, and now at the ripe age of 85, she has been safely housed like a sheaf of corn fully ripe.

On the 14th of May, Mr. P. Sinclair of Kilmartin, Lochgilphead, another of our fellow-helpers, passed away. His practical interest and kind sympathy were a source of encouragement to us from time to time.

Mrs. Cree of Sauchiehall Street, one of the "Dorcas" in the early stages of the work, entered into rest on July 7th. She not only sought to help by making garments for the little ones, but by interesting herself in needy cases which she brought under our notice. It was not the amount of money she possessed, but the sympathy she had with helpless children that drew her to us.

Sir James Watson, who died on the 14th of August, was among the few leading merchants of the city who have interested themselves in the work of the Homes. Our personal acquaintance with him for many years, and his practical sympathy with us, made us realise that in his removal, one friend was less on earth and one more in heaven. A few days before his death, (and I suppose it would be one of the last of his personal gifts) he sent us a cheque for £50 towards the work. May our loving Father sustain the members of the family left, and enable them to follow him who has gone before, even as he followed Christ.

On the 12th. September, our old friend Mr. John Brown of Paisley passed away at the ripe age of 84. He and his family were among the first who came to the front to help us in our work of faith for God, and while time lasts and memory holds its throne, we will not forget the kind help and sympathy of this dear friend. He was honoured of the Lord to give the last of the ten original houses, that our faith had looked for in beginning the work at Bridge-of-Weir, and we feel sure that no deed of his long life, will accomplish more good than this that he was privileged to do for the needy orphan children of our land, of whom it has already been the means of sheltering over 100.

The Rev. Dr. Somerville, a name well known and revered throughout the length and breadth of our land, as well as in many another, passed away to his rest and reward on the 18th of September, in his 77th year. His interest in all that concerned the progress of the work in our hands was constant and sincere, and oftentimes we have been cheered and strengthened by his kind words and loving sympathy. He was a husband and father revered, a minister in "labours more abundant," a brother beloved by all who knew him, and loved the Saviour; and now he is a servant crowned. By the removal of this dear friend it is indeed true, that "a prince is fallen in Israel."

Mr. James Robertson, of Holytown; Mr. Robert Lochore, of Lenzie; and Mr. Andrew McConnell, late of the Homes, Bridge-of-Weir, who have been gathered home during the year, were also among our helpers in the work, and in their sphere of service for the Master, sought to glorify and honour Him.

In thus reckoning up the vacant places in our large circle of helpers, there may be 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 the God of all consolation; 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.

We close the records of another year with thankful hearts for all the Lord has permitted us to do for Him among His little ones. We are sure our fellow-helpers and all the Lord's children who read the story of the year's labours, will rejoice with us in the great results accomplished, and give thanks to God for the marvellous loving-kindness with which He has followed the work. Many more details might have been given of the Lord's goodness to us in supplying all our needs, and of the hundreds of children rescued; but the facts stated, will show in some measure what has been done, and the great need that still exists for the helping of the perishing. The increasing numbers who keep applying from day to day, is a sure evidence to us that we should be more earnest in the year to come; and we believe our friends throughout the country, will continue to extend to us the hearty sympathy and practical co-operation we have already received, and that many others who have not yet given will be led to do so.

The national character of the work may be seen from the fact that we have children in the Homes from the far north, south, east, and west of Scotland, the majority, of course, being from Glasgow and the west. We are truly grateful to God that our beloved Scotland has now got National Homes worthy of the "land of the Bible;" and, as we are desirous that they should be more so, we should rejoice if some of the Lord's stewards in Edinburgh, Dundee, Perth, Stirling, Dunfermline, and other places not yet represented in the group, as well as "Scotchmen abroad," would give a house, and so get their city associated with the Orphan Homes of Scotland. £1,500 will build one to hold 30 children. To all who love the little ones and wish to see the pauperism and crime of our country lessened, we would say there is no better way of doing so, than in thus helping the widows, fatherless, and orphans out of their affliction and distress. We are glad to learn that the Sabbath School Union of Glasgow and the surrounding districts, contemplate collecting money to build a cottage; and in the coming year we will set aside all contributions from Sabbath Schools for that purpose. We are looking to the Lord to send, during this year upon which we have entered, through His children who have the means, the £2,000 required to build the Consumptive Boys' Home; also £4,000 for additional school accommodation, and four of the ten houses still needed to complete the group. For our large and ever-increasing family in the Homes, about £12,000 will be required for maintenance and for the emigration expenses of the 250 children we intend sending to Canada. Suitable fathers and mothers, also teachers for the additional work, will be required; for all of which needs, as well as our own for wisdom, grace, strength, and all other things, we look to our covenant-keeping God, who in the past has done exceeding abundantly above all we have asked or thought. To Him we give all the honour of the work done during the year that has just closed, and to Him shall be the glory of the coming one, for He alone is worthy. That there will be trials and difficulties in the way we doubt not; but we know our God is faithful, and will not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that we may be able to bear it. The removal of old friends and helpers in the past year, reminds us that our time for service is short; and it remains with each one of us to be up and doing while it is called to-day, for "the night cometh when no man can work." May we

all be kept faithful to the Master, so that when our labours are ended here, we may have an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

“O Christians, be up and doing,
For children are dying to-day;
Make haste and come to the rescue,
And save them while yet you may.
Your negligence or your service
The eye of the Master sees,
And as done unto Him He reckons
What is done for ‘the least of these.’”

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 the City Home, 13 James Morrison Street, Glasgow. Cheques and Orders to be made payable to WILLIAM QUARRIER. If more convenient, Donations can be paid into the Union Bank of Scotland, 174 Argyle Street. 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 a post-card is sent from any part of the city, a messenger will call for parcels.

The Donations being so numerous (occupying 26 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.

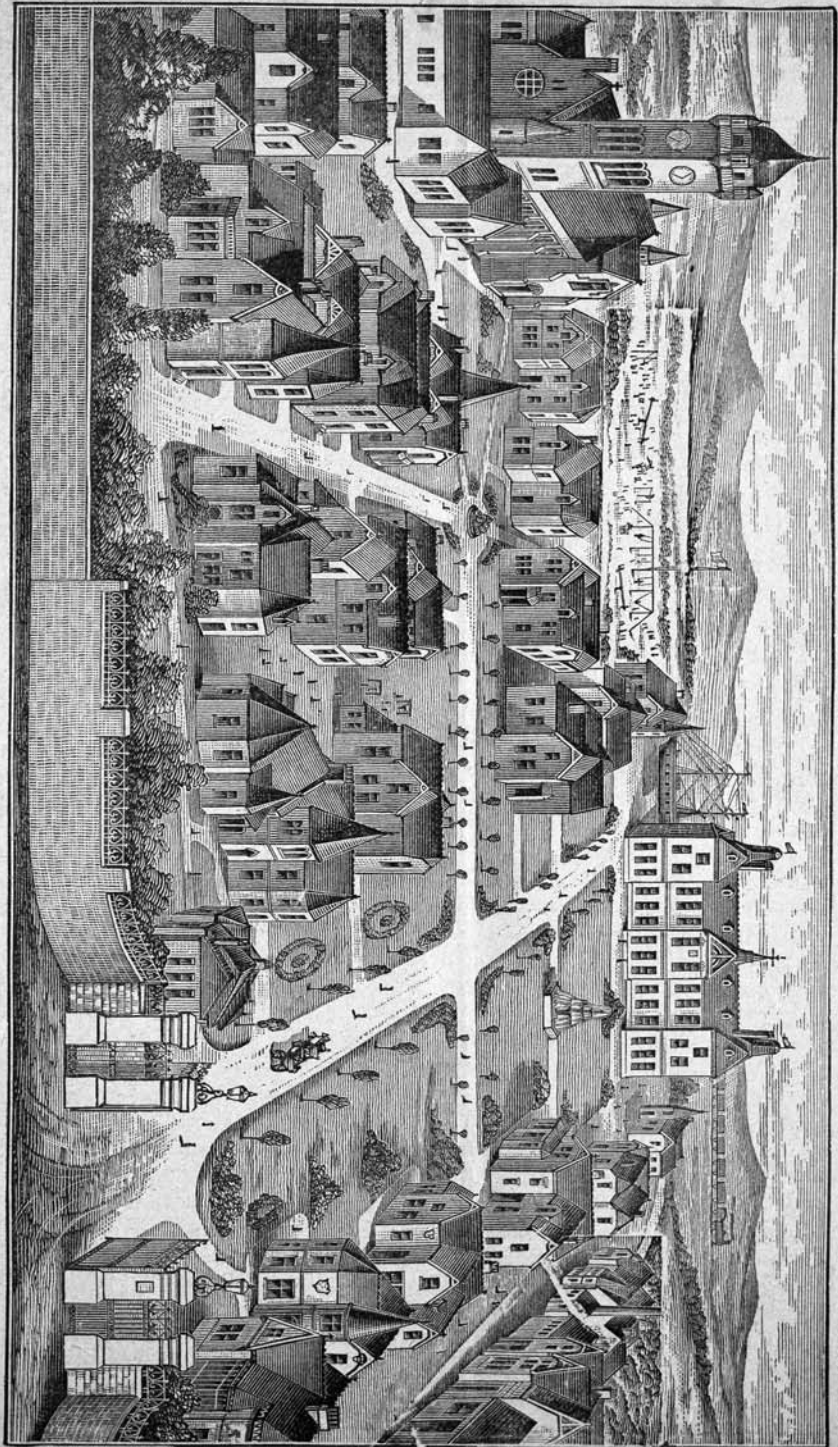
Friends sending Money can have it placed to whatever part of the work they name, either to the General Fund—which includes the keep of the Orphans at the Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir—to the City Home Refuge and Mission Work, or to the Orphan Homes' Building Fund. If left to my discretion, it will be 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 these fortnightly statements, will please communicate with me at once, in case the money has gone amissing.

WILLIAM QUARRIER.

CITY HOME, 13 JAMES MORRISON STREET,
GLASGOW, 1st November, 1889.

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GENERAL VIEW OF HOMES.



ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR, RENFREWSHIRE.
There are 32 Buildings connected with the work, which have cost over £100,000. We hope to add 10 more to the number as the Lord sends the money.

CLASSES OF CHILDREN ADMITTED INTO THE HOMES.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR, RENFREWSHIRE, for 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 25 years of age.

Mr. QUARRIER may be seen at the City Orphan Home, James Morrison Street, off London Street, from 3 to 5 o'Clock P.M. daily (except Saturday); 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 Mr. Patterson, 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. Alexander, carriage hirer, 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 32 Buildings:—

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| 1. "CENTRAL BUILDING," in which are Hall, School-rooms, accommodation for Teachers, etc. | 15. "Overtoun Home." | 26. "Stores," including Stable, Coachhouse, Byre, Greenhouse, etc. |
| 2. "Broadfield Home." | 16. "Montrose Home." | 27. "Church and Class Rooms." |
| 3. "Glasgow Home." | 17. "Mitchell Home." | 28. "Superintendent's House." |
| 4. "Dalry Home." | 18. "Allan Dick Home." | 29. "Gatehouse and Mortuary." |
| 5. "Dumbartonshire Home." | 19. "Somerville Home." | 30. "Gardener's and Poultry House." |
| 6. "Ebenezer Home." | 20. "Ashgrove Home." | 31. "City Orphan Home," James Morrison Street, Glasgow. |
| 7. "Washington Home." | 21. "Kintyre Home." | 32. "Canadian Distributing Home," Fairknowe, Brockville, Ont. |
| 8. "Aberdeen Home." | 22. "Marshall, Bridgeton and Dalmarnock Home." | |
| 9. "Greenock Home." | 23. "Bethesda Home," for Invalid (Incurable) Children. | |
| 10. "Anderston Home." | 24. "James Arthur" trainingship on land. | |
| 11. "Paisley Home." | 25. "Ferguslie Offices," comprising Laundry, Workshops, etc. | |
| 12. "Cessnock Home." | | |
| 13. "Mizpah Home." | | |
| 14. "Leven Home." | | |

“What is that in thine hand?”—Exodus iv. 2.

“The hand of the diligent maketh rich.”

verbs v. 4.