

"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 SEVENTEENTH YEAR ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1888,
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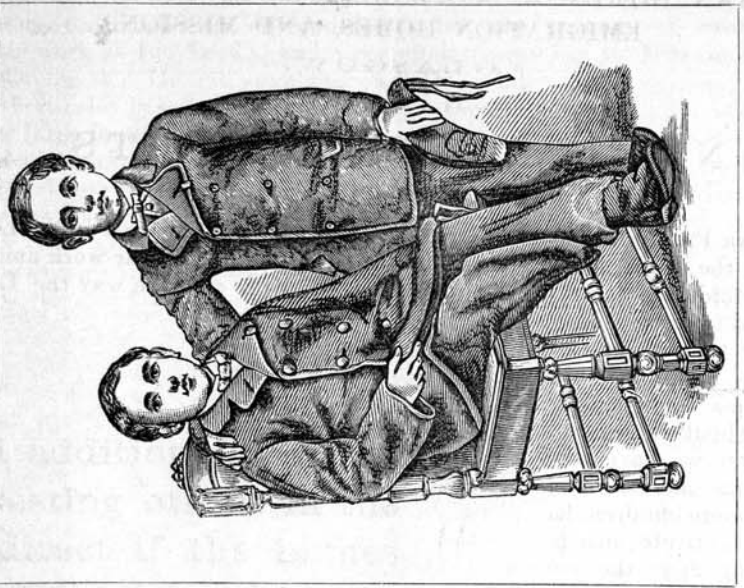
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J. and H. T. as sent to Canada.
(Not in good homes and doing well.)

EXPECT
GREAT THINGS
FROM GOD: ATTEMPT
GREAT THINGS
FOR HIM.



J. and H. T. as received.
(Father dead, mother in hospital.)

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

NARRATIVE OF FACTS.
1888.

DEAR FELLOW-HELPERS,—The seventeenth year of our trust in the Lord for all the needs of the Homes, and the twenty-fourth of our work among poor children has just closed, and as we look back over the way the Lord has led us during the year, we cannot find words to express our feelings better than those of the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies." The past year has been one of trial throughout in regard to the smallness of our funds on hand at any time, and yet we have received more money for maintenance than in any previous one, and almost the largest amount for buildings. During the year more children have been helped, a greater number of widows and other destitute ones have been assisted with temporary aid, and a larger blessing upon the work as a whole has been poured out. There were many difficulties in connection with the opening of our New Home and centre in Canada in the spring, but the hand of the Lord was so manifestly seen in the money required to pay for it being sent in good time, and also the needed workers, that we have had abundant cause for thanksgiving to Him who has indeed made the crooked things straight and the rough places plain.

The 6th of March, when the Opening of our New Church took place, was a day never to be forgotten in the history of the Homes, and our Biennial Thanksgiving Day on the 11th of Sept. will also be a memorable one. Amid the many blessings which have gladdened our hearts throughout the year, we have been called to mourn the removal of many valued friends and givers to the work, for whom we do not sorrow as lost, but desire to thank our Heavenly Father for what they have done in the past. A number of our little ones have also been gathered home during the year, but we rejoice to know that they are now with the Saviour, whom they learned to love and trust while in the Homes. Notwithstanding the trials in the removal of friends, and also in the inability of many to give who were wont to do so, the Lord has supplied in a most wonderful way, day by day, week by week, and month by month the needs of our large family, for which we do magnify His name. We commenced the year with a balance of £264 19s. 11½d. on hand and closed with 11s. 4½d. This is the smallest balance of any year since the work began, and we stand to-day as we did when we first trusted the Lord for all needed supplies. In view of all the way by which we have come, for the trials as well as the joys, we ask you to join us in thanksgiving to our covenant-keeping God, who, in the past, hath not suffered us to lack any good thing, and who will, we feel sure, supply all that is required in the time to come.

For the sake of those who do not know the nature of the work, and have not seen our former Narratives, it may be desirable to state once more the principles under which the Homes are carried on. We

never call on any one for money, nor do we send out collectors or resort to bazaars or entertainments for the purpose of raising it. The work is the Lord's, and we commit *everything* to Him in prayer, believing that He will supply through His children what we require; and hitherto this has always been the case. Day by day the daily bread for our large family in the Homes is sent, in answer to prayer, as well as all needed workers and grace and wisdom, to carry on the work, and we go on realising that we are only instruments in the hand of the Lord, and can be dispensed with when He, who employs us, sees fit to call us aside. Six years ago I was led, after much prayer and thought, to give up the remaining part of my own business and devote my whole time to the work, 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 moderate 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.

In regard to the classes of children eligible for admission to the Homes, orphan and fatherless boys and girls from 1 to 14 years, from any part of the country, also destitute lads from 14 to 18, with no home and able to work, and young women out of employment from 16 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.

During the year we have received from all sources, in answer to prayer, £18,965 19s. 5½d., and large quantities of clothing and provisions, and in the same time 390 children, from different parts of the country, have been admitted, which, with the 622 we began the year with, gives a total of 1,012 who have passed through the Homes, besides hundreds of other needy ones helped with food, lodging, advice, etc. It is a matter for great thankfulness to God that so many hundreds of poor struggling widows and others have been assisted, and so many little ones saved from becoming paupers, or worse. That such a large number should be helped whose only claim was their *entire destitution* shows the great need there is for the work. There are hundreds more yet on the borders of starvation and want, and almost daily others are being left friendless by the removal of their parents, and we are looking to the Lord to enable us in the coming year to rescue many more of these perishing little ones for whom the Saviour died.

The work of the Homes from the first until now has, we believe, been a standing rebuke to the sceptic, who denies that there is a God, or one who hears and answers the prayers of His children, and it is also an evidence to the fact that there are thousands of Christians throughout the country who, in giving of their means, act from the high motive of not letting their left hand know what their right hand does. We pray that the following details of the Lord's dealings with and through us during the past twelve months may be blessed to the strengthening of the faith of His children throughout our land, and also to the stimulating of His servants to do more for Him in the time to come.

Nov. 1, 1887.—We are once more brought to the beginning of another financial year of the work, the 17th of our trust in the Lord for all the needs of the Homes; and although there are many difficulties around and before us we would raise our "Ebenezer" and seek to go on anew in the strength of our faithful covenant-keeping God. The balance on hand

from last year is small, and our needs will be greater in this one than in any of the past, still the work is the Lord's, and we feel sure He will not suffer us to lack "any good thing." We have received £36 2s.—a little more than the day's provision—and for this, the earnest of the year's supplies, we praise our Heavenly Father. Among the sums sent, 5s. from a blind friend in Edinburgh, who gives what she can spare to the work out of her own small income, was very cheering. We took in two orphan girls of 12 and 13, one from Edinburgh and the other from Helensburgh. Thus on the first day of a new year the Lord has privileged us to rescue two needy ones, and this is our desire for each of the coming days.

Nov. 3.—£100 yesterday from Paisley was a very acceptable gift to our Building Fund, for which we are requiring much. £5 11s. from friends in Glasgow, Paisley, Gourrock, and Kirkcudbright, and some apples from Jedburgh, are our gifts for to-day. A boy of 14 from Stirling, whose father is dead, and his mother has gone wrong through drink, was added to our number.

Nov. 7.—An old friend in Paisley sends £15, £5 of it for our own use and a new one in the same place £5 5s. From other sources we received 10s. 6d., also a very useful lot of clothing, which is always acceptable among our large family.

Nov. 8.—£1 from Kilmalcolm as "Wee Jamie's first thankoffering," and £8 7s. 6d. from Perth, Crieff, Alloa, Callander, Bridge-of-Allan, Paisley, Bowling, and Glasgow, reached us to-day. The following letter from Bridge-of-Allan was cheering:—"Dear Sir,—Enclosed please find P.O. for 10s., my small contribution in aid of your good work. It is my first, but I hope God in His good providence will enable me to help you again. My prayer is that God will bless your work more and more." Quite a number of needy ones were at City Home seeking our help and advice. A friend called about a family of five children whose father is dead, and the mother, a Christian woman, is not able to keep all. We arranged for her to come and see us. How many such there are who, when the breadwinner is taken away from them, cannot struggle on alone. We do thank the Lord from day to day for the great privilege of being allowed to help so many poor widows and fatherless little ones.

Nov. 10.—£60 from an old donor in Glasgow was a most welcome gift, as there has been little for some days past. A friend sending £1, says—"Please accept my annual 'cup of cold water.' I wish it were more, but it is given with heartfelt sympathy and good will to you and your good work." 16s., with kind words of sympathy, from a S. S., in Grantown; £5 from working parties in Dumfriesshire; £1 from a Bible Class in Paisley; and £1 6s. 8d. from Tobermory, Bridge-of-Weir and Glasgow were also cheering gifts.

Nov. 12.—A dying, aged friend in Stirling, who has often had fellowship with us in the past, during a short time of consciousness, desired that £10 should be sent to us for the work, which was done, and reached us to-day. We pray that this dear one, while passing through the valley of the shadow of death, may realise the Saviour's presence, and hear Him say, "Fear not, for I am with thee." Four children, of 12, 9, 6, and 4 years, from Dundee, were admitted yesterday. Their father was killed through an accident some years ago, and the mother since his death has gone all wrong, left her family, and is now in America. They were once in comfortable circumstances, but have been brought low.

Nov. 18.—Yesterday our Sixteenth Annual Meeting was held in the

City Home Hall. Many friends gathered to hear of the Lord's dealings with us during the past year, and to unite in praising Him for what He has privileged us to do for the needy orphan and fatherless children of our land. £25 from a friend on the West Coast—£5 of it for our own needs—£1 7s. 6d. from counter and table boxes, Helensburgh, with the words, "The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, therefore fear not," £1 from a friend in the same place, and £8 from other sources supplied the day's needs. A young woman and a lad of 14 were added to our number, and other poor ones were helped and advised.

Nov. 22.—Not much has come to-day, and our needs are great. The following letter from India was cheering:—

DEAR SIR,—By this mail I send you a money order for £2, which sum kindly accept for your work, with the hearty good wishes and sympathy of my dear husband and myself. May a rich blessing rest upon your labours throughout this coming winter, and may you have the joy of rescuing many a little one, and leading him to Christ. We constantly think of and pray for you, and esteem it a great privilege to be permitted to help you. I hope to send you another contribution very soon.

If the Lord's children realised more the great privilege He confers on us in being labourers together with Him, whether in praying, giving, or working, we believe much more would be accomplished in His name than at present is. We do oftentimes praise God for the many prayers that are offered up on our behalf by friends at home and abroad. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Nov. 24.—£185 16s. 4d., being money left by a friend of the work, and £20 from "Penzance" yesterday gladdened our hearts, as £100 from an old donor in the East of Scotland and some other sums have to-day. A friend sending £10, writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Though "Children of the King" we cannot hope to escape our fair share of the trials of these troublous days, only our lot may be brightened and lightened by the thought that our trials are meant to, and do really, bring us into more intimate fellowship with Christ, which we fear is not the result of tribulation to the worldings. Let us pray for them.

With others I feel the pressure of these depressed business times. This I have faithfully made an excuse, to too great an extent, for a tardiness in helping financially in the Lord's work; but now I feel it is time to repent, and lend more freely to the Lord, surely the best of all bankers in these uncertain days. So you have enclosed a small tangible token of my sincerity in this matter, which I trust will bring a blessing with it. Lay it out in your work as the Master guides. I wish it were more, and will gladly supplement it later as I may be able.

We took in two girls of 9 and 7, whose father died of consumption about two years ago, and their mother is not strong and will need to go into the Infirmary. Also a boy of 12. Grandmother, who kept him, died a few days ago, and there are no other friends able to help.

Nov. 26.—Yesterday an aged friend in Glasgow, who has often helped us in the past, sent £3, and wrote—"It is little, I feel it to be so, but I am glad to be privileged to give any to so great and good a cause. It is my wish that you may be supplied and supported so that as your day so your help may be." An Edinburgh friend, who has recently gone to England to reside, writes us to-day—"Dear Mr. Quarrier,—I have received your very interesting account of the 'year's' work, and I beg to enclose a cheque for £4, one for yourself, the other three for your work. May God long spare you for it, and prosper it as hitherto." "Two Brothers" write from Liverpool:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Your last Narrative of Facts was such as to sustain the

interest of all who sympathise with you in your labour of love. It affords us much pleasure to know that that good work is still progressing, and that little ones are being rescued from what in all human probability would prove a life of degradation, and from haunts of misery and scenes of vice are being introduced into new channels through which they may become useful citizens and blessings to all around them. The work in which you are engaged claims our warmest approval, as it is so much in the spirit of Him in whom "the fatherless findeth mercy." If in a great heathen city of antiquity there were six score thousand souls who knew not to discern between right and wrong—the little ones, we are led to assume—whose existence was urged by the merciful Father of all as a plea that He should not destroy that city, can we doubt that He will withhold His blessing from the labours which so disinterestedly and unostentatiously you have, we are persuaded in His name and strength, undertaken among that same portion of our community? Our earnest prayers and sincerest wishes go with you. In token of our appreciation, we have the pleasure of herewith enclosing £5 for your noble schemes, which we trust the Lord will continue to prosper and make more and more to grow into a great blessing to our land.

£10 from "Nemo;" £2 from Rothesay, 10s. of it for our own needs; 2s. 6d. from a servant; and £5 10s. from other friends in Nairn, Callander, Edinburgh, Glengarry, and Glasgow, make up the amount received to-day. In many different ways the Lord's children are led to minister to the needs of the little ones under our care. "A working man" in Ellon, sending 4s. 6d., says—"For some time back I have been in the habit of regularly setting apart a certain proportion of my daily wage as 'His own,' and I am surprised and pleased to find I have now so much more to give to the cause of the Lord. I had your deeply interesting report, for which accept thanks. 'My God shall supply all your need.'" A friend in Penicuik, "by laying past a penny a day for three months, and adding the odd pence," is able to send us 8s. A mother in Banffshire sends £1 5s. which belonged to a dear little girl "gone home," and says—"I do not know of any better way of disposing of it than by sending to you to help some poor little one." May she, in thus ministering to others, be comforted herself. A young friend writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—My little brother was so much interested in your little boys and girls, from reading the report of last year, that since then he has been "saving up" to send you something before Christmas, and hopes you will accept the enclosed 3s. given to Jesus. Wishing you all prosperity in your good work.

Another in Freuchie:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—It gives me great pleasure to be able, in the name of Freuchie Y. W. C. A., to enclose to you, in aid of your *great* work, this postal order for 15s.—an increase of 10s. from last year. Our funds have been better this year than ever they have been before. We count it a privilege to help you in the upbringing of your numerous family, and only wish it could have been more, as we know that 15s. doesn't go far when it comes to hundreds of mouths to be filled. Praying that your faith may always be encouraged, and that a rich blessing may follow your labour of love. I received your annual report on Friday morning last, and was much struck to see how your money and provisions, etc., came in day by day.

Our balance on hand, after squaring up last month's accounts, was just sufficient for one day's keep of our large family but we feel sure that He who has hitherto supplied all our needs will do so still. We would rest in the assurance, "Your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things."

Dec. 3.—The following letters to hand from Canada yesterday and to-day are only a few among many such we receive from time to time:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I got your kind and welcome letter, and was glad to hear you were all well. I am in the very best of health. I hear you are making a new Home in the city of Brockville. I am glad to hear that you are getting along so well in your work. We are getting ready to build a house next summer; we are busy digging the cellar and foundation. We have all the stones ready for it now. We

have a big job this winter drawing the brick and sand for it. It will take over 45,500 bricks for it. I am glad to hear that the power of Jesus is strong to save among the boys and girls in the Homes. I am going to tell you that we have as good a Sunday School as is in the country. I am sorry to tell you that this has been a very dry summer; the crops are not as good as they were last summer, but we are very thankful that they are better than any other place. In some places they did not get as much grain as they had sown. Dear Sir, I would be glad if you would give me one of your pictures. I would like to see you once more. I often think of the time when I was in Old Cessnock, when we used to see you coming into the school; it made me glad to know that there was one that cared for me. If it was not for you I would have been a very bad boy; and more than that, I would have been a poor boy. But I thank God, who has brought me from the very lowest thing. It is my earnest wish that God will keep me near the Cross. I have no more at present, but remain your loving friend,
J. K.

Please write soon.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I write you these few lines to let you know that I am well, hoping to find you all the same. We had a pleasant voyage. We had swings, and skipping ropes, and lots of other nice fun. We had lots of nice things to eat. We saw fishes jumping up on the top of the water. Some of us saw icebergs. We were in a fog for a few days, and did not see anything. We were in the Atlantic Ocean for eight or nine days. We were in the ship for fourteen days and nights, and in the train one day and night. Then we came to Quebec, and we had a nice walk, looking around it, and we had a nice dinner—as much as we wanted. Then we came to Montreal, and it is a nice place. Then we came to the Home on Friday, and the following Tuesday I came away to a home. We live in the town in winter, and the farm in summer. Our farm is by the lake side, and we see the boats go by, and on the other side we see the trains, and it is very pleasant and healthy. I am out-growing all my clothes, for I am getting so big and fat. We have apple, pear, and plum trees, and strawberries, blackberries, and black, white, and red currants. We have horses and cows, and hens and chicks, and pigs and pigeons, and turkeys and roosters. I am in a good home, and all are very kind to me. There is only one child, and he is twenty this month. He goes to school all the time, and is going to be a doctor if he is spared to get through. If you see Alexander, my brother, tell him I send my love to him, and if you answer my letter, I would like to know all about him.—I remain your affectionate friend,
E. C. G.

DEAR SIR,—I write you these few lines to let you know that we have got Johnnie F. You will remember him. We like him very much. He has his little faults like others—they are lifeless who are faultless. He is learning very well at school, and is very fond of school and learning. He is quite contented, and says he would not like to go back to the Homes. He is growing fast, and is very healthy. He never forgets Mr. and Mrs. Quarrier in his prayers. You have had a good influence over the child, and you will reap your reward. I hope to be able to bring him up in the right way. We have one child of our own, a boy; he is a year and five months old. We were four years married last May. We are farmers. I would like to know Johnnie's birthday. Johnnie's brother Henry lives near to us, and they go to school together. His brother George has been to see him once.

Dec. 6.—An invalid in Aberdeen sends £1, 13s. of it being proceeds of work done and sold; a young friend in Oxford, £1, being "tithe from an exceptionally good dividend"; and among many other sums, in all about £28, £5 was from Ayr, "out of God's box"; 10s. 6d. from Greenock as "a thankoffering from our boys for recovery from fever," and 10s. 5s. of it for our own needs from a friend who says—"Your report is deeply interesting and surely should be a rebuke to all unbelief in a prayer-hearing and a prayer-answering God. May our Father continue to bless and prosper the work He has given you to do. I can do little, being over 70 and in the doctor's hands, and very weak, but I can ask that you may receive all needful grace and wisdom from on high." Gifts such as these and the kind words of sympathy accompanying them do much to strengthen and encourage us from day to day.

Dec. 9.—Four children were added to our family—two boys, whose father died 12 years ago, and the mother six months since, having

been confined to bed with chronic rheumatism for 10 years before her death. An older brother is very bad doing and had to be turned out of the house by police. The oldest girl is well-doing, but has been sorely tried with her brother. The house is now broken up, and she and a younger sister are going into lodgings. An orphan girl of 9, from Helensburgh, whose brother we took some time ago, and a little girl of 6 whose mother has been sleeping on stairs, etc., were the other two taken in to-day. Among many encouraging letters we have received from friends thanking us for our annual report are the following:—An Helensburgh friend writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Many thanks for your interesting report, which I have read with very great pleasure, and am glad to see the signs of progress which it tells of. My desire is that your work among the needy may be greatly owned and blessed in the future, as it has been in the past. Enclosed is £1, which you will please make use of according as you think best.

One in Fairlie:—

DEAR FRIEND,—Many thanks for the two yearly reports you sent to me. I have read them with great interest, and given them away to friends, and I trust that they will be as interested in your great work as I feel. I think we might all do something, however little, to encourage you and help you in the great work of saving the little ones. I trust in the year to come many will be raised up to help to save the perishing. Accept of this £1 3s. for the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir, also the magazines. Wishing you and Mrs. Quarrier and all the little ones a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Another in Strathaven—"Dear Mr. Quarrier,—I have to thank you for sending me your annual report. Truly, truth is stranger than fiction. I was more interested in reading it than any romance. Enclosed is order for 10s., of which use 2s. 6d. for yourself. I hope you will be long spared to carry on the work of rescue. Victory is of the Lord." A friend in Perth, sending 10s., says—"I have read your report with much interest, and heartily do I join with you in thanksgiving to our covenant-keeping God for His increasing faithfulness and love. Surely His is love that we daily prove; is it not?" An old donor in Shetland writes—"From my wife and myself I send you the enclosed P.O. for £1. We have received your Narrative of Facts, and we rejoice in reading of your prosperity in the good work. Your labour is hard and trying, but your reward is sure. When thinking how God had honoured your faith and labours, these words came to my mind: "O how great is Thy goodness which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee, which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee before the sons of men!"

Dec. 13.—Many friends who were wont to help us are not able to do so now, and others cannot give as much. An old donor writes—"I am exceedingly sorry I cannot forward to you my usual subscription this year, as my income has been so much reduced, but I pray that others who have the means may get the heart also to give of their abundance. I enclose 5s., with earnest wishes for the prosperity of your work, which well deserves everyone's sympathy." The Lord accepts our gifts "according to that a man hath," and the more we have, the greater is our responsibility. May this dear friend realise in the trial from the loss of earthly things the abiding presence of Him who is "the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever." Among many gifts from various parts to-day, some from the children touched our hearts. A little girl in Paisley sends 2s. 6d., and says—"My sister Mary and I send you 1s. each out of our banks to help your little girls and boys. My wee brother David, aged 3, wants to send a sixpence too." A lot of toys, "some

of them bought with Tottie's saved pennies," will gladden many of our little ones at the coming New Year's treat. We praise our Heavenly Father for His continual loving kindness in the supply of our daily needs. We are looking to Him to send money to build more houses, so that we may be able to rescue more of the needy orphan and fatherless children of our land.

Dec. 16.—Amid discouragements to-day from relatives of children we have had in the Homes for years, and who have required much care and attention, the following letter from "A grateful mother" was very cheering, and led us anew to praise God and take courage:—

SIR,—I cannot express the gratitude that I feel for the good you have done to my boy Alexander. I lost all control over him after his father died, so I brought him to you, and you were willing to take him and he was willing to go. Now he is in Canada, and he tells me that he has a good home and he says that Mr. F. is very kind to him, and he has sent me some money to help his four little sisters. I told him that he was to be sure and write to you and let you know how he was getting on. Now I express my thanks that there are such Homes, and any person that does good actions from pure motives will be highly rewarded, for God is both able and willing to help those that put their trust in Him. My heart's desire and prayer to God is that I may be spared to see my boy a faithful servant to God, but the fault will be on his own part if he is not, for God wishes all men to turn, and spares them for that end.

We took in four children yesterday, and four the day before, each with his and her own sad tale of misery and need.

Dec. 20.—£200 from a new donor gladdened our hearts to-day, as well as many smaller gifts, both of money and clothing from old friends at home and abroad.

Dec. 27.—We were greatly cheered this morning by a letter from two friends, saying they desired to build a cottage, and giving us the order to proceed. We praise our loving Father for this renewed token of His interest in the work, and look to Him to send the 12 more houses that are still required, so as to enable us to deal with from 1,600 to 1,700 children annually. The great need for the work is very manifest to us from the numbers of destitute little ones who are brought under our notice from day to day. Five such were taken in yesterday and three to-day, who, but for the help of the Homes must have gone to the poorhouse or been lost on the streets.

Dec. 29.—Very many kind friends, old and young, far off and near, have been ministering to the needs of our large family these days past, and words fail us to express the gratitude we feel for all the loving kindness and thoughtful interest shewn in so many ways towards the little ones under our care. At this festive season the gifts of the children, who, in the midst of their own happiness and enjoyments, remember their less favoured brothers and sisters, are specially cheering. A dear little girl of 8 in Perth, who cannot walk from spine disease, sends with her love some nice little picture books, cuffs, etc.; a boy in Peebles 5s., being part of his saved pennies; a servant, "from the nursery," £2 10s.; two little girls in Aberdeen, "who wish to make some of the little ones happy," send a parcel of knitted articles; "Wee Maggie and Annie, Irvine, 12s., as saved pennies;" "Alice and Willie," Grangemouth, 5s.; three little children of 8, 7, and 5, Castle-Douglas, cuffs, knitted caps, etc.; girls in Public School, Leith, 11s., collected in pennies and halfpennies; and "Charlie and Pansy," Johnstone, Christmas cards. A number of cuffs, scarfs, etc., with a Christmas card attached to each, came with the following note:—"If Mr. Quarrier will kindly make use of the accompany-

ing articles in his work among the Lord's little wanderers the makers will be much gratified." A friend in Wishaw, sending a box of toys, useful clothing, etc., writes:—

DEAR SIR,—In October last I suggested to my Sabbath school class of little girls, 9, 10, and 12 years, that they might do something practical for *Jesus*, the outcome being we all met once a week at my home for an hour and a half, and did some little sewing, the result of which, we have now great pleasure in handing you for distribution as you may think best. The little girls themselves have been blessed in meeting together and doing something that would help to make others happy. Besides the work done they are all so glad to make a little sacrifice, and send a small gift for the children's Christmas tree. We all unite in wishing all at the Homes a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

"Little friends" at Niddry, many of them poor themselves, send £1 3s. 6d. as the proceeds of their mission box, and are sorry it is not more, and many other gifts, both of money and clothing, have gladdened our hearts and strengthened our hands. God bless each dear friend, and grant that they, in ministering to others, may be abundantly blessed themselves.

Dec. 31.—The last day of another year has come, reminding us of the fleetness of time. This season is always a busy time with us in preparing for the New-Year treats to our children, and this year specially so with the larger number we have had to provide for, and also in pushing forward our new Church, so as to enable us to enter it on the first day of the year. Although not quite finished, we feel it is necessary to go into it, as we have been much overcrowded in the old hall. The public opening we intend having some time in March. As we look back on the past year, so full of the mercy, goodness, and loving care of our Heavenly Father our hearts are full of praise, and in confidence we would go forward knowing that He will in no wise fail or forsake us.

Jan. 2, 1888.—Yesterday being Lord's Day we opened our new church by holding special services in it—first, by a Watch-night Meeting, praying out and bringing in the New Year. As we and our fellow-workers looked at the beautiful house of prayer God has given us, our hearts went up in thanksgiving to Him, and we could not but join in singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." In the morning at 10.30 we all met for prayer, when some of the children themselves took part. Then we had the usual forenoon meeting at 11 o'clock, and in the afternoon at 2.30 the Rev. Thos. Duncan, of Bridge-of-Weir, took the service, and spoke from the words "Have faith in God." At the close the workers gathered round the Lord's Table and remembered His dying love in the presence of the children. At six o'clock we met again for prayer and praise, when many of the boys and girls bore testimony to what the Lord had done for them. We do pray that the building thus consecrated to the Lord's service may in the years to come be the birthplace of many souls. To-day, through the kind thoughtfulness of friends, our large family had their annual New-Year treats at the Bridge-of-Weir Homes, those in the City joining us there. They had a special breakfast in the morning; dinner, consisting of roast beef, pies, potatoes, and plum pudding, at 12.30, and at 2.30 two large Christmas trees and the lifeboat of our training ship were dismantled, each child receiving of the spoil. Our little invalids in Bethesda were not forgotten, but had, through the kindness of two friends, a Christmas tree and gifts provided for them. After a special tea, all gathered in the Church, where three hours were very pleasantly spent in singing, recitation, etc. Towards the close, prizes for good conduct, diligence at school, etc., during the year were

distributed, and on retiring a service of fruit was given. We are sure the day will long be remembered by our little ones as a bright, happy spot in their lives. Many gifts with kind cheering words have reached us, fully supplying the day's needs, for which we praise our loving Father.

Jan. 5.—An old donor, who regularly gives for emigration a portion from the profits of his business, sends £2 5s. 6d; and from Aberdeen, Dollar, Alloa, Greenock, Roseneath, Dumfries, Windygates, Lockerbie, Ballachulish, Rutherglen, Bridge-of-Weir, and Glasgow, we have received £41 11s. 9d, a quantity of provisions, clothing, etc. A friend sending £2 10s. from Ballachulish writes:—

DEAR SIR,—I write enclosing the money collected by the Duror Sunday school and Band of Hope and friends in the neighbourhood, for the Orphan Homes. The young people here are greatly interested in the reports of your most interesting and noble work, and have great pleasure in sending their small contribution. Later on they hope to send some articles of clothing, etc. Hoping for increased blessing on your work during the year that is now opening.

A fatherless boy from Greenock was taken in to-day.

Jan. 6.—We have got quite a number of little ones adopted in this country, and the following letter received to-day regarding one of them has cheered and encouraged us:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—With the greatest of pleasure I write you a few lines to let you know how our dear little daughter is getting along. I am happy to say that she is improving every day. She is in the best of health and getting along well at school. She can play two or three hymn tunes on the piano. I am pleased to say that she is a loving and kindly girl and most obedient, and her teacher says that she is a very intelligent child. Dear sir, I could not tell you how much we are both attached to her. The Lord our Heavenly Father was exceedingly kind to us in putting such a fine girl in our hands; and we also thank you very much. Our prayers for you and your work we give night and day that all things may go well with you, and that you may have great prosperity in the good work which you are carrying on day by day. Dear sir, as we were away from home at Christmas time, we send £1 as our Christmas token of gratitude to you.

An old friend sends £50, and among other smaller sums received were £6 as part proceeds of Christmas tree; 2s. 6d. from "a Scotch servant," London, as "a thankoffering for recovery of a brother from a long illness;" 10s. from two young friends, Ayr; £2 2s. from Macduff "in dear memory of John;" £5 from the same friend as "a thankoffering;" £1 collected from a few friends in Oban, and £1 "from a grateful heart as a small thankoffering." Thus from many sources and in various ways the Lord supplies our needs from day to day. A little boy of eight, whose mother has been in prison, was added to our family, and other needy ones helped and advised.

Jan. 7.—The Lord remembers our own needs as well as those of the dear children under our care, and since we gave up our business and depended on Him for all that we required, He has not suffered us to lack any good thing. A kind friend in sending £20 writes:—

DEAR BROTHER IN THE LORD,—We enter upon another year, and we have the call during this week to special confession, praise and prayer, the renewed thoughts, and renewed mention of all the Lord's servants. Remembering that it is to Him you look for all the needed provision for those dear to you as well as yourself, I take the privileged place of, in a little way, ministering to you and yours, with the earnest prayer that the Giver of every good gift, from whom comes all the ability as well as the heart and wisdom to serve Him, may abundantly bless you in your family and in yourself and your work, Himself going before you, and keeping you following close, so that nothing may be attempted except according to His holy will and guidance.

£25 7s. 3d. have come for the children; 2s. 3d. being saved pennies from

a little boy and girl in Lenzie, "which they would rather send for the poor wee children than spend in toys for themselves." God bless these little ones and reward their self-denial for the sake of others.

Jan. 11.—The cases at the City Home to-day were very numerous and distressing. Nine little ones were taken in. A family of five children of 13, 11, 9, 7, and 5 years, from Ayr whose father died three years ago of consumption, and the mother is just dying of the same disease. The youngest, a girl, is paralysed, and otherwise delicate and will require great care and attention. The mother is comforted in knowing her little ones will have a home when she is gone and not need to go to the poorhouse. Three children of 9, 5, and 3, whose father, a coal-pit labourer has not been able to work for two years. The mother died in March last, leaving six, a girl of 14 in service, one of 12 keeping house, a baby of 10 months, and the three we have taken. The Parochial Board gave 4s. 6d. a week to the father, but nothing for the children, and had it not been for the help of some kind neighbours, they must have starved or gone to the poorhouse. The other one received is a poor diseased boy of 12, whose father was drowned at sea five years ago, and the mother, who made her living by selling sticks, etc., died in Greenock Poorhouse a few days since. She wished him to come to us. Not only is the poor boy diseased, his left arm being powerless, but he is deaf and has a stammer in his speech. Other needy ones were helped and advised. To-day our gifts in money amount to £22 5s. 1d. We have also received four bags corn, some fowls and clothing, all very acceptable in our large work. A friend in sending £1 3s. 1d. from a S.S. in Greenock, says—"The sum is not very large as the past year has been a trying one to families, such as we labour among. Many of our children come to school barefooted; but it has been given ungrudgingly and with a willing heart. May you realise the Master's presence continually and may your encouragement be His words, 'Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least, ye did it to Me.'"

Jan. 12.—To-night we gave our annual treat of tea and supper to the street boys and girls. This has become quite an institution in the city and months before it takes place we are often accosted on the street by a nod and a "Please, Mr. Quarrier, when's oor meeting to be? Will it be lang noo?" This year we held it in the National Halls, South Side, and about 1500 responded to our invitation—200 more than last year. We had fear beforehand that with the larger hall and numbers we would not be able to control them sufficiently, but the Lord gave the needed help, and with the aid of about 150 voluntary workers pretty good order was maintained, and a most enjoyable evening for the children spent. Some of our rescued boys and girls from the Bridge-of-Weir Homes entertained the company with recitations and singing, which, with the magic lantern display, kept up the interest all the time. A large bag of bread was given to each child and tea as much as they could drink. At the close all got a large pie, an orange, a Christmas Card, and small almanac or book. It was no small pleasure to us to be able, through the kindness of some friends, thus to minister to those neglected ones for whom no other provision had been made. At the meeting it was again proposed, and unanimously carried, that the Lord Provost and Magistrates should be asked to control the street children, and make laws and regulations for their supervision, so as to save them from the evil influences of street life as it at present is. Our usual invitation was given to any who were destitute and desirous of leaving their old life to enter the

Homes, and was accepted by a few. The following account of the meeting appeared in the *Evening Times* of the 13th inst. :—

AN EVENING WITH CITY ARAKS.

What an interesting gathering there was in the National Halls last night! It was a children's party, but not a fashionable one, for Mr. and Mrs. Quarrier only invite "news boys and girls, shoeblacks, match, pipe, and vesuvian sellers, singers, and beggars" to their annual treat. There was, however, no lack of responses to the invitation; for, by a little after seven o'clock, no fewer than 1500 guests had been seated at the long, narrow, white-draped tables that stretched from end to end of the hall, or at the raised side benches. The rear was occupied by the girls, who comprised about one-third of the party. Each visitor was confronted by a cup and saucer, and as they rattled these in their impatience, whistled, shouted, and talked, the din gave a fair idea of the discordance which existed at ancient Babel. Mr. Quarrier's appearance on the platform was the signal for a great outburst of cheering, but when "he whistled shrill" there was silence. They were a queer lot in front of him. There seemed to be few really ragged urchins in the hall. As a rule the children were fairly well protected against the cold, the boys wearing the knotted cravat so typical of the street arab, especially when, as it was in most cases, associated with the close-cropped hair fringed over the forehead. The faces, all tolerably clean, were bright and happy looking, and many bore evidence of great 'cuteness and intelligence, for your young street vendor is neither simple nor stupid. Mr. Quarrier told his guests that they were to consider themselves as in his house, and to behave accordingly, and, indeed, throughout the evening they sat wonderfully quiet. "Let us with a gladsome mind" having been sung as a blessing, the bags of fancy bread and pastry were distributed. Each child eagerly clutched the precious package, and emptying its contents into his lap, speedily devoured the most toothsome morsels in it. Then came the tea, and what a rush there was for it! In their haste they sipped not from the cup as fashionable folks are wont to do, but filling the saucers drank the cooler beverage from them. One youth whose seat was not fronted by a table seized a bun between his teeth, while with his hands he poured his tea from cup to saucer. Soon the tablecloths were saturated by the hurrying visitors, who drank one cupful after another in rapid succession, their appetites needing no unnatural stimulant. After the dishes were cleared away, the cloths were speedily bundled up, and pitched away by the guests, who then renewed their loud-toned conversation. A choir of seven boys and two girls—all mere children, from the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir—returned thanks by singing the doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," which, in characteristic style, the audience applauded as if it had been a comic song. Mr. Quarrier, amid commendable quietness, then delivered a brief address. He said that when they first invited the children, 23 years ago, there were only 300 present, but 10 years ago the number had risen to 700. Many of the young persons present at these gatherings were dead, some had become criminals, and were in prison or industrial schools, but he was glad to say that others were now in the Canadian homes of the Mission, whither 230 went last year. What had that night's treat cost? £100, shouted the boys. Yes, Mr. Quarrier said, and that sum had been given by a lady, to whom the recipients of her bounty gave a most enthusiastic vote of thanks. At Mr. Quarrier's suggestion, the audience authorised him to petition the Magistrates to give the newsboys fixed stations on the streets and badges with numbers. A show of hands then indicated that about one-fifth of the audience were fatherless, and the speaker gave all such, a hearty invitation to come under his care. He said that within the last few days he had received £1,600 from two friends who desire to be unknown to build and furnish another house at Bridge-of-Weir. Songs and recitations were then given by the reclaimed children, the comical acting of the juveniles being quite unique in its way. A magic lantern entertainment followed, after which each child got a large pie, an orange, a book, and a Christmas card, with which the audience departed bright and happy.

For more than twenty years we have been asking our city magistrates to get legal power to control the poor children of our streets, but regret that they have not yet done anything towards this end. Until they do so we think they are responsible for the wrong-doing of the children, who, for the want of proper supervision, are continually drifting into crime.

Jan. 13.—In the midst of difficulties in dealing with cases at the City Home to-day, the following words, sent with 14s. 2d. from Gourrock, were

cheering—"My prayer is that God will, out of the riches which are in glory by Christ Jesus, very abundantly bless your efforts among the young. Your responsibility is great, so great that our prayers are demanded on your behalf, that God may endow you with that sanctified tact so much needed in the dealing with young people. He has promised to make 'the crooked paths straight;' your path, I presume, in the working of such a big concern must at times be somewhat 'crooked.' He is faithful!" We took in six boys to-day. Three of one family, whose father, a pensioner, spent nearly all the money he got in drink, and died through the effects of it ten days ago, leaving mother with five children, and not a penny to bury him with. A girl of 10 we will take again. The poor children have been entirely neglected in education, etc. The house was void of furniture, and in a most filthy condition. One of the other three taken, a boy of 14, was at Street Children's Treat last night, and seems desirous to give up the old life. Thus we are privileged from day to day to rescue many of the poor and needy ones who have none to care for them. The following letter reached us from one of our rescued band in Canada :—

DEAR FRIEND,—I thought you would like to hear from me and know how I am getting along in my new home in Canada. I am getting along very well, and I have not forgotten how kind you were to me while in Bridge-of-Weir. I was only in the Home in Canada for a few days and then came out into the country. I live with Mr. L., and he is very kind to me. There is Miss L. and also Mr. William, and all are very kind to me. I go to school every day, and I have not very far to go. Miss L. went to Picton and brought me home a lovely hood for a present. Santa Claus has been to see me and brought me a drawing slate and a pail, and it had "good girl" on it, and some sweets and five cents and a pair of rubbers lined with felt, but Miss L. said that if it is a nice day on Saturday she will go to town and try and change them for larger ones. I went to Church on Christmas with Mr. L., and it was beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers and Scripture texts. There is not very much snow, but Mr. L. has made me a hand-sleigh. Give my love to Miss Fox. Hoping you, Mrs. Quarrier, and all the little people at Bridge-of-Weir had a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year. This is all I have got to say at present, and all are well at home, and I hope all that are at Bridge-of-Weir are well.—Yours very truly,

I. M'L.

Jan. 17.—Among other sums sent yesterday was £20 for our new Canadian Home in Brockville, for which we require £2,000 before the end of May; also £1 3s. from a Mission S.S. in the far North, "the children of which are for the most part poor themselves, but they have cheerfully contributed their half-pennies and pennies during the last 12 months for the purpose of giving a little help to children who are worse off than themselves." Such gifts as these greatly touch our hearts, and we pray that the young givers may realise in their own experience the truth of the Master's words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." A friend sending £6 from a S.S. and Bible Class in Edinburgh, writes to-day: "£4 1s. 4d. is for the general purposes of the Orphan Homes, and £1 18s. 8d. towards your personal support, the latter being from the teachers. We continue to take a warm interest in your work, and are thankful to God for having raised up such a devoted friend for the neglected little ones. The burden and responsibility of the work must be heavy, but you have the cheering knowledge that the Master is well aware both of its weight and your strength to bear, and will adjust these." In our daily work for the Lord we do realise the fulfilment of His promise, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." 5s. as a thankoffering from a friend in Glasgow; £25 from friends in Wishaw; £10 from Aberdour;

£1 10s. from two friends in Edinburgh, for emigration; 10s., the gift of "an old orphan" in Dumbarton, from where we took a young woman to-day; £4 6s. 1d. from a S.S. and friends, Leith; a quantity of hyacinth bulbs, which will help to brighten our houses in the coming months, from Paisley; and £4 6s. 6d. from Lochgelly, Mains of Luther, Dunfermline, and Aberdeen, are our other gifts for the day. Two boys of 15 and 12, who were at the Street Children's Treat, were added to our number. They have been selling papers, etc., for two or three years, and seem much neglected. It will be difficult for them to settle down, as they have had their own way so long; but we look to the Lord to give the needed grace in dealing with them. How much better it is to get the children when they are young and have not any evil habits formed!

Jan. 19.—Last week one of our little consumptive ones was gathered "home," and to-day "our wee baby" was taken to be with Jesus. When we received him with other four of the family, about eight months ago, he was a little over a year old, but looked more like three months. We hardly thought he would live so long, but the good nursing and kind care of the "mother" in whose cottage he was placed did much for him. Now he is beyond the reach of all pain and suffering, which, for a little while, we had the privilege of relieving in some measure.

Jan. 21.—Only £7 3s. 9d. to-day, 6s. of it from an anonymous friend in Paisley, who says, "Please accept the enclosed as a thankoffering—the donor having prayed unto the Lord to increase his store, vowing that a tenth would be given back to Him. May He who said 'Feed My lambs' be with you." We pray that the promise which follows the injunction, "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase" may be fulfilled to this friend and all who in the same way seek to serve the Master and further His cause.

Jan. 23.—£2 0s. 6d. from Aboyne, Aberdeenshire; £1 from Orkney, and £1 from Maybole, are all that have come to-day. We require much more, but feel sure our Heavenly Father knoweth what things we have need of and will supply. We took in four boys. Two of 7 and 5 from Ayr, whose father, an evangelist, died some years ago, and mother after his death went to Newfoundland to a brother who promised to take her boys. She married again, and uncle would not keep them. After a time her husband deserted her, and some friends got them sent back to this country. She has struggled on for a while, but cannot keep children longer, and is thankful to us for taking them. The mother of the other two boys received, is dead, and the father, an invalid, is not able to do anything for them. They have been half-starved and much neglected in every way. Among other cases at City Home to-day was a poor widow with one child, whose husband died 10 weeks ago, and she is not strong, and is to be turned out of her house being unable to pay the rent. How many such there are and what a privilege it is to be able to help them by caring for their little ones! Could our friends listen as we do day by day to the sad tales of suffering and want which come under our notice, we are sure they would, more than ever, seek to help forward the work of rescuing the perishing and caring for the dying.

Jan. 25.—A new donor in Glasgow sends £20—£5 of it for our own needs—with cheering words of sympathy; "Three wee lassies" in the south of Scotland, £1 10s.; Sabbath schools in Dunbar and Glasgow, £4 11s.; and other friends in Bradford, Dundee, Kilmalcolm, Paisley, and Glasgow, £18 4s. 1d. A delicate little girl of 7 was taken in. A poor widow

who had travelled from Edinburgh with a dying child in her arms, called at City Home yesterday after I had left. She went to Greenock last night, and travelled from there to-day in a storm of wind and rain to see me. We paid her fare back, and she is to bring the three other children she has, and we hope to be able to help her. Another poor widow called to-day about her three children. The father, who was ill for four, died two, years ago, and relatives are all poor. We will take two of them.

Jan. 31.—We are often cheered and encouraged by letters from our children in Canada, and among others received this month we give the following. The first is from the adopted mother of a little girl:—

DEAR SIR,—I received a letter from the Home, Fairknowe, Brockville, Ont. Agnes is well and is getting to be a big girl. She has never been, but two days, sick since she came to me, and then she was not very sick. I have one little boy nine years old, and they are very fond of each other. They mostly always go together. They both go to school together. The boy don't want to go if Agnes don't go. She can read and write pretty well. My boy is the best writer, but she is best at figures. They go to Sunday school every Sunday. They never miss. I never let Agnes go in any company that I don't think is good, and I do all I can to help my dear little girl to give her heart to God. I read, pray with and for her. I am not rich in this world's goods but I believe that we have all that God sees fit for us to have, for He has said "I will never leave nor forsake thee." As soon as Agnes can write a letter I will have her write to you and to her friends.

I like the little books you send Agnes, very much. I love to read them. I will bring this letter to a close by asking God to bless you and yours and your good work. I will be glad to hear from you at any time. Agnes sends her love to you; she is going to write her name to let you see her writing.—Yours in Christ, J. S.

DEAR MR. AND MRS. QUARRIER,—I now take the pleasure of writing to you to let you know that I am well, hoping this will find you and all in the same health. Dear Mr. Quarrier, I know you like to hear from your children. We have very cold weather here this fall, but not very much snow. I hope the children will all enjoy themselves at the Christmas tree. I send my love to all and a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I hope that Jesus will be with them all and be their guide for ever more. They are building a new railroad and station; it is to go from here to Brockville. I hear that Mr. and Mrs. Burges are going to be the father and mother of the Home in Brockville, and I hope they will like it. I hope they will have a good voyage across the Atlantic Ocean. I don't forget to pray for my old friends and companions. I would like to know if you heard of my brother John, and if you ever see him, tell him I send him my best love. I pray to God night and morning to break his hard and stony heart and make him His own. If we don't meet on earth again we will all meet in heaven. I would like very much if you would write a letter to the gentleman who got me into your Homes. I thank him very much for it, but I thank God more and more. I would have written to him but did not know his address. Lizzie and Annie C. stay near here. Lizzie is a good Christian young woman. I visited her one day and had a good time. Annie is getting to be a big girl; you would hardly know her. I send my love to Mrs. Smith, Miss Young, and all the children, and fathers and mothers. Jer. xxvi. 13; Rev. ii. 10.—Your loving girl,

MARY M'ILROY

Mary's mistress adds:—

DEAR SIR,—I would just say that Mary is doing very well, has good health, and is growing some taller. She is learning to work, and seems to be contented and happy.

Feb. 1.—£10 from Irvine, and £45 from Arbroath for emigration, with £5 for our own needs, were most acceptable gifts to-day. We are hoping to send a party of 120 boys to Canada about the end of March, and for this purpose £1,200 will be required, £200 of which we have on hand. £25 from a Perth friend, which we have put to the building fund, and other smaller sums, among which was £3 from one of our rescued boys, 30s. of it for our own use, were also cheering gifts. Five needy ones were added to our number.

Feb. 6.—One of our married girls in Canada writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I received your letter with the tracts all right, and was very glad to hear from you. I thought everybody had forgotten me, but I see it is not so; some folk in the old land still remember me. I have not heard from any of my own people in a long time; it must be three years, I think. We are all well at present. We are having a fine winter, very little snow. If you ever can come to see me when you are in this country I would very much like to see you. We live only about a mile out of Picton. I was delighted to hear that you were getting along so well in your noble work for the poor orphan children. I have a large heart for them; I was one myself. I assure you that you have the prayers of my heart, as I am daily living for eternity. I have two children—a boy and girl, one and five years old. Now I must close by wishing you God speed and many blessings from the great Giver of all Good.—Yours gratefully,
M. W.

Only £11 11s. 5d. to-day, and three boys have been taken in. \$5 (£1) came from Manitoba from a friend who says, "I am very much interested in your work, especially in the sending out of orphans to Canada. In Manitoba and the N.W. Territories we have room for thousands. May God bless you in your noble work." We often wish that many more of the poor half-starved families in our country could be transplanted to the land of plenty across the seas. There, those who are willing and able to work have no difficulty in getting on and making homes for themselves and children.

Feb. 10.—Our daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Burges, with three girls and two boys, sailed for Canada, to open our new distributing Home at Brockville, and get it in readiness for our first party's arrival. It is eleven years to-day since the first stone of the Orphan Homes of Scotland was laid. As we look around on our beautiful village, which has been raised up during these years, we can but say, "What hath God wrought?" Truly He hath done "exceeding abundantly" above all that we asked or thought. Oh, for hearts to praise Him more and serve Him better.

Feb. 14.—A young friend in Aberdeen, sending 14s., writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Please accept the enclosed sum for the benefit of your Orphan Homes. It is a New-Year gift, first to me, then to you, though I am rather late in sending it. I am greatly interested in the Homes, having seen through them twice—once in August, 1886, and once last November. I have heard since that the church is "just beautiful, a perfect gem," to use the speaker's own words. It will be nearly, if not quite, finished by this time, I suppose. The ship, I hope, has "braved the winter storms!" I did so enjoy going through it; it looked so cosy and comfortable. Wishing you all success in your work.

£2 from Moscow, £4 from Edinburgh, 10s. from Selkirk, £1 from Ayr, 5s. from an anonymous friend, and £1 from Glasgow make up the amount received to-day. We are requiring much more, and keep looking to the Lord for all.

Feb. 17.—£150 from an old donor was most acceptable to-day, and we praise God for the renewed fellowship of His servant. £4 12s. from S.Ss. and 10s. from a friend in Springburn also reached us. Four needy ones were added to our large family. Two of these are a boy and girl of 3 and 2 years, whose mother was accidentally killed while cleaning windows about 10 days ago, and there are no friends to care for the little ones.

Feb. 20.—Only £9 15s. 9d., and seven children were taken in—four of one family, whose father, a sergeant in the army, died two years ago at Mauritius. Prior to his death the mother was sent home for her health with the children. She is not at all strong, was in the poorhouse for some months, and feels she cannot struggle on any longer. A little girl of 7, whose father died in May last, and the mother is in service and

not able to keep her, and two boys of 16 and 12 were the others admitted. Our family is rapidly increasing, and we are straitened for room, and long for more accommodation, so that we may help the needy who are perishing on every hand. £1 of the money received is from the adopted mother of one of our little ones, which encouraged us, as also did the following letter:—

DEAR SIR,—Please find enclosed, 12s. 6d., for your general fund. I do not think I thanked you for sending us your Report, but I do so now, and desire to state that we are much interested in the "Narrative of Facts" you lay before us. These facts are as a rule stranger than fiction, and redound, many of them, to the glory of our loving Father, showing how literally true it is that "He is the Father of the fatherless." We have to say that we are always very pleased to learn that old boys and girls remember in a practical way their former home at Bridge-of-Weir. We think for the good of all parties this should be encouraged. During our interval for recreation in the forenoon, some of the scholars meet with us for a few minutes for prayer, and we always have a text to think about. The one given to-day was by a scholar:—"The cattle upon a thousand hills are His."

We praise God for this assurance coming to-day, and feel confident that our Heavenly Father, whose are the silver and gold as well as the cattle upon a thousand hills, knows our needs at this time and will supply.

Feb. 22.—£70 from a friend in Glasgow was very cheering; also £15 12s. from other sources. A dear aged Scotch friend in London writes:—

DEAR SIR,—I have just received your "Occasional Paper," and would have had much pleasure if in my power to have extended my contribution to the Orphan Homes, but demands upon me have exceeded my limited means, and meanwhile I can only express my sympathy by enclosing a cheque for two pounds, with my best wishes.

We took in two boys, twins of 6, whose father died of consumption about three years ago. Mother, who has struggled on since her husband's death, cannot do so longer. She will try to get a situation now that her little ones are cared for. A young woman of 19, in much need of help, was also admitted to our Young Women's Home.

Feb. 28.—A friend sent £150 yesterday, £50 of it for emigration; and to-day a donor in Dunfermline writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER—I have read with very deep interest your quarterly paper, and have much pleasure in enclosing cheque on my firm for £50, which will pay for the passage, etc., of five of your young folks to Canada. I trust the Lord may put it into the hearts of many of His stewards to give for your Christ-like work. What a blessing you enjoy to be the means in the hands of God of rescuing so many of the poor neglected and fatherless ones. May your own soul be much blessed.

We do praise God for the great privilege He confers on us in making us instruments in His hands of rescuing so many from misery and sin. To Him be all the glory of the work done. £20 also came from a friend in Glasgow for emigration, and among other smaller gifts received were £1 from a S.S. in Spain, the children of which are very poor themselves, mostly all the coins given being of less value than our farthing; and £1 from an invalid in Aberdeen.

Feb. 29.—Many encouraging letters have reached us this month from Canada, among which are the following:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I now take the pleasure of writing these few lines to you to let you know that I am quite well and I hope this will find you the same. I thank you for the cards you sent me. I like this country very well and I hope I will always like it. I like the place that I am in; the people I am with are very kind to me; they are nice Christian people. We have four children, two boys and two girls. I have been going to Sabbath school since I came here and I had a very nice teacher but when the end of the year came there were changes made and I was taken away from my teacher to go to the Bible class, and I was very slow about

doing so because I did not want to leave the class I was in. It is just the same when poor sinners find Jesus; they hold fast to Him and won't let Him go, for they rejoice in Him. I was glad when I got a good teacher but I was not so glad when I had to go away from her. I am glad to tell you that I have given my heart to Jesus and He takes care of me. It is very cold here just now and the snow is pretty deep and we have a big storm now and then, greater storms than you have in your country. I have not missed a Sabbath from school yet. I have missed two from church. I hope Mrs. Quarrier is in good health. I thank you very much for what you have done for me, and I hope the Lord will help me to make up something for you. Your affectionate girl,
C. M'D.

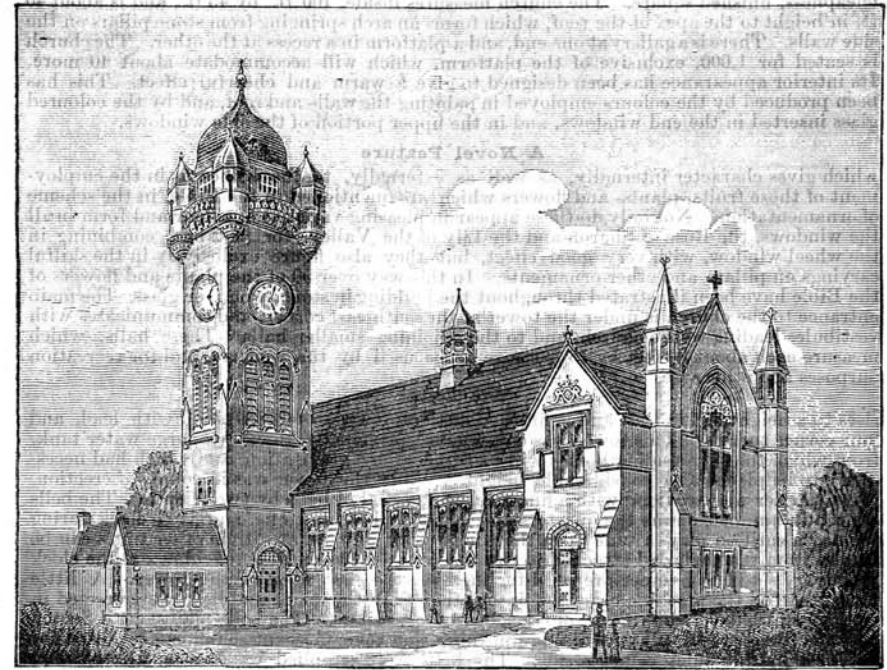
DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I have been putting off from time to time to write to you but am now going to write you a good long letter. First of all I got across the sea all right but was very sick. I will be a year in my new home on the first of May, and have got a good home. I like it well and they are very kind to me and take care of me like one of their own. We live on a big farm, one hundred acres. We have 23 cows, 7 horses, 50 hens, turkeys, a goose, a dog, and a sheep, and it is the little baby's. One of the neighbours gave it to her in a present. I have got quite handy around the house and farm. I can drive the horses and milk the cows, feed the pigs, gather the eggs, and drive the horse fork in the summer-time. It is very cold here and the snow is deep. My master says that the thermometer was, this morning, about 40 degrees below zero. I have a little kitty and I take it to bed with me some of the cold nights. I go to church and Sunday school, and every day to school. Santa Claus gave me my Second Reader and my stocking full of nice things. My master and mistress got the rest of my books and a bag to carry my books in, and a nice little basket to carry my dinner in. I stand up head all week in my class. When I was coming across the ocean it was very rough and I saw a big mountain of ice and great big fishes, and I saw three sharks. We got nuts, toffee, oranges, and biscuits. Dear Mr. Quarrier, remember me in your home and to all enquiring friends. I received your New-Year's letter, card, and book, and was very thankful for them, for it made me think that I was not forgotten at the Homes if I was a long way from them.—Your friend,

F. S.

March 2.—Three more children have been paid for to-day by friends in Linlithgow, Ayr, and Glasgow; and from others we have received £11 15s., of which £2 12s. were collected by a servant-girl in Glasgow. £5 for our own needs also came from Ayr with cheering words of sympathy.

March 5.—We have been busy for some days past in preparing for the public opening of our new church, which is to take place to-morrow, also in receiving and dealing with many needy ones at the City Home, and in choosing and arranging for the boys' party we intend sending to Canada at the end of this month. We took in eight children to-day, four of a family, motherless, and worse than fatherless, from Saltcoats; a girl from Alloa; a boy of 12, whose father was drowned in the Clyde eight years ago, and the mother died last week; a boy of 13, whose father deserted his family two years since, and mother, who tries to make a living by knitting, cannot manage all; and a fatherless boy of 14, whose mother is delicate and not able to keep him. To-day we have received £91 9s. 4d., £56 4s. of it for emigration, which will nearly pay the expenses of six boys to Canada.

On Tuesday, the 6th of March, our new Church at the Bridge-of-Weir Homes was publicly opened and set apart for the Lord's Service by an All Day's Conference, from 10 A.M. till 8 P.M. Hundreds of friends gathered with us, and we feel sure that to them as well as us the day will be a memorable one. The weather was all that could be desired, and the bright sunshine throughout, filled our hearts with thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for His goodness to us in this matter. We will not stay here to give our own impressions of the opening services, but extract from the very full account which appeared in the *N. B. Daily Mail*:



OPENING OF NEW CHURCH AT BRIDGE-OF-WEIR HOMES.

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A large and handsome church, which has been planted amid the Orphan Homes of Scotland at Bridge-of-Weir, was opened yesterday. The event was rightly regarded by Mr. Quarrier, the founder of that most interesting of all colonies, as one of great importance in the history of the beneficent work to which he has devoted all his means, his time, his great organising power, and his marvellous faith. The visible results of that work must appear almost incredible to those who only hear about and don't see them. Since it began 17 years ago, 5,000 children have passed through these Homes and the Homes in Glasgow, and of these 2,500 have been sent to Canada with a full stock of health, a capital training, and plenty of good clothes. On the property, beautifully situated among the Renfrewshire hills, some two miles from Bridge-of-Weir, where the country Homes are, there was only a farmhouse twelve years ago. Now, however, the old farmhouse has disappeared, and there are on the ground

No fewer than 28 Buildings

constructed throughout with a view to comfort, elegance, and wear. Over all there is accommodation for 700 children, yet it is not enough to meet the ever-increasing demands for shelter made on behalf of outcast and orphan children. It takes £30 a day to maintain the 800 now in the different Homes, and yet the philanthropist who guides the undertaking has no fears, but looks forward cheerfully to the time when he hopes to have even a bigger burden of responsibility. Since he took the matter in hand the enormous sum of £200,000 has been spent in the work, and all that money was, to quote Mr. Quarrier's own words, "sent in answer to prayer." In the circumstances it was natural that he should signalise the opening of the church in a special way. This was done by holding an "All Day's Service," in which friends were cordially invited to come and take part. A very large number of ladies and gentlemen from Glasgow and the West, and belonging to all Protestant denominations, attended, and took part in the day's proceedings. The guests were driven to and from the station in close and open machines. Fortunately the weather was bright and clear though somewhat cold, and the company had therefore a most favourable opportunity, of which full advantage was taken, of going round and personally inspecting the different buildings in connection with the settlement.

The Church

stands on a knoll on the west side of the grounds. It is in the Gothic style of architecture, broadly treated, and, with its massive tower, adds a new and very attractive feature to the landscape. It has to the north a gable with a large central traceried window, and in the southern gable a wheel window filled with stained glass. The side windows are, for

cheapness, finished square. The church measures inside, 100 ft. by 45 ft., and is about 40 ft. in height to the apex of the roof, which forms an arch springing from stone pillars on the side walls. There is a gallery at one end, and a platform in a recess at the other. The church is seated for 1,000, exclusive of the platform, which will accommodate about 40 more. Its interior appearance has been designed to give a warm and cheerful effect. This has been produced by the colours employed in painting the walls and roof, and by the coloured glass inserted in the end windows, and in the upper portion of the side windows.

A Novel Feature

which gives character internally, as well as externally, to the edifice, is in the employment of those fruits, plants, and flowers which are mentioned in the Bible, in the scheme of ornamentation. Not only do these appear in pleasing varieties of colour and form in all the windows, the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley, for instance, combining in the wheel window, with very good effect, but they also figure exclusively in the skilful carvings on pillars and other ornaments. In this way over 50 of the plants and flowers of the Bible have been illustrated throughout the building in stone, wood, or glass. The main entrance to the church is under the tower at the south-east corner, and communicates with vestibules leading to the church, and to the adjoining smaller halls. These halls, which measure each about 30 feet by 16 feet, are to be used by the workers, and for recreation purposes and otherwise.

The Tower

rises to a height of 120 feet, and is finished at the top with a roof covered with lead, and four corner turrets. This tower was constructed principally to carry a large water tank, from which the surrounding homes will be supplied by gravitation, and which had necessarily to be placed at a considerable height. While the tower was in course of erection, Mr. Quarrier was provided with a fine clock and a peal of bells by two friends. The bells are ten in number, chime the quarters and hours, and at nine, one, and five o'clock during the day a carillon plays a tune upon the whole peal, and at any time other tunes can be played from the keyboard attached to the machine. The carillon machine and the clock proper are set in a chamber prepared for them on the first floor of the tower. A little brass plate on the machine bears the inscription that the clock and bells were erected in memory of the late Allan Dick, of Glasgow, by his sisters. The bells play several Scotch national airs, as well as hymn and psalm tunes, and their pleasant sound can be heard for miles around the quiet country side. The bells were supplied by Messrs. Llewellyns & James, of Bristol, and the clock and carillon machine by Messrs. Gillet & Co., of Croydon. Both of these important fittings have been erected in the strongest and best manner possible, and have given the greatest satisfaction to Mr. Quarrier. We ought not to omit mentioning that the building is heated by hot water with coils in the lobbies, and ventilated by air inlets combined with Munn's extractor. The end gallery is intended for the use of the public. Generally it may be said that the building outside and inside has an

Appearance of Elegance, Comfort, and Solidity

that would favourably compare with many of our large churches in Glasgow, and, next to the new Barony Church, it is the most important ecclesiastical structure which has been raised in the West of Scotland during the past two years. It was built from the plans and under the supervision of Mr. Robert A. Bryden, architect, 212 St. Vincent Street, who also planned all the other buildings on the ground. The contractors were—Mason work, Messrs. George Barlas & Co.; wright work, Mr. Matthew Henderson; plumber work, Messrs. Fyfe & Allan; plaster work, Mr. H. S. Bathgate; tile work, Messrs. Emley & Son; heating, Messrs. Cormack & Son; ventilating, Messrs. James Carrick & Co.; stained glass and painter work, Messrs. J. & W. Guthrie, all of Glasgow; paraffin coronee for lamps, Messrs. Brawn & Co., Birmingham; stone carving, Mr. E. Good, Glasgow. The lightning conductor was provided by Messrs. Tosh & Co., Greenock.

The Conference.

From ten till eleven o'clock the workers and children gathered for prayer in the church, and from eleven o'clock till two a conference was held on the subject of faith, at which the principal speakers were Rev. Dr. Elder Cumming, who spoke on "The Peace of Faith;" Rev. Dr. Hutton, on "The Work of Faith;" and Rev. Dr. Fergus Ferguson, on "The End of Faith." In the afternoon a communion service was held in the same place. At the close of this interesting ordinance, in which men and women of almost every denomination took part, Mr. Quarrier told the people how the hall they had formerly met in was found to be too small for the community. He saw that the work was going to grow larger, and that there would be need for a new building separated entirely for worship, and he then began to pray that £5,000 should be sent to him. He kept praying on for two years, and mentioned his desire in the annual reports, but nobody came to give the money to build the house. Still he kept on praying and believing that it would come, from whom or whence he knew not. About three years ago after a conference, he was greatly exercised about it, and prayed more earnestly. Then he met a friend close by in one of the streets of Glasgow, who tapped him on the shoulder and said,

"I Want to Build that Church for You."

"You want to build the church! Do you know what it is to cost?" "Oh, yes—£5,000," was the reply. After careful preparation of plans in the endeavour to get a

commodious house—a house that should be creditable to the Scottish National Orphan Homes as well as to the generous Christian sympathy of the country, he—with the help of his architect, Mr. R. A. Bryden—decided on a set. After they were ready, however, it was found the £5,000 would not meet them; so they required to prepare another set on a reduced scale, for it was somewhat expensive—more expensive than in some parts of Glasgow—to build amongst the hills of Renfrewshire, all the stones having to be conveyed from Glasgow or ten miles beyond. Then he was anxious really to keep clear of debt. The plans had to be modified in some particulars but not in design, and they now were seated in a house of the size he had prayed for—capable, that is of accommodating a thousand. In the progress of the work he experienced the need there was in the place for correct time, and he prayed to the Lord that he would send them a clock, and there came not only the clock but bells which played such national tunes as "Scots wha hae" and "Home, sweet home," as well as the songs of Zion, and such hymns as "My faith looks up to Thee." The inspiring influence of these bells was felt by himself and the children too, and when they went out into the world after this the boys and girls would carry away with them, wherever their lot might be cast, the happy remembrance of the sweet music of the Orphan Homes of Scotland.

But How did the Bells Come?

To put them up meant the expenditure of a large sum, and his architect was hurrying him on to decide whether he would have a clock and bells or do without them. He said to Mr. Bryden, "The bells will come, and the clock will come too," although he could not say from where. On the very night his architect was urging him on to a decision he found waiting for him £2,000 to build a cottage, and to pay for the clock and bells. They came not a moment before nor a day after the time, and they cost somewhere over £700. The church proper cost £5,000 but the rooms attached, which were all required, raised the sum expended on the buildings to over £7,000. These rooms he had built in faith. Had the money come for them? Yes. He was looking over the books on the previous night, and, although the builder's account was not yet to hand, he thought there was just about as much as would pay it. What more, then, did or could he want? He wanted

£22,000 to Build 12 more Houses.

Every house was filled, and yet the children were daily coming for shelter. No money would yield so much interest as that which was spent in caring for the orphan. In doing that, they were workers together with God, for He was the Father of the fatherless, and had commanded His children to care for these. They were also declaring to the world that they did not believe in consigning them to the poorhouse, but preferred to carry out the great broad principle of brotherly love, doing unto others as they would like to be done by. He never had his faith more tried than it was last year, but he had never done more work, and he hoped to do even more this year. Before May closed he would need about £4,000. He believed the Lord would send it, and that he would not lack a penny of that amount at the end of May.

Addresses at Conference.

Allusion has already been made in a general way to the conference held in the early part of the day. Its deliberations were presided over by Mr. Wm. Sloan, Glasgow, and in addition to the chief speakers mentioned before, the following were amongst those present:—Rev. Dr. William Boyd, Rev. A. T. Donald, Rev. John Sloan, Rev. W. H. Elliot, all of Glasgow; Rev. Dr. Oliver Flett, Rev. A. Henderson, Rev. C. H. Tully, all of Paisley; Rev. Thomas Duncan, Bridge-of-Weir; Rev. Thomas Carruthers, Bridge-of-Weir; Rev. J. E. Fyfe, Rev. Thomas Gregory, Kilmalcolm; Rev. George Alison, Kilbarchan; Rev. T. R. McGregor, Johnstone; Mr. L. T. Crosbie, Glasgow; Mr. Alexander Thomson, Bridge-of-Weir; Provost Binnie, Gourcock, and Mr. R. A. Bryden, architect, Glasgow.

Apologies for absence had been received from the following gentlemen:—Lord Kinnaird, London; Sir James Watson and Sir William Collins, Glasgow; Stewart Clark, Esq., ex-M.P., Paisley; Prof. Calderwood, Edinburgh; Principal Douglas, Glasgow; Revs. Dr. White, Edinburgh; Dr. Bonar, Glasgow; Dr. M'Millan, Greenock; J. Hudson Taylor, London; F. B. Meyer, London; George Carstairs, James Stalker, George G. Green, A. Andrew, James Wells, J. F. Daly, A. R. MacEwen, W. Ross Taylor, J. J. Mackay, John Wilson, all of Glasgow; John M'Neill, Edinburgh; George Clazy, Gavin Tait, and Sheriff Cowan, Paisley; Messrs. Abram Lyle, Greenock; James Campbell, Tullichewan; John Slight, Edinburgh; John Hart, W. J. Govan, Alex. Allan, K. H. Hunter, and Wm. Lightbody, Glasgow.

Between the speeches hymns were sung at intervals, and suitable prayers were offered by Rev. John Sloan, Rev. A. T. Donald, Rev. Thos. Gregory, Rev. David Pirret, Rev. Thos. Duncan, and others.

After the Conference

an hour was spent in partaking of refreshments and in inspecting the Homes and Training Ship. Between three and four o'clock, several hundreds of the Christian visitors commemorated the dying love of Jesus Christ. Rev. Dr. Scott of the Free Church, Saltcoats, presided. Ministers and elders assisted in going round with the bread and the wine. It was a hallowed communion. From four till five o'clock, the Rev. F. H. Roberts, of the

Baptist Church, Hillhead, gave an edifying and comforting sermon from the words, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." The discourse was most appropriate for the occasion, and much enjoyed by all who heard it.

From six to eight o'clock, there was a service of prayer, praise, and testimony. The children were present in the church, as they had been in the forenoon between ten and twelve. Their behaviour was admirable. A choir from Bridge-of-Weir, led by Mr. Stewart, did much to add interest to the proceedings of the evening. Two or three of the boys rose up and testified as to their having peace with God, and as to their attachment to Jesus. One boy led in a simple but solemn prayer. Another recited "My Grandmother's Gift." One or two appropriate addresses were given. Rev. Robert Hood gave the concluding address. Never boys and girls listened with better attention to the truth proclaimed.

Shortly after eight o'clock the day's services were closed with thanksgiving, and we believe a pleasanter or more profitable day was never spent among the hills of Renfrewshire at the Orphan Homes of Scotland than the 6th of March, 1888.

March 9.—£1 from a young friend, with the following letter, greatly touched our hearts:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I have now completed my first month at business, and the object of writing you this letter is to send you my first earnings to help you in your noble work. It is a small offering, but I know it will always help. I was very glad to hear that you had such a successful day on Tuesday, and I hope Mrs. Quarrier and yourself are none the worse of the excitement.

£40 to take four boys to Canada and other gifts of clothing and money reached us to-day.

March 12.—From Stratford, Perth, Dunfermline, Edinburgh, Kilmalcolm, Shotts, Uddingston, Paisley, and Glasgow, we have received £21 17s. 3d. Of the 120 boys we intend sending to Canada on the 29th, about 90 are paid for, so that we still require £300 before the day of sailing. The Lord has supplied all that we have needed for this branch of the work in the past, and we know He will this year also.

March 15.—In preparing to send forth another rescued band, the following letters from two boys who went out, the one nine and the other seven years ago, are most encouraging, and lead us anew to praise God and take courage. They speak for themselves:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I take the pleasure of dropping you a few lines. It has been a long time since I wrote to you, and I suppose you think many times many of the children you have taken and cared for and sent out to Canada have forgotten all about you. I have not forgotten you; I often think of you and the great work you are doing for the Lord and how God is prospering you in your work. I suppose you are glad to hear from the children in Canada and to know how they are getting along in the world, and also to know if they are living for God as well as for the world. I often think of my life, how God has wonderfully brought me through. I say to myself many times, surely God has intended me for some special work for Him, and I think He has, for it has been impressed upon my mind for some time that my work is to be a missionary. I have been thinking the matter over and over again, and wonder if it would be wise for me to stop the business I am at and prepare myself for the work. I am willing to go if it is the Lord's will I should. I suppose you would like to know what I have been doing? Well, I have been going to school for a long time, and I got promoted from one class to another until I passed the entrance examination that admitted me to the High School. I took nearly one term there, until about a year ago I secured a position in a hardware store, and I have been there ever since, but that does not seem to be my work. I saved 50 dollars of my salary last year; I have that drawing interest at 7 per cent. This year they increased my salary 50 dollars; I am now getting 225 dollars. I have to pay 100 dollars for my board, and I have the rest to clothe me, so you can see just what I have been doing. If I took up the work I would rather take up the medical course. I could go to the High School at home and study for 10 months steady. It will cost me 200 dollars to attend the Medical College for one year, and I would have to stay about four years, so you see it will take a lot of money to put me through, and that is the only thing that stops me, or seems to stop me from going—if I only had the means to carry me through. I was very glad to receive your Christmas letter and to see how you were prospering. My prayer is that God, even our God, may continue to shower blessing

upon the grand work in which you are engaged for Him. I was also surprised to know that you had got a new Home at Brockville. I have heard a great many speak of it as such a nice place. I must now draw to a close, hoping you will write to me and let me know what you think of missionary work abroad. I think perhaps I will go back to school in the summer and educate myself for some good work for the Lord. I give my kind respects to all the kind friends in the Home, and wish you a happy and prosperous new year in your work.—One of your boys,
J. T.

DEAR FRIEND,—I consider it a great pleasure to write to you this letter telling you how I am getting along, and hoping it will find you in good health and strength to perform the duties which God has entrusted you with. It is quite a long time since I wrote to you before, and I am afraid you may think I am ungrateful to you for the great kindness you have shown to me in the past. But, no, Mr. Quarrier, my heart is full of love and gratitude towards you, for you have been my only true friend in the time of need. I received the letter you sent to me along with the other little tracts, which were very acceptable. There were quite a number of them in the post office at the time I got mine that were for other boys. I was very glad to hear how things were prospering under your management, and how God was blessing you with everything needful for the work. I think it must be quite a funny sight to see a big ship standing out in the field, and the boys scampering up the masts and rigging. I would like very much to see it. And I think I see and hear the boys talking, and wishing to be one of its crew, for I remember when I was in the Home they were talking about it then, and some were going to stay for it and not come to Canada. This was their talk about seven years ago; I think you were intending to build one then for the boys. Now perhaps you would like to hear how I have been getting along since I came out to Canada seven years ago, on the 30th March, 1881. When I reached Canada I was only in the Home three days, I think, when I was sent to my Canadian home among kind friends. There I have lived ever since, in my first home. First along, I practised the good advices and training I had received in the Home; but as time went past, I took up with bad companions, and was about to be led away with them when, through the grace of God, I was brought to see the road I was going. I knew if I allowed myself to go on I would get worse and be lost. I grew very serious about the matter. I thought of where I had started from, and of how God had blessed me through you, how He had lifted me up from a path of certain ruin to a state wherein I might improve. So you see, Mr. Quarrier, when I reflected on the past I felt very much ashamed of the way I was rejecting God's mercy day by day after all His goodness to me. I knew the Lord was too good and merciful to turn me away if I would go to Him with my heart full of sin. So in my state of guilt I went to Him and earnestly sought His pardon, and He freely forgave me, and to-day I rejoice in the love of God my Father, resolved to serve my God in the future. I was anxious of availing myself of every means of grace I could, and on the 8th of May last I became a member of the Methodist Church. I live two miles and a half from church or Sunday School; but I don't mind the walk. I go to church in the morning and to Sunday school in the afternoon. When God forgave me my sins I was very anxious that others should find Jesus, and this sense of duty has not died within me yet. I took a notion to go to school instead of learning a trade, for it is my highest ambition to become an instrument in God's hands in bringing perishing souls to His bleeding feet. I could stay on the farm or learn a trade, at which I could make plenty of money, but my love is not in money or anything the world can give. I have the love of God in my heart, His smile upon me day by day, and I consider that better than all the riches or comfort this world can give. I am now going to school. I may just say here, not flattering myself any, but just to let you know, I am counted clever at school. I am always high in my class, especially when I can attend regularly for a time. I am only going to the public school yet, but I intend to try the examination for the High School in midsummer. I am going to school now with the hope of getting a certificate to teach, and then help myself to obtain a further education and reach the object I have in view. I am trusting in God for all I need. He has brought me through so very much that I can afford to trust Him fully. Mr. Quarrier, I want you to pray for me, that God may bless and prosper me, as it may please Him, for I believe God always hears your prayers and answers them. Dear Mr. Quarrier, in answer to this letter I would like to have a few lines from your own hand. I would consider it a great treasure, for I have not had any special letter from you yet. And please tell me how all the friends are. I hope Mrs. Quarrier is well, and your daughter, Miss Agnes, who came out with me, and bade me good-bye at the station on my departure. I must now draw my letter to a close and bid you all good-bye, hoping you will find your reward in heaven for your labour of love among the lambs of God's great flock.—I am, your affectionate boy,
W. H.

£40 yesterday and £33 to-day will pay for seven more boys.

March 19.—We were greatly cheered to-day by receiving £114, being the saved earnings of a Christian servant belonging to Alexandria, who is now "gone home." She was much interested in our work, and desirous of helping the poor and needy as far as she was able. This sum will be the means of rescuing and placing in good homes in Canada eleven destitute little ones. We took in two girls of ten and eight whose mother died five months ago, leaving an infant and eight other children, one of them with spine disease. The father, who met with an accident recently, will need to go into the hospital, and won't likely be able for much work again. A number of the children's relatives were at City Home to-day objecting to their boys going to Canada, and otherwise giving trouble. How much patience, wisdom, and grace we do need from day to day in dealing with each case that comes under our notice! In the midst of these troubles we had a visit from the mother of two boys sent to Canada some years ago, both of whom are doing well, and one is desirous of becoming a missionary. Another son is going out to join his brothers. We do praise God for this encouragement by the way.

March 21.—£90 for emigration reached us, and among other gifts were £1 from "one of the Lord's little ones," and a large lot of useful clothing, socks, and stockings, with the words "What is good the Lord will give."

March 23.—Only £1 18s. 9d. to-day. The following letter about one of our adopted little ones in this country cheered us:—

DEAR SIR,—I know that you will be expecting by this time to hear some news concerning our little darling. It is just five weeks last Tuesday since we received little A. from you at your City Home. I am very happy to tell you that the little one is well. She is a most cheerful-natured, happy child, and her cheery little welcome to me when I come home at night sometimes make me wish the day's work over. She is very fond and has a keen ear for music, and as I am a little bit at way myself, and there are several musical instruments in the house, I can assure you she is always happy and cheerful. I need hardly say that my wife is much attached to the child, and the little one is also most affectionately fond of her. I trust that she may be long spared to us, and that with God's grace we may be able to bring her up and instruct her in uprightness and truth. Wishing you every success in your good work and hoping to be able to assist you a little with my "mite" also by-and-by.

March 28.—Our 120 boys, to sail on the morrow, are all paid for. To-day the following letter reached us:—

DEAR SIR,—I have read with interest your letter dated 24th inst. As a "thank-offering for many mercies," I have pleasure in now enclosing you a cheque for fifty pounds. You say "There are still five of the 120 boys you are sending to Canada to pay for, which at £10 for passage and outfit of each means £50 required." May God's blessing accompany this offering and crown all your labours with success. Praying God long to preserve your valued and valuable life.

Thus the Lord has once more set His seal to the emigration part of our work, in providing, before the day of sailing, the means necessary for the party going. We do bless His name.

DEPARTURE OF THIS YEAR'S FIRST BAND TO CANADA.

March 29.—Our party of 120 boys sailed for Canada to-day in the *s.s. Carthaginian*, of the Allan Line, in charge of Mr. A. Burges and Dr. Walker. A Farewell Meeting, to commend the band to the care of our Heavenly Father, was held in the Christian Institute, at 10 A.M., when, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, hundreds of friends

gathered to see the lads and bid them God-speed. On board ship, through the kindness of the Messrs. Allan, most comfortable accommodation was provided for the party. We left them at Greenock after seeing all settled for the night, feeling sad at parting, but rejoicing in the prospect of the happier, better life that is before the boys in the broad fields of Canada, than they had any chance of here. Letters we have received from our daughter at the new Home in Brockville, tell us that a large number of applications were already in for children, and we have no doubt that before long all will be placed out in good homes.

March 31.—This morning one of our workers, Mrs. Lang of Leven Home, passed away very suddenly. Seven years ago she and her husband joined our work, and during that time she has been a most faithful and efficient helper among the little ones. Her last service was rendered, when, in perfect health, about two hours before her death, she gave a drink to one of the little ones who had been sick. Now she who ministered to the "least of these" while here on earth, is being ministered unto by the great Master Himself. This sudden call reminds us of the uncertainty of life, and that in the midst of it we are in death. May we all, like her, be ready when the Master calls, whether it be at noon or night.

April 3.—£100 from an old friend in Largs, for emigration, gladdened our hearts, also £60 from two friends in Glasgow—£30 of it to take three girls to Canada, £20 for maintenance, and £10 for our own needs, which the Lord knows. £1 as "a working man's thankoffering for health granted" was also cheering.

April 7.—We got news this morning of the safe arrival of our boys' party at Halifax, and praise the Lord for safe keeping so far. Only £1 14s. and some articles of clothing, etc., have come to-day. Heard of a legacy of £100 left by a friend for the work. We keep looking to the Lord for the money required for the party of 120 girls and little boys we intend sending to Canada about the middle of next month; also for the £2,000 needed before the end of May for our new Home in Canada, as well as money for daily maintenance and buildings. Our needs are very great, but our Father's resources are infinite. Two boys were taken in yesterday, and two girls to-day. The mother of the latter is dead, and their father is in the poorhouse hospital. The children were in a most miserable condition, and in much need of a mother's care. Father was once in a good position, but brought down through drink. What misery and wretchedness it does bring!

April 11.—£50 from a Glasgow friend to take five children to Canada, and £100, the legacy of a regular and kind helper now "gone home," encouraged us to-day. With these larger gifts came also 5s. from "Ignota," Paisley, £3 from two Sabbath Schools, 10s. from a friend in Huntingdon, 3s. from two little ones, being "part of money received as birthday presents," 7s from another friend, and a quantity of clothing from an aged helper in Alloa and a working party in Prestonkirk.

April 17.—Two needy little ones were added to our number yesterday, and five to-day. Four of one family whose father died five years ago, and mother only last week. Her life was shortened through inflammation caught from overwork in trying to struggle on supporting her children. She was a Christian woman, and seemed very thankful before her death to know that the little ones she was leaving behind would be cared for. The two youngest, 4 and 6 years, are very delicate, and will need much care and attention which it will be our privilege to bestow. Since our

boys' party left 26 new cases have been taken in, and many other needy ones are applying, so that the vacant places will soon be filled up. Only £14 6s. to-day, and 28 loaves from a friend who often sends us bread. About 60 of the girls' party are still to be paid for, which, at £10 for each, means £600 required before the day of sailing. "God is faithful," and we rest in that assurance.

April 20.—An anonymous friend sends £25, £10 of it to take a girl to Canada, £5 to help to pay for new Canadian Home, £8 for daily bread, and £2 for our own needs. We would like to thank this unknown giver, but feel sure the Lord knows and will reward openly. £1 "to help the little ones going to Canada," and 3s. for personal use from an old donor in Crieff, with the words, "Have faith in God," also encouraged us. Four children were admitted yesterday and one little one to-day.

April 25.—£40 to take four girls to Canada and £10 for our own use came from two friends in Glasgow, also £9 19s. 9d. from Shetland, Yetholm, Forfar, and Glasgow, for all of which we praise our loving Father. Many letters have come these days past asking us to help needy little ones, with the sad histories of whom we could fill a volume. We took four in at the City Home to-day.

April 28.—£2 from Castle-Douglas, £1 from Rothienorman, six pairs stockings from an old servant in Greenock, and a parcel of books are our only gifts. The following letter from Kilmalcolm touched our hearts:—"Dear Sir,—The young friends of our school, who call themselves the "Forget-me-not Society," have fitted up and furnished a dolls' house. They hope you will allow it to be placed in the hospital and used as a plaything by the convalescents. If the 1st of May should be a fine day we purpose driving out and will bring the dolls' house with us. With every good wish for your noble work."

April 30.—£40 for emigration and £30 as "a thankoffering" for our new Canadian Home cheered us, and among other sums received, in all £15 3s. 6½d., were 6s. 8½d. as "Isabella and Margaret's" saved pence, £3 18s. 6d. from "His Steward," Wales, £2 from a family interested in the work, 5s. from a kind friend in Grangemouth, and £1 as "a thank-offering."

May 1.—One of our sailor lads was apprenticed to sea to-day. He is the first who has gone forth from our training-ship, *James Arthur*, and we trust he will be a bright witness for the Saviour among all he will come in contact with. He goes out followed by many prayers. £30 from a friend in Alloa, 30 articles of clothing from "a feeble and unworthy helper," Edinburgh, and £5 from a dear aged friend in Cambuslang, with the words, "I will strengthen thee, yea I will help thee; therefore fear not," were very encouraging.

May 4.—£50 for emigration and £50 for our general fund from a friend who desires to be unknown, were most welcome to-day, as we have very little on hand, and our needs are great. £28 3s. 4d. came from other friends, 5s. of it from a widow in Greenock, "wishing it were £10 instead." Three were added to our number yesterday; and two boys, whose father died after being long ill, last month, and mother has other two children to keep, were taken to-day.

May 9.—11 girls paid for to-day, and two yesterday. A "Friend" writes:—

DEAR FRIEND,—Thanks for the pamphlet giving an account of the opening of the "New Church," and also for the letter accompanying it, from which I learn that a

party of little girls are soon to leave the Homes for Canada. In response to thy prayers to our Heavenly Father, and thy trust in Him to send the needed money so that all may be provided for, He has put it into my heart to send a P.O. Order for £10, which will pay for one dear good little girl. Please send me the name of such a child as thou thinkest I should like to bear in remembrance, and to pay for; and at the same time kindly inform the dear child who sent the money to take her to her new home, and that I hope she will prove to be a good Christian girl—whom the Lord will bless, and make her a blessing to others. This is my fervent prayer for all those poor desolate ones, and also for you who are labouring so very earnestly for their present and everlasting welfare. I must not give my name in full in this "letter of advice."

10s. as "a small thankoffering for the Lord's goodness to me, at present on a sick bed," and 2s., "a little sufferer's pennies, who has 'gone home,'" were among some smaller gifts received. We took in two little ones of 3 and 5, whose father died two years ago, and mother, who goes out to wash, is not able to keep them. The poor children have been much neglected, and are in sore need of help.

May 11.—£300 for our Building Fund was a most acceptable gift. Money to pay for two girls to Canada came yesterday, and for one to-day. Among many letters with cheering words received, the following is from a friend in Lanark:—

DEAR SIR,—I enclose a P.O.O. for £2, a very small offering, as a trifling help in your great work. I could have wished to send a much larger sum, but am not one of the wealthy of the land. I pray the Lord may bless your noble endeavour, and strengthen your hands and encourage your heart in the work to which you have devoted your life. May He grant you a prosperous voyage with your large and interesting family.

We still require £100 to pay for our girls' party, which is to sail on the 17th; and about £2,000 for our new Canadian Home before that date also. The needy ones keep coming, and to-day three more were taken in. What a blessing it is that there is such an outlet as Canada affords! We long to be able to rescue and send forth more.

May 14.—Two legacies received to-day amounting to £1,973 10s. with some other sums before, will pay for our new Home in Canada. Truly the Lord is faithful to His promises and never disappoints those who put their trust in Him. £24 also came for emigration and some other gifts.

May 16.—The last of our band to go forth on the morrow are now provided for, for which we praise our loving Father. We were much touched by the following letter received to-day:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I was very anxious to help you with your Canadian Home, and as I had not much money to give, I thought I would try to collect some. The fruit of my efforts is the enclosed £2 12s. which, though a small sum, will still be a fraction of the required amount. I was anxious to forward this to you ere you left for Canada, and with it send our united kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Quarrier. With best wishes for a prosperous voyage.

May this dear young friend have the reward of the Master who remembers even the "cup of cold water" given in His name. We had a very busy afternoon at the City Home dealing with cases, and eight needy little ones were taken in.

OUR SECOND BAND TO CANADA THIS YEAR.

May 17.—To-day Mrs. Quarrier and I, accompanied by Miss Fox, sailed for Canada with a party of girls and little boys—numbering 120 in all—in the s.s. *Corean*, of the Allan Line. For weeks past our energies and those of our fellow-workers have been taxed to the utmost in preparing and making all necessary arrangements for this band. It must be remembered that

each child is provided with a good outfit comprising, for the girls, a nicely trimmed dress and hat for Sabbath wear, two print dresses for summer, a dark hat and warm dress for winter, in addition to the one she travels in, a liberal supply of underclothing both for summer and winter, three pairs boots, four pairs stockings, ties, gloves, collars, aprons, pinafores, warm ulster for board ship, jacket, hood, and scarf, a Bible, "Pilgrim's Progress," writing desk with materials, brush and comb in bag, and a work-bag with needles, pins, thread, worsted for darning, etc. All is packed in a good strong box with each girl's name on her own. The boys are equally well fitted out. To provide all this means much anxious thought and preparation beforehand, and we have to thank the many ladies and friends throughout the country whose busy fingers have helped to make the garments. That is only part of our labours, and not the greatest. The children suitable having been chosen we inform the relatives, and there again trouble comes. Many of them are the children's worst enemies, and would if they could stand in the way of their welfare. We praise our Heavenly Father for the patience, wisdom, grace, and strength He has given us in dealing with them, and in making all necessary arrangements for this outward bound party. The Farewell Meeting was held in the Christian Institute at 12 o'clock, when there was a large attendance of friends, whose kind wishes and prayers cheered and strengthened us in going forth with the band. It was not without anxiety that we left the work at home, but we felt sure God would provide in our absence all that would be required. The boys sent out in March have nearly all been placed out, and letters received from Canada tell us that there are far more applications for girls than they will be able to supply. This is as it should be, and will enable us to make selections as to the best home for each one. Two more of our sailor lads went forth to sea to-day. They also received a good outfit, and every requisite for their voyaging on the mighty deep. We pray that the Lord will guide and use them for His glory.

May 19.—Yesterday one of our little ones in Bethesda, Sarah M'Leod, was taken to be with Jesus. The seeds of consumption were sown when she came to us, with a brother and sister, over a year ago. While in the Homes she was led to trust the Saviour, and died quite happily, knowing she was going home to be with Him. Our only gifts to-day are £2 6s. from a S.S. in Paisley; two pairs stockings and three handkerchiefs from "a little girl" in the same place; 5s. from an anonymous friend; and 10s. from Annan. The following letter from one of two brothers sent to Canada last year cheered us:—

MY DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in letting you know that I am doing well. I am following a most intellectual business (printing)—one which exactly suits me—and the more I learn, the more I want to learn. I thank you most heartily for all your kindness to me and I am sure God will reward you. I owe my success to the Lord through you. I have set my mind on learning my trade thoroughly, looking to the Lord for understanding. I am progressing very fast, as last week I "set" the whole paper up myself, for my master was unwell. I send you a copy of our paper. It is called *The Advertiser*. We only print the inside, the rest being done by the "Auxiliary Publishing Company." We are building a new office and are getting new type and a steam press. I am allowed to practise on the organ. They presented me with a flute and a whistle last night and are quite delighted with my playing. I told them I learned in your flute band at Bridge-of-Weir. I am perfectly satisfied with my new home, and don't know how to express my gratitude to you. I always think of what you told me the night before leaving. I mean to carry out your request here in Canada. I am trusting in Jesus as my Saviour, and I expect to meet you in heaven when I die. Tell my mother I received the stockings she sent me. They are just the right fit, and I thank her for them, and also for her letter. I am not

answering it just now, as she may be removed, and I shall wait for her new address. Give my best love to her and the rest. I hope you will excuse me for not writing sooner to you. Last year I was with a tinsmith, a Scotchman, and I liked him fine, but the work did not suit me, and it is not a very profitable business in this country, as it is done mostly by machinery. I write very often to him. You may read this letter at the "Friday night meeting" to the workers. It may encourage some other boys—I am only 4ft. 5in. in height myself. I send my kind regards to all, hoping that the Lord will bless and prosper you in the work. "Underneath are the Everlasting Arms."—I am, dear Mr. Quarrier, yours very truly,
W. M'D.

May 22.—£10 from "Nemo;" £2 12s. collected by friends in Biggar; £1 from Aberdeen "to keep the pot boiling;" 1s. 3d. from "Mary, Willie, Sarah, and Georgie;" and £4 5s. 2d. from other friends, have come, for which we thank our Heavenly Father, and look to Him for more.

May 24.—About £13 and the following cheering letters from Greenock and Aberdeen reached us to-day:—

MY DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Grace and peace be unto you. Will you please accept the enclosed 19s. 5d. as a small donation from our little Sabbath school towards the upkeep of your poor wee bairns. I should have liked had it been more but we are a very little band, and poor ourselves, and we have done what we could to help some poor wee wanderers worse off than ourselves. May God the Lord be always a reality to you in your Christ-like service.—"No good thing." "I have prayed that thy faith fail not."

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I read your report opening of new church and gave God thanks for your God-honouring faith. He will indeed supply all your need. Our loving Father has all hearts in His keeping and can move them at His will. Enclosed you will find £5; please accept £1 for yourself and the rest to be used as you think best. The Lord bless you and yours more and more is the earnest prayer of your friend in Jesus.

May 29.—A little orphan girl of seven was taken in to-day and four children yesterday; three of one family whose father died twelve months ago, and mother, who goes out to wash, cannot keep them; and an orphan boy of eleven, with no friends able to care for him. A friend, in sending £4 from New Zealand, writes:—

We receive your interesting reports from time to time, and are much pleased to see that the Lord is still blessing your labours abundantly. Many will have cause to bless you through eternity for your interest in them, both for soul and body. May the Lord bless you in your person, in your family, and in your labours. "Be not weary in well-doing, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

10s. from Guthrie, "praying that the Lord may bless and prosper the work more and more;" and 12s. from Edinburgh and Lothian Burn were our other gifts to-day.

May 31.—The following letters from three of our boys sent to Canada this year give a good idea of the homes they are placed in there:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I now take the pleasure of writing you these few lines to let you know that I am well, hoping you are all the same. I thank you for the interest you took in all the bands. I hope you will come with the girls this year and that while you are in Brockville you will come and see a few of us; we would all like to see you here. Now I will strive to tell you a little about our voyage to this new land. First, a lot of us were sick on the second day after we sailed; second, we stopped in the Irish Sea to take in passengers, then we sailed till we anchored near port on Sunday the 8th of April. We saw no icebergs, but some of the boys said they had seen nine whales, but I just noticed one of the nine and one shark a good piece from us. Then we arrived at Brockville on the 11th of April; then on the 12th we got a good tea, after which we had a meeting and the people told us that we had behaved ourselves nicely. Some of the boys were picked for homes on Monday, and the most of them were gone off by Thursday. On Thursday there were 18 of us went away and I reached my home on that night—and a good home it is too, and a good father and mother. I am in a pretty large farm but the winter is not quite gone. I am getting to know the animals. Please

remember me to Mr. and Mrs. Embry, and all the boys of Cessnock cottage, and to all in the Homes and to Mr. and Mrs. M'Connell and to the schoolmasters and to all your family and yourself.—I remain, yours truly, R. E. A.

DEAR SIR,—I find much pleasure in writing to you to let you know that we arrived safe and sound at Brockville, and that we enjoyed the voyage very well. We saw whales, and we saw ships away in the distance. The sailors and mates and captain were very kind to us, and we had different sorts of amusements up on deck. We saw large forests when we were in the train until we arrived at our new home. We enjoyed the tea very much which we were invited to by the people. The boys were one by one picked until it came to me. I was picked by a farmer, a very nice man, and a very nice woman, both of whom are well pleased with me; and they have picked my sister Jeanie to mind the baby. I can milk the cows, and drive the horses, and do a great many other things. I was up at the bush on Tuesday, taking the sap and making it into sugar and maple syrup. It is a very big forest; and there are maple trees, raspberry bushes, plum and apple trees, rose bushes, and currant bushes. We don't burn coal, but wood, here; and we make vinegar here of maple sugar. May God bless you all in this great work which you have undertaken. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble."—Psalm xli. 1. No more at present.—Yours truly, J. D.

DEAR SIR,—I write you these few lines to let you know that I am keeping well, and I hope you are all the same. I hope all the fathers and mothers are keeping well. I am glad to say that Canada is a good place, but you need not send any lazy boys out to Canada because nobody will have them if they do not work. We have 260 pounds of maple sugar and 10 gallons of syrup, and we have got 100 apple trees, and I have got two or three to myself. I am glad to say that we got a good passage through the ocean, but there were a great many of us sick, and we saw a good many whales. I help to make the maple sugar and I get as much as I want, but too much of it would make anybody sick. I hope all the boys are behaving themselves, and I hope Mrs. Quarrier is keeping strong and that the Lord is still sending the money to send out boys and girls. We have got seven milk cows and one pair of horses, and a mowing machine, and a seeder and harrow put together, and a machine that we call the binder; it can lift the corn and tie it, and so we need no men to help us. Rev. iii. 5: "He that overcometh the same shall be clothed in white raiment, and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels."—Yours truly, G. G.

£21 4s. 6d. from friends in Campbelltown; £1 "for daily bread;" £2 from Moffat, 10s. as a thankoffering, and £1 0s. 3d. from other sources supply our needs for the day.

June 5.—£20, being "a yow paid," came from an unknown friend, also £2 from another, and £6 4s. 1d. from Dundee, Paisley, and Glasgow.

June 7.—£100 yesterday from a friend in Edinburgh was a most acceptable gift. To-day, among other sums, in all £4 16s. 6d., 2s. 6d. came from "a servant," Helensburgh, and £1 5s. from "one of His stewards," Wales. A young woman out of employment and homeless was taken in.

June 12.—An anonymous donation of £50 and another of £5, with some smaller sums, cheered us to-day. A destitute girl of 15, and an orphan boy of 10 who has been begging and sleeping on stairs, etc., since mother's death 2½ months ago, were added to our number yesterday.

June 15.—A friend in Perth sending 33 articles of useful clothing and a scrap album writes, "I have this day forwarded the articles mentioned in the enclosed list, which my daughter was preparing to send to you at about Xmas, but God in His infinite mercy was pleased to call her to the better Home, on the 20th of May last." 20s. "in the name of the Friend for little children," came from Davidson's Mains, £1 "for Jesus' sake," with the words, "Trust in the Lord, for ever trust," from Rothienorman, £2 19s. 3d., collected by a friend in Largs, £1 from Kintyre, and 10s. from Kincardine. An orphan girl of 15, with no friends to help her, and a boy of 16 were added to our number.

June 20.—10s. from "a sympathiser," and £1 from an unknown

friend are our only gifts to-day. A girl of 14 in danger of going wrong and a boy of 13, with no place but the poorhouse to go to, were taken in.

June 26.—Yesterday a friend in Edinburgh sent £10, being "a tithe of money received from insurance company, as compensation for damage done by fire," which, with £1 9s. 3d. from young friends, Paisley, £1 from an aged friend, Helensburgh, and some clothing and bread, was all that came. To-day we received £1 from a S.S. in Bonhill; 13s. 10d. from "His Steward," Wales; 2s., "a mite from an orphan and a widow;" 2 bags meal from Paisley; and some bread from a friend in Glasgow. We took in a little boy of 9 yesterday, whose father, a pensioner, died in India about ten months ago. The mother is very delicate, and quite unable for work. Also two boys of 14 and 16, in much need of a helping hand.

June 27.—£150 gladdened our hearts, and will enable us to close this month's accounts with the balance on the right side. We do praise our Heavenly Father for His mindfulness of our needs, in the supplies sent from day to day. He never disappoints any who put their trust in Him.

June 30.—The following letters among others came from Canada this month:—

DEAR SIR,—I have at last taken up my pen to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well, hoping to find you all well, as it leaves us at present. I do not go to the school in the summer time. I am in the Fourth Book and getting along well. I wrote you two letters last spring, and was surprised that I did not get an answer, so I thought you had not got them. The first time that I wrote you was when my oldest brother John George died. He was troubled with consumption for about a year, and was a member of the Baptist congregation. The Baptist church is on papa's farm; we can go to it in five minutes. Papa and I finished planting our potatoes on Saturday. I must tell you about all the Christmas presents I got. I got a box of flowers from my brother Fred, who is going to college in Ottawa, and a hand satchel from my brother Johnston, who is foreman on the experimental farm, Guelph, and a pair of vases from papa, and a jewellery box from mamma, and a pair of bracelets from my sister Maggie, and a pair of shoes from her husband and several Christmas cards. I think I have told you all the news, hoping this may find you all well, as it leaves us at present, and so good-bye from your little friend,

MAGGIE H.

DEAR FRIEND,—I was very much pleased with your last letter telling me about the new Home you got, and about the grand peal of bells you have by which any tune can be played. We spent a very happy time on Christmas eve. I got a very handsome knife, and I got raisins and currants and candies. I am very thankful that I have found the Lord as my Saviour. May He bless every one of us. I have a brother in town and he is a blacksmith, and I have another in town too and he is a tinsmith, and I have another brother in the country and he is learning to be a good scholar. My ma is a very good ma to me. She makes me everything that I want, clothes and vests and coats. I am very sorry I did not write to you before this.—Your sincere friend, A. L.

July 2.—Two girls of 10 and 12, whose father was killed through an accident in January last, and mother died a fortnight ago, were added to our family to-day. Only £1 from Barrhead and 10s. from S.S. in Kirkin-tilloch have come.

July 4.—A friend, sending £2 from an invalid in Aberdeen, writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Miss W. feels very happy to be able to send you the enclosed although laid aside from the bustle of the world. It gives her great pleasure when she is able to do something for you. 5s. of this was from one friend, 2s. 6d. from another, 1s. 6d. from another, 2s. do., 1s. do., and 1s. do., the balance being proceeds of her work, with her best wishes for yourself and your Homes.

£10 0s. 10d. from other friends in Crieff, Leslie, Aberdeen, Dumbarton, Barrhead, and Glasgow, and £2 for our own needs, have also reached us to-day. A little boy of 6, whose parents both died of consumption, and no friends are able to keep him, was taken in.

July 7.—Only £4 17s. 9d., 2s. 6d. of it from a blind friend in Edinburgh; 10s. from “a worm,” and £3 0s. 3d. from an old donor with the words “Give and it shall be given unto you.”

July 9.—A few little girls from Paisley on visiting the Homes to-day handed us £8, the proceeds of a sale of work held by themselves and companions. We were much touched by this gift, and pray that as these dear young friends have early begun to show their interest in the Lord's needy little ones, the rest of their lives here may be spent in His service. He sees the very smallest thing that is done for Him and will reward, for has He not said “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, My brethren, ye have done it unto Me?” £50 from an old donor; 2s. as “a thankoffering for housekeeping mercies;” £5 from Ayr and £5 from an unknown friend in West Kilbride, greatly cheered us as there has not been much sent in for some days past.

July 12.—A family of four children 12, 9, 6, and 4, were admitted; father has deserted them, and mother, through long privation, is ill and may pass away at any time. £100 left by an unknown friend at the City Home yesterday was a most acceptable gift and led us anew to praise our Heavenly Father who does not suffer us to lack any good thing. Among other sums received to-day, 10s. came from Springburn as “a thankoffering from our home for Jesus' sake;” 2s. 6d. from a young friend in Govan, and 10s. from another “wishing it could be much more.”

July 17.—An old donor in Greenock writes—“With best wishes for your Christ-like work I send the enclosed £2, praying that God may bless you a hundredfold in your person, your family, and your large flock, and that by and bye when grace goes on to glory you may meet many, many there, to whom you have been the means of salvation welcoming you home to the Father's house above.” While we do not lose sight of the fact that every little one removed from scenes of vice and misery to a healthier moral atmosphere is a gain to the community, our chief aim is the eternal salvation of the children who come under our care, and our hearts are continually going up to God on their behalf, that as He has gathered them into an earthly fold so He will at last gather them unto Himself. Our fellow-workers in the Homes all unite with us in this matter, and they seek no greater reward for their labour than to see the children deciding for Christ. £5 from a new donor in Langholm; £2 from East Kilbride and Airdrie; 6s. 1d. from some young friends, Crossmyloof; two parcels of clothing from the Rait Young Women's Christian Association and a friend in Glasgow, and a few pounds tea from a visitor, are our other gifts to-day.

July 21.—Not much yesterday, but £50 from an old friend in Paisley, £2 from Haddington, and £7 15s. 6d. from Glasgow to-day meet our needs.

July 24.—We took in three children yesterday and four to-day. Two girls, of 10 and 8, whose father died in May of consumption, and mother committed suicide since his death while under the influence of drink. The poor children have been much neglected. An orphan boy of 13, whose brother we took some time since, and another of 10, whose father died four years ago, and he is getting into bad habits, staying out at nights with bad company, etc. Mother goes out to work and cannot manage him. A girl of 8, who has been kept by grandfather since mother's death, five years ago, but he is not able to do so longer. An uncle who did what he could to help is now in the asylum, his mind having given way through extreme poverty. Such are a sample of the

cases we have to deal with from day to day. We praise God for the many we have been enabled to rescue from sin, misery, and want—but long to save hundreds more. £11 9s. 6d. from friends in Moffat, £1 from a visitor, and some clothing and bread, are all we have received to-day.

July 30.—From Falkirk, Perth, Largs, Helensburgh, and Glasgow have come £47 8s 6d.; 5s. of it “as a thankoffering to God for His goodness to us as a family,” and an orphan boy and girl of 7 and 12 years were added to our number. A friend also called about five orphan children, whose mother died a year ago, and father just about 10 days since, from the effects of a kick from a horse. We hope to be able to receive them.

July 31.—It is a great joy to us to hear time and again from our children in Canada that they have been brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, and that they are now serving the Lord. Many are decided Christians before leaving the Homes here, but often the seed sown is found “after many days.” The following letter is from one of our boys sent out in 1881.

DEAR FRIEND,—I am glad to hear that the work is prospering so well, and also of the new home that is in Brockville. It is the Lord's work and cannot help but prosper, and I think that we cannot be too thankful for all He has done for us. Are there any boys at the Home in Brockville at present, as I heard of a good upright man who was wanting one about thirteen years of age, and I thought that I would see if there were any at the Home at present before I said anything to him? I have been in this country now for seven years, and I like the country pretty well, although this place is pretty dull just now. There is another important thing that I noticed in the letter I received, and do not think that a day has passed over my head but I have thought of it and prayed for guidance about it. I was converted about 18 months ago, and never knew what real peace was till then. I was on the broad way and travelling pretty fast too, but it pleased the Lord to show me the error of my way and turn me aside into the narrow way. I would like to serve my Master in the mission field but do not see my way clear, but trust the Lord to show me the way and resign myself to His will. There is one passage in the Bible that is constantly ringing in my ears, “Go ye and preach the Gospel to every creature.” Hoping to hear from you soon and to find you all in good health, as this leaves me now.—Yours in Christ,
R. W. L

Aug. 4.—To-day, Mrs. Quarrier, our fellow-helper, Miss Fox, and I returned home from Canada after two and a half months' absence. The reception given us at the Bridge-of-Weir Homes by the workers and dear children would have befitted royalty, and made one feel it was almost worth while going away to get such a welcome back. The triumphal arches, flags waving from every house, children lining the avenue with banners and flowers in their hands, and cheering, all said, welcome, welcome home! Our hearts are full of gratitude for the loving-kindness and watchful care of our Heavenly Father over us in all our journeyings, and also for His goodness to the work and workers at home during our absence.

Aug. 7.—Only £4 7s. to-day—£2 16s. of it from Queensland, and 10s. from an old friend who has been passing through great trial. May she be upheld by Him who is “our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Four orphan children and a young woman of 17 were taken in.

Aug. 9.—£90 18s. 9d., being legacy (less duty) left by a friend for the Homes, gladdened us yesterday. To-day a donor in Helensburgh sending £2, writes—“A man on the road up above Garelochhead remarked that you were nearly scraping the bottom of your meal barrel, but that you had no fear but that the Lord would provide. Thinks I ‘a little had better be sent and quickly, else it will be less if delayed till to-morrow.’” In all the past years of the work we have never

been brought so low as this friend speaks of. Sometimes we have had more, but never less than a day's provision on hand. The work is the Lord's and we feel sure that He who gives to the sparrows their food will *much more* provide for His little ones under our care. We do praise our Heavenly Father from day to day for the loving sympathy and help of His children throughout our land, who delight to honour Him with their substance in ministering to the orphan and fatherless. Whether it be the widow's mite or the rich man's thousand, they will in no wise lose their reward. £1 as "a thankoffering;" £2 "of Thine Own," and 2s. 6d. from a friend not rich in this world's goods, are our other gifts to-day. Two orphan girls of 10 and 4, and one of 16 in danger of going wrong, were added to our large family.

August 15.—To-day £13 16s. have come, among which is 5s. "in memory of a loved one gone home." Gifts such as this are frequently sent us, and we think there could be no better way of perpetuating the memory of loved friends than by thus ministering to others. We took in a girl of 13 whose father, a miner, was killed in the pit, and mother is not strong. A son-in-law gives her house-room but objects to keeping the girl, who has been giving trouble.

August 20.—£3 from Ayr, £1 and 6s. from two anonymous friends, and one cwt. of corn-flour from a friend in Langbank, who gives as much of it as we require, have come to-day. A motherless boy of eight who has been kept by a grandmother was taken in. She is now very frail and a son who helped is dying of consumption. Both are Christians and thankful to have the little one cared for.

August 23.—Yesterday "a friend on the west coast" sent £50, £10 of it for our own needs. To-day only £1 12s. 6d. have come and some clothing, vegetables, and fruit. A helper in Ayr, forwarding a useful parcel of clothing, says:—

DEAR SIR,—It is with great pleasure we forward this small parcel for the benefit of the orphans at Bridge-of-Weir. They have been made by a small working party composed of those who love the Lord, and who consider it a blessed privilege to be permitted to do this little service for His little ones.

August 27.—A friend sending £1, with Dan. xii. 3, writes:—

DEAR SIR,—On Friday we had the pleasure of seeing through the wonderful little "colony" which you have been the honoured instrument in rearing, and which I think is such a national monument to the goodness of our God in performing what He has promised. Please accept the enclosed from one of our friends, with earnest prayers for the continued success of the work.

This gift, with 19s. from Kirkcudbright, Dundee, Stirling, and Helensburgh, is all the money we have received to-day. We need much more, and keep looking to the Lord to supply.

August 30.—"A mother" in Johnstone sends a box of clothing and 4s. 10d. belonging to a dear little boy now "gone home" who was pleased to know they would be sent to help some needy one. May the bereaved mother be comforted in knowing that her loved one is not lost but only gone before. £20 19s. 7d. have come from other sources—not sufficient for the day's needs, but showing that our Father is mindful of us.

Sept. 1.—£1 from "Marcella" to feed the orphans, "praying God to bless the work," two anonymous sums of 1s. 3d. and 10s. 6d., and £1 from a few Christian workers, are the only gifts.

Sept. 3.—We had a visit to-day from one of our old girls who has come home to see her friends and the old country once more. She is a decided Christian and has done well in Canada. She hopes to take out a sister

with her when she returns. A kind friend in Elderslie sends £10 "in memoriam" of a dear husband who entered into rest a year ago; a family in Glasgow, £1; a mothers' meeting in Stranraer, 7s.; an anonymous friend, 10s.; and old donors in Guthrie and Glasgow, £1 16s. 9d. Two boys of 10 (twins), whose father, ill for 7 years with spine disease, died 12 months ago, were taken in. The mother, left with 5 children, has struggled on since his death, but these two boys are getting quite beyond her control, and she is thankful to have them taken charge of by us.

Sept. 6.—Yesterday a new donor in Kildare sent us £5, and among other sums, in all £7 5s., £1 came from our old unknown friend in Wigtown with the words, "Still trust in God." To-day £100 from a dear, aged friend in the east of Scotland gladdened our hearts, as there has not been much sent this week. A servant in Helensburgh, sending 7s. 6d., says: "Put it to whatever use you think best. It is not much considering your great need, but all that I can spare just now." £20 from a friend in Glasgow, £5 of it for our own use, "as the labourer is worthy of his hire," and some other smaller sums, among which was 5s. from "Sarah," Greenock, with the words, "Let us still trust, for He is faithful that promised," also cheered us. We intend holding our Biennial Thanksgiving Day on the 11th inst., and in view of it, as well as in dealing with very many needy cases at the City Home, we have been kept busy for some days past. We do praise God for the strength, wisdom, and grace He gives us for the work, and also for the kind words, loving sympathy, and prayers of so many friends, which are not the least of the help our Father sends to strengthen and enable us to keep on fighting "the good fight of faith."

Sept. 10.—£50, with the following letter from a friend in London, who desires to be unknown, rejoiced our hearts:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I have much pleasure in handing you the enclosed draft in aid of your truly blessed work, and which please enter: "In lieu of legacy, Matt. vi. 19, 20." Thankful indeed shall I be should this lead any of the Lord's stewards to give the Lord's money during their lifetime instead of in their will. May our dear Lord be very present in your meeting of the 11th inst., and may He increasingly bless your work of faith for Him.

We think with this dear friend that it is the duty of the Lord's children who have means lying past to disburse them in their lifetime, and in so doing obey the Master's injunction, "Occupy till I come." In some cases this may not be practicable, but where it can be done, how much better it is to have the pleasure of seeing while here the good one's gifts accomplish. May the Lord stir up His people to realise their duty more in this matter. Among other sums to-day, 6d. came from "a widow" in Houston, and 5s. from "a servant" in Broughty Ferry, with the words "the Lord's promise is sure and His servants shall never want."

Sept. 11.—Our "Thanksgiving Day" was held at the Bridge-of-Weir Homes, when three new houses were dedicated to the service of God. The day was good, and hundreds of friends gathered with us and joined in thanksgiving to our covenant-keeping God for His goodness to the work during the past two years. Their presence and kind words of cheer, as well as the many expressions of sympathy we have received by letter from those not able to be with us, did much to encourage our hearts and strengthen our hands in the work the Lord has given us to do. The following account of the day's proceedings, taken from the *N. B. D. Mail* will be interesting to friends:

THANKSGIVING DAY AT BRIDGE-OF-WEIR HOMES.

"Mail," 12th September, 1888.

What has now come to be regarded as "Thanksgiving Day" at the Orphan Homes of Scotland, Bridge-of-Weir, fell yesterday, when the dedication of two new buildings which have been added to the colony, and of the new house at Canada, took place in the handsome new church. A large company of ladies and gentlemen from Glasgow, Greenock, and other parts of the country were present on the occasion, and these were as usual conveyed from and to the station in close and open machines. At the meeting in the church, Mr. A. Cameron Corbett, M.P., one of the trustees of the buildings, occupied the chair, and amongst others on the platform were:—Rev. Dr. A. N. Somerville, Glasgow; Rev. Dr. Marshall Lang, Glasgow; Rev. Dr. Fergus Ferguson, Glasgow; Rev. James Wells, Glasgow; Rev. George G. Green, Glasgow; Rev. A. Andrew, Glasgow; Rev. John Riddell, Glasgow; Rev. William Ross, Glasgow; Rev. George Clazy, Paisley; Mr. W. C. Maughan, Glasgow; Mr. Archd. Smith, Glasgow; Rev. T. Duncan, Bridge-of-Weir; Rev. J. E. Fyfe, Kilmalcolm; Rev. George Alison, Kilbarchan; Mr. James Campbell of Tullichevan; Mr. Alex. Sloan, Glasgow; Rev. Dr. Stuart, Dunedin; Rev. J. H. Topping, London; Mr. R. H. Hunter, Glasgow; Mr. Alex. Thomson, Bridge-of-Weir; Mr. R. A. Bryden, architect Glasgow. The meeting having been opened with praise the Rev. Dr. Somerville engaged in prayer, in which thanks were offered for the gift of the Saviour, for the gift of the Spirit, the Word, all means of grace, and for a holy providence that makes room for the incoming of the blessing.

The CHAIRMAN said they knew that they had always a great deal to be thankful for and a great deal to cheer them when they met together there, because they had never to lament a falling off in the support which the Home received, but had always cause to rejoice over some new advance made towards greater usefulness and extended work. A meeting of that kind not only suggested thoughts of those who had been rescued and brought within all the happy and useful influences of such homes, but surely their minds must also turn to the great body of people outside who were still requiring such help as institutions of that kind could give, and realise in some degree how far they fell short in the sympathy they ought to have for suffering humanity. This feeling, he knew, might sometimes lead people into indiscriminate charity, and there were few forms of what might almost be called selfishness which were more injurious than this indiscriminate charity, which, while for the moment it might give one the happiness of seeing a countenance brightened, was really none the less adding to the mass of degradation while seeking to save the individual sufferer. A part of that indiscretion arose very much from not realising the frame of mind of many of those who had fallen into the most miserable condition. If, however, there were difficulties in the way of doing good to their fellow-men, he warned them not to allow these difficulties to suspend their efforts, nor to let these discourage them in the work; but to choose those directions of work in which they could really do good. The poorest and most degraded people required not mere material aid, but new hearts to make their desire to rise to higher things. But, if they were going to effect moral reformation in the whole conditions of their fellow-men, they must begin with the young. Their greatest hope must ever be in beginning with the children. Mr. Quarrier's work, it seemed to him, was the most perfect means for effecting social reformation in all its aspects. They took the children out of the most crowded conditions of city life, and sent them away to countries where there was an abundance of land, and where there were all the conditions which made for prosperity, where they had no overcrowding to deal with, but where population was the one thing needful. Mr. Quarrier took them also at the very time when they were most open to good influences, before any wrong habits had been formed, and at a time when, by surrounding them with good influences, there was every chance of their turning out useful and good citizens. In conclusion, he remarked that if they wanted to make their lives in any sense worth living they must be about their Father's business, they must follow their Master in going about doing all the good they could; and in no direction could they do it more earnestly than in co-operating with Mr. Quarrier in the blessed work which he was so ably carrying on.

Rev. Dr. MARSHALL LANG esteemed it a very great privilege and a very high honour to be associated that day with that most interesting God-blessed work. He had been present at the beginning of the work there ten years ago, but had only been once there since. Now, when he returned there, it seemed to him a kind of magic world. He had been over a good part of the globe of late, and yet in the course of his 32,000 miles travelling he was quite free to say, and he did not care who heard it, that he did not think he had seen anything so interesting, so beautiful, and so touching as that community at the Bridge-of-Weir. Honours had been given of late, and when honours had their root not in mere caprice but in good, honest services appreciated by the community they were entitled to be regarded as valuable; but he took leave to say that he thought the man who had by God's help raised that place and done that work realised to-day an honour compared with which nothing that earth could give was worth consideration. As a minister of Glasgow Dr. Lang wished to say that there was no mere theory connected with the work. He believed it was the most honest and faithful expression possible of aid and effort; and he could say for himself—and he was sure all his clerical brethren beside him could say the same—that there never was a case of distress, that there never was an orphan child, that there never was the child of a poor miserable home sent to Mr. Quarrier's but was at once

welcomed and received. It was an enormous gain to them to know where to send these children and where they would be sure of a welcome, and he thought when they came down to that healthy region when they saw these beautiful Homes, and when they knew what was awaiting the children on the other side of the ocean, they felt thankful to God that in this year of grace such a work had attained the dimensions to which Mr. Quarrier's work had reached. It was a work of faith and a labour of love. Dr. Marshall Lang then spoke of the new Somerville Home, which he afterwards dedicated by prayer.

Rev. JAMES WELLS, Pollokshields, dedicated the Ashgrove Home, the second new building added to the colony. Speaking generally of Mr. Quarrier's work, he remarked that the facts before them were self-interpreting, and what the old divines used to call self-evidencing. From thirty years' experience he could say that among the poorest children in Glasgow the noblest hearts under heaven beat often under rags, and many of the poorest boys and girls were very richly gifted. In coming years he confidently expected that very many of those poor children who had attracted so much sympathy and prayerful intercession would become most useful members of society and of Christ's Church.

Rev. Dr. FERGUS FERGUSON subsequently dedicated and offered prayer for the Fairknowe Home, in Brockville, Canada, where the children are received when they go across the Atlantic, and from which they are distributed all over the Dominion. He added the following lines as a prayer:—

God's blessing rest upon these buildings three,
United now to this fair family,
And destined to receive from year to year
The helpless orphans at the Bridge-of-Weir.

God's blessing rest on him to whom was given,
As if by inspiration sent from heaven,
First to conceive the plan of building here
These homes for orphans at the Bridge of Weir.

We thank Thee, Lord, because Thou hearest prayer,
And hast the orphan for Thy special care;
Because the trembling child forgets its fear
When welcomed warmly at the Bridge-of-Weir.

We thank thee, too, because Thy Spirit starts
The generous impulse in so many hearts,
To send their treasures opportunely here,
To feed the orphans at the Bridge-of-Weir.

We think of those who now are far away
Beyond the wide Atlantic, and we pray
That they may ne'er occasion shame or fear
To those who blessed them at the Bridge-of-Weir.

God's special blessing rest on far Fairknowe,
For which in faith and love the knee we bow;
To angel eyes may evermore appear
Sweet cords between it and the Bridge-of-Weir.

Still show Thyself to be a covenant God;
May many when they reach Thy blessed abode,
Bear witness that they lost all doubt and fear
Because they felt Thee at the Bridge-of-Weir.

Rev. Dr. STUART, Dunedin, remarked that visiting old Scotland after a very long absence, he had been struck with the progress of improvements throughout the whole country. In all his wanderings he did not think he had looked upon a fairer land. But of all the sights on which his eyes had gazed, not one had given him so much pleasure as the Orphan Homes of Bridge-of-Weir. Far away where he lived they often spoke of these Homes, and he had even had a dream about them. The beauties of that dream were more than realised by the houses he had that day examined, and by that beautiful church. Mr. Quarrier and his coadjutors were doing a wondrous work for the education of Christians, not merely in Scotland, but everywhere, and he had been commissioned by many a Christian in the other country to use his eyes going up and down the land, and especially to see the Orphan Homes at the Bridge-of-Weir to see if they could be reproduced in the new land. He was delighted to think that these Homes had a place in the hearts of the wealthy and poor alike; but why should they be necessary in old Scotland where the gospel banner had been waving for 1,400 years? In a pamphlet, written by the Rev. Mr. Ross, of Cowcaddens Free Church, he read the other day—he hoped it was not true—that there were 40,000 families in Glasgow living in single apartment houses. If that were true in fair and wealthy Scotland the Orphan Homes at the Bridge-of-Weir must be multiplied a thousand-fold. They would never redeem and reclaim the people, and make Scotland what it ought to be, whilst its families lived in one-roomed houses.

Mr. QUARRIER then said that it was now two years since the last "thanksgiving" day was held, and ten years since the Homes were opened. At the last thanksgiving meeting there were eight new homes dedicated, but now they were only dedicating three.

During the past two years he had been straitened for the want of house-room and for the want of means—that was that he at times did not know where the next day's food was to come from, or where the next house was to come from which could easily be filled. Though there had been no surplus in the house-room, and none in the feeding-room, yet he praised God that there had been no lack of anything needed for the comfort of the children in the Homes. Even during his absence in Canada, he had no fear that there would be any lack of what might be required, and on his return home he found, to use a figurative expression, the meal barrel at the same height as he had left it. Looking back to the time when the Homes were opened, ten years ago, he found that there used to be some ten persons at the services on Sundays; now there were about 1,000, and over 5,000 children rescued. But that did not represent all their work. It could be said that about 1,000 widows had died happy, because they had known that the poor children left behind would be well cared for, and the Homes had been the means of doing much good, in the city. Mr. Quarrier then proceeded to point out how appeals were being daily made to him to take orphan children to the Homes. He had promised of late to take charge of a large number of poor children, and as soon as the two new homes would be ready for occupation, the one next month, and the other the month following, they would be occupied, but where were the homes to come from to shelter the poor children that had got to be rescued. With their present accommodation 450 children could be rescued annually, but twelve additional houses were necessary to enable them to rescue 730 each year, and he appealed to those who wished to show their love of God to assist in the extending of the homes, for no greater glory could be offered to God than in rescuing the little children from the evil dangers by which they were surrounded.

In the course of the proceedings several hymns were sung by the children, and a number of the boys gave recitations. The meeting was closed with the benediction.

Sept. 13.—Among many encouraging letters received these days past, we give the following. A friend in Stornoway sending 16s. as “proceeds of lamb sold,” writes:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—To-day I have been with you and many others thanking God for what He has been pleased to do by you. I had hoped to be able to visit your Homes and see you, which to me would not be second to the “Exhibition;” but this *sight-seeing* I find I must forego.

One in Alloa:—

DEAR SIR,—Many thanks for report of the children settled in Canada and for programme of Thanksgiving Meeting, which must have been so interesting. My mother sends the enclosed postal order for 10s. in behalf of your numerous bairnies, and we earnestly trust your prayers for increased ability to rescue more of the perishing little ones will be abundantly answered.

Another in Hamilton:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—On Tuesday last I had the privilege of visiting the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir for the first time, and really I felt amazed to see such fruits of your labours, and felt the half had not been told. I feel impressed now to tell my friends that amongst all the exhibitions of the present day it far excels them all, and not to rest satisfied till they visit them. Please let me know if the Homes can be visited any other than a Thanksgiving-day. Please accept enclosed 10s. as a thank-offering to God for His goodness to us as a family.

The Homes are open for inspection every week day, and we are always very pleased to have friends visit them, and thus see what God has provided for the orphan and fatherless children of our land. “One who visited the Homes on Tuesday last, and returned much strengthened in faith and delighted with all she saw,” sends 10s., “with her earnest prayers and sympathy in the good work.” An aged friend in Tillicoultry writes:—

MY DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I am with you to-day in thought, prayer, and thanksgiving to our gracious and blessed God, who is with you still in carrying on this loving and wonderful work of rescue among the children. The Lord richly “supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Please accept the enclosed wee gift of two guineas, wishing it were twenty times more.

One in Fairlie sends £1 and a nice doll for a little sick one in Bethesda, and says—“We spent a happy day at the Homes on Tuesday last. There is a great change since we were there last. Praying that the Lord will bless you and give you the desires of your heart.” Another in Glasgow sending £4 from his wife and self writes:—

MY DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—In company with my better half and a lady friend I was down at your admirable Homes on Tuesday last, and exceedingly enjoyed the proceedings of the whole day, including the evening service. You truly remarked that the misery of mankind comes from the general selfishness everywhere so abundant. Tuesday was a grand lesson of how rich results flow from man's *humanity* to man.

Many other “thankofferings” and kind words of sympathy have come, and our hearts are full of praise and gratitude to our Heavenly Father, “who crowneth us with loving kindness and tender mercies.”

Sept. 15.—Yesterday a servant in Glasgow, who has in the past given what she could towards the helping of the little ones under our care, sent us the following letter:—

DEAR SIR,—I have often thought that if you would make an appeal to the servants throughout Scotland on behalf of your Orphan Homes it would be responded to, as I know there are many generous hearts among them who love the Lord Jesus. There are so many of them, that if they all gave a little off every wage they got it would mount up. Some could give more than others. If you think it advisable to appeal to them, perhaps ladies would draw the attention of their servants to it. I am only a servant myself, but I have often thought that if all the servants would unite they might build a home. Do excuse me taking this liberty. May all be for the glory of God.

We think the suggestion of this servant is a very practical one, and might be taken up and carried out by friends interested in the work. The need for more house accommodation is only too apparent to us from the numerous applications for help which we receive from day to day. We feel sure there are many more of the Lord's stewards throughout our country, as well as Scotchmen abroad, who, if they did but know of the great need that exists, would have fellowship with us in the blessed work of rescuing not only the bodies but the souls of the perishing little ones for whom Christ died. To-day an old donor in Bellahouston sends £50, a most acceptable gift in our increasing needs; £1 8s. from “counter box,” Helensburgh; and £2 from friends in Arbroath and Fairlie have also come.

Sept. 20.—£100 “for the orphans,” from an unknown friend, Kirkcudbright post-mark, greatly cheered us. It is a most opportune gift and will help to fill up the lack of some who are not able to help as they were wont. The Lord's hidden ones are not forgotten by Him, and although we often feel we would like personally to thank them for their gifts, we believe they will receive blessing from the Lord in giving in His way, not letting their left hand know what their right hand doeth. £3 3s. from “the Master's treasury,” Grangemouth, a third of it for our own needs; 2s., with Psa. xlv. 1, “as a tenth from a grateful heart,” Leith; and one dozen bottles of malt extract for our delicate little ones from a friend, who says: “I am by no means rich, but should you find any of your children being in any way benefitted by its use I shall be very glad to contribute this, my mite for you, on receipt of a post-card when what I have now sent is fini-hed;” were among other gifts sent. The following letter also came to-day:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—It was with pleasure that I read the bold suggestion of a servant girl in Monday's *Herald*, and I am sure the letter will do good in the way of helping the fatherless. I am a young man, and being a clerk my wages are not very high, but I would freely add my name to a list of subscribers, and if all young business men would do the same and add their mite—as I know there are many that could afford a shilling or two towards the sustenance of the poor little children who have no parents, and help them on—I am sure our Father in Heaven would reward every one of us ten-fold. I think a lot of business gentlemen in Glasgow could help on your noble work, and thereby save many a little orphan from the pangs of hunger and misery. Trusting that that noble servant girl's letter will have effect on all Christian friends.

Sept. 22.—To-day our children in the Bridge-of-Weir Homes had their annual excursion to the hills, some distance from the village. All except the little sick ones in Bethesda turned out, and it was a bonnie sight to see the procession as it passed through the gates and along the road, each cottage group being distinguished by its own flag, carried by a boy. Our carts, machines, horses, ponies, and donkeys were turned out also, and conveyed the wee ones to and from the hills. Races and games, such as tug-of-war, skipping-ropes, etc., etc., were indulged in for hours, to the great enjoyment of the boys and girls. A liberal supply of milk and biscuits was given to each child, and apples, nuts, raisins, and sweets were scattered abundantly. On getting home again about six o'clock an extra tea was provided in each cottage for the children. Although late in the season the day was all that could be desired, and we are sure will long be remembered by all our little ones as a bright, happy spot in their lives. From Perth, Dunfermline, Collace, Edinburgh, Castle Douglas, Johnstone, and Glasgow, £9 3s. 6d. have come; also, nine boxes of fish, which are an acceptable gift, and will be a special treat for our little ones on the morrow.

Sept. 24.—On opening our letters this morning we were greatly rejoiced to find the following:—"Dear Sir,—I have much pleasure in sending you herewith a cheque for £1,500, which from the "Thanksgiving Day" paper you sent me I notice is the cost of building one of your Homes for orphans. I desire the money should be used for building another Home, and hope it will not be long ere you get the means for building the number you require to accommodate 1,200 children. I think you do not publish the names of donors, and I am specially desirous my name may not appear or be known in connection with this gift. The silver and gold are the Lord's. To Him is the praise due. Wishing you continued success and blessing in your work." The language of our hearts is, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name." Three orphan boys of 11, 8, and 6, from Edinburgh, were taken in. Their mother died in May of cancer, and the father after being ill for some time, only last month. There are no friends able to help, and had we not received them they would have required to go to the poorhouse. A little girl of four was also taken in. The need for more accommodation is daily felt by us from the numbers of letters we receive asking us to help the orphan and fatherless, and also from the many who seek our aid from day to day at the City Home. We are truly thankful for what has already been accomplished, but are desirous of rescuing many hundreds more.

Sept. 26.—£16 13s. 6d., a little over half a-day's keep, have come from different quarters to-day; also 22 articles of clothing from an aged friend in Alloa, whose time is principally taken up in working for her own support though now in her 84th year. We took in a boy of eight from Greenock whose father died from the effects of drinking, some years ago, and mother deserted family four years since, and nothing is known of her. A sister of 17 who is in great danger of going wrong, and a brother of 12 we hope to take also.

Sept. 27.—To-day we had the pleasure of entertaining at the Bridge-of-Weir Homes about 150 delegates of the Y.M.C.A., who have been attending the annual Conference held in Paisley this year. We trust the sight of what the Lord has done in our midst may be the means of strengthening their faith and also of leading them to attempt and do greater things for Him in the time to come. £22 1s. 7d. have come from various sources, also 10 boxes of fresh fish, a basket of rolls, and a

number of girls' hats, all of which are very acceptable in our large family. £1 "from children's boxes with mother's help," 6s. from "David," and 7s. 6d. from a S.S. in Kirkcaldy, are among sums sent. Gifts such as these from little ones, Sabbath schools, Bible classes, etc., throughout our land cheer us much from time to time.

Sept. 29.—Only £7 15s. 6d., £1 of it "a widow's mite," and £1 from Nairn, "with sincere wishes for your continued prosperity and your continued faith and trust in our Almighty and loving Heavenly Father. He will never leave nor forsake those who trust in Him." We do thank God for this promise, and would still "trust and not be afraid." We were much cheered in hearing to-day that one of our boys whom we sent to Canada in 1875 has been accepted by Mr. Hudson Taylor of the China Inland Mission, and will be going forth to that land soon. He has been studying for some years with a view to the ministry, but has now decided to work for the Master in the foreign field. We earnestly pray that he will be much used of the Lord in winning souls, and also that many others among our number may be led to go forth likewise. Some we know are desirous of doing so, and we look to the Lord to make their way plain.

Oct. 2.—We are now entered on the last month of another year of our trust in the Lord for all the needs of the Homes. We have just about a day's provision on hand, but are looking to the Lord to send all that will be required to enable us to close with the balance on the right side as in all the former years of the work. We rest on the promise, so often fulfilled in our experience in the past, "My God shall supply all your need." £2 2s. 6d. have come to-day from Edinburgh, £1 10s. from Glasgow, and £1 from Perth, "to furnish a stone for a Perth Cottage." We trust this gift, the earnest of another Home, may soon be followed by the full amount required to build one. Perth, and also Dundee, Forfar, Dunfermline, Stirling, Edinburgh, and many other towns in Scotland, are not yet represented in the national group of Homes, and we are very desirous that they should be. Applications to help orphan children reach us from all parts of the country, and at present we have children in the Homes from Elgin, Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth, Montrose, Alloa, Stirling, Dumfries, Campbeltown, Ayr, Helensburgh, Paisley, Greenock, and many other places. Yesterday a friend in Edinburgh wrote us:—

DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly let me know at your earliest convenience if you could make a home for two boys? Their ages are 9 and 11. They have neither father nor mother, and as they are very friendless it would be a great kindness to give them a home. The mother died about six years ago and the father died only a few weeks since. I think it would be a great matter to have them placed in a home such as yours is where they would have all the benefits of a Christian training, and as they are, they must grow up as city waifs. Trusting you will be able to do something in this case, and that the Lord may bless you more and more in the noble work you are doing.

We have agreed to take these boys. A minister in the far North writes:—

DEAR SIR,—I have just been seeing a poor woman who lost her husband about a month ago and who is fast passing away herself. She cannot possibly live many days but, I am happy to say, she is calmly trusting in Jesus, as her husband was enabled to do also. She has five of a family, three girls and two boys, the eldest of whom is 13 years and the youngest about 2. They are destitute and have no where to go after their mother has gone. The two eldest we hope to get into an institution near. Could you take the other three for the Master's sake? The case is a very sad one. Through their father's illness as well as their mother's they have been brought to extreme poverty. It is the poor woman's desire that I should write to you, and if she could only be assured that they were to be under your care she could die happy. As it is she is naturally anxious though she believes that God will be a Father to them even as He has promised. Perhaps you would favour me with an early reply.

We wrote saying we would take all the family, and so save them from being separated. Thus a dying mother will be comforted in knowing her little ones will be cared for after she is gone, and not need to be made paupers. These are just a sample of the many sad histories that come under our notice from day to day, and we esteem it a great privilege to be the instruments in the Lord's hands of rescuing such.

Oct. 4.—Only £1 from "A Visitor," and £5 2s. 6d. towards the "Servant's Cottage," being "part of money laid aside for little Mary, now gone home." This gift, coming from a young widow who has had a struggle to keep herself and little ones, greatly touched our hearts to-day. Two boys found begging in Edinburgh, and sent to us from the Police Office there, were taken in. Our eyes are to the Lord, who has the hearts of all in His keeping, and can move them as He will.

Oct. 8.—A friend in Campbeltown writes:—
 DEAR SIR,—A legacy came to me a short time ago, thus increasing the amount to be set aside for the Lord who gives all. Of this I have much pleasure in sending £4 10s. to you, to use in any way you may think best for the promotion of the blessed work in which you are engaged, also £1 10s. for your own personal use, £6 in all. I much regret not having been able conveniently to be present at your late annual gathering, but trust, if spared, to enjoy that privilege some other time.

Another in Rothesay sends 30s., £1 of it for the children and 10s. for our own needs, which, with £1 13s. 9d. from a Sabbath school in Stirling, are all that have come to-day; and five children were added to our number—three boys of one family, 12, 10, and 8, whose mother died a year ago and the father, a railway clerk, absconded with some money a few weeks since. There is an old grandfather, a pensioner, now 82, but he can't keep children who are utterly unprovided for. A boy of 9, whose father, a sailor, died abroad and the mother, having another child to keep, is not able to manage this boy, who is getting beyond her control; and another fatherless one of 10.

Oct. 10.—The following letter from Argyllshire cheered us:—
 DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—My husband has just given to me to send to you the enclosed cheque for £20 to help you in your beautiful work. You have, with your orphans, been brought nearer to us these past days, and we want to tell out to you our warm and loving sympathy, and to say that our prayer to God is that He may make your Homes His dwelling place, and dwell in every heart within your Homes. Some time we may see you and them.

This gift, and £9 6s. 6d. from Kingussie, Moniave, Milton of Campsie, Bridge-of-Weir, and Glasgow, and a useful parcel of clothing from Gourrock, supply the day's needs. Among other cases at the City Home was a poor woman with two children—a baby of 14 months and a boy of 3. They had all been sleeping out last night, and sad, miserable objects they looked. The rags that tried to cover them would not bring 6d. in the rag-store. It would need faith to touch the dirty and diseased body of the little fellow, not to speak of nursing and caring for him. We took him in. The poor mother, although once in happy circumstances, has gone sadly wrong.

Oct. 12.—"Five Little Girls," in Birkenhead, "being anxious to help Mr. Quarrier's orphans, made and collected a few tiny articles, which they sold among their friends," send £1 5s. 8d. as the proceeds of their sale; and a young friend in Greenock, £2 8s. from a children's sale of work there. £20 from an old donor in Edinburgh, 7s 10d. from a children's meeting in Crieff, and £1 from an anonymous friend also cheered us.

Oct. 16.—Yesterday, from various friends, we received £41 2s.; to-day only £10 6s. have come, £5 of it for our own needs.

Oct. 17.—A dear friend who for many years has helped the work, in

sending 5s. writes: "I have been passing through trouble lately in regard to earthly things, and one of the chief sorrows of it to me has been that it has prevented me helping in the way I used to do. I knew you would not suffer in any way; the deprivation has been mine, but it has not lessened my interest or hindered my prayers, and here is a tiny gift out of something the Lord gave me, to give, in answer to a prayer of mine. I give it with great pleasure, and may the Lord increasingly bless you and the work and send in all that is wanted." "Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him." We do praise God for the fellowship of this dear servant of His and pray that she may be upheld and strengthened by Him who hath said "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Would that more of the Lord's children realised the great privilege He confers on us in being labourers together with Him in prayer, giving, and working. Among other donations to-day £2 came from Pitlochry, £1 of it from a friend who has doubled her subscription this year "on account of mercies received," £2 from an old donor in Glasgow, 15s. from "a Forfar friend," 5s. from South Africa, and 10s. from a friend in Innellan who says: "Will you please accept this very small sum for the Master's work in any form? I very much regret it is so small, but I have done what I could and He will own it. I did enjoy the thanksgiving meeting and was refreshed."

Oct. 20.—Only gift to-day is £1 from "a friend" who says, "Enclosed is to help forward your good work for the youngsters. May the Lord bless and supply all your need." £3 13s. came yesterday, £2 of it from a donor in Stirling, who writes: "Please accept the enclosed for your good work—a work that is twice blest—the giving for which, I think, all true Christians must count a privilege. Rejoicing to know that the Lord is opening up your way to greater usefulness."

Oct. 22.—Two more of our sailor lads went forth to sea to-day. They were specially commended to the Lord at our services yesterday (Sunday), and we do trust that the prayers offered up for them will be abundantly answered in blessing on themselves and those they will be associated with. We believe they are decided for the Lord, and desirous of glorifying Him wherever they go. Among other gifts to-day, £19 6s. 10d. came from our family in the Bridge-of-Weir Homes, being part of their Sabbath collections during the year, given to help their more needy brothers and sisters on the streets of Glasgow. Out of the collections also, which amounted to £44 6s. 10d. (£20 more than last year), we had the privilege of sending £10 to China, £10 to Africa, and £5 to India. We took in a girl of 15, who was in the Homes before, but was taken out by her mother, who is now sorry for doing so. An older sister has gone astray, and mother is anxious to have this one saved if possible. A younger brother and sister were sent to Canada some years ago, and are getting on well. In nearly all cases where friends of the children have taken them from under our care they have been sorry for it afterwards, and have often asked us to receive them again. A little boy of 3, who has been very much neglected, and is in a sad state from filth, etc., was also admitted.

Oct. 24.—A friend in Dundee writes:—
 MY DEAR SIR,—I enclose cheque for £20 to help you in your good work. I am ashamed to think that this is my first donation. However, if spared, it will not be my last. Our visit to the Orphan Homes gave us great pleasure, and we will now feel a deeper interest in them, and in those who have them in charge. Praying that God's blessing may increasingly rest on you and your work.

£52 7s. from London, Thurso, Taynult, Blairgowrie, Greenock, Gourrock,

Dumbarton, Hamilton, and Glasgow; and a quantity of oatmeal, barley, rice, and peas from a friend in Glasgow were also most acceptable gifts.

Oct. 26.—£50 from two friends, who usually send later on in the year, £10 of it for our own use, gladdened our hearts and will help to make up for the lack of others who have not given. £2 from friends in Edinburgh, £7 from Glasgow, and £200 towards our building fund for the furnishing of a cottage also came to-day. Yesterday the following letter from Annan, with a few other gifts, cheered us:—

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—Enclosed find draft for £5, which, with the 20s. I gave you when I had the great pleasure of seeing you and your Homes on the 26th ult., will, I suppose, pay for the support of one dear orphan for half a year. If I am spared a little while there will be "more to follow." I have happy remembrance of the pleasant and most interesting sight I saw at the Bridge-of-Weir, and do not fail to pray for yourself and your assistants in the good and grand work in which you are engaged. Hoping you are well, and asking the Blessed Master to strengthen you, and to make you a blessing to many thousands of poor children.

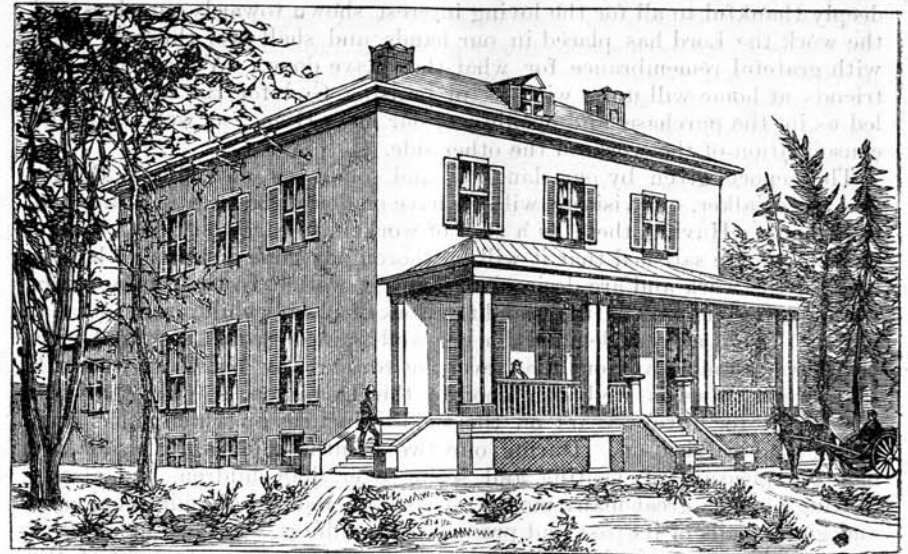
Oct. 29.—Only £8 0s. 6d., 2s. 6d. of it as "Willie's birthday thank-offering for a good home," and £5 from a friend in Glasgow, who says, "Your large family has many wants, but you have got them always supplied. May the blessing of the Lord abide with you in all your undertakings." Another in Edinburgh writes:—

DEAR SIR,—I send you herewith a draft for £1 1s. to aid you in your good work for the Lord. If I had it I should gladly have sent you £100; but that privilege is not mine, but some other steward's. I was much pleased with what I saw (that day you came home from America), consequently don't fail to recommend your Homes to the prayerful consideration and interest of others. Sending you Hebrews vi. 10.

These and other kind words of sympathy have cheered us much as we draw to the close of another year of happy service for the Master. God bless all who have thus encouraged and strengthened us in His work among the needy little ones. Two fatherless boys of 5 and 4 and an orphan girl of 9, with no friends to keep them, were added to our family; and there are many other needy ones applying.

Oct. 31.—We are once more brought to the close of another financial year, the seventeenth of our trust in the Lord for all the needs of the Homes, and the twenty-fourth of our work among poor children. Being also the last day of October, our children had their annual treat in honour of "Hallowe'en." The feast of "champed" potatoes with their mysterious ingredients, the ducking for and eating of apples, of which a liberal supply came last week from "Fairknowe" our new Home in Canada; the cracking of nuts, and the illuminated procession through the grounds were enjoyed to the full, after which all gathered in the church, where two hours were happily spent in singing, recitation, etc.; closing with family worship and hearty thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for His loving kindness and manifold mercies. When the year commenced we knew not the way, but felt sure the Lord would lead us safely, and now that it has closed we can truly say that goodness and mercy have followed us through all its hours. The balance on hand, 11s. 4½d., is the smallest of all the years of our work for the Master, yet we are resolved, the Lord helping us, to do more in the coming one than we have in any of the past. For the untried year upon which we are just entering we "will trust and not be afraid," looking for the needed supplies of wisdom, grace, money, and all things to Him who hath said, "Trust ye in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."

DISTRIBUTING HOME, FAIRKNOWE, BROCKVILLE, ONT.,
AND
CANADIAN ORPHAN HOME.



Twenty-six bands of children from the Homes have crossed the Atlantic during the past 17 years, and our family in Canada now numbers about 3,000. As already mentioned in the narrative, Mrs. Quarrier, Miss Fox, and myself accompanied our second party this year, consisting of girls and little boys, and numbering 120 in all, inclusive of those in charge. Leaving Glasgow by the Allan Line s.s. *Corean*, on the 17th of May, we reached Quebec on the 30th, and Fairknowe, our new distributing Home, Brockville, on the 31st, where we received a very hearty welcome from our daughter and son-in-law and all at the Home. We were also warmly welcomed by the citizens of Brockville, and a public reception was given to the party by ladies, ministers, and other friends, in one of the principal churches of the town, when many kind words were spoken and much loving interest shown in the little ones and the work. We cannot speak in too high terms of the ministers of Brockville, among whom were Revs. Mr. McGillivray, Presbyterian; Mr. Alen (who is now settled in Coburg), and Mr. Brown, Methodist; and Mr. Weeks, Baptist; who have done all in their power to further the interests of the Home: also members of Council, Judge Macdonald, Sheriff Smart, Mr. Reynolds, Solicitor, and others, have very kindly aided us. The editor of the *Daily Times*, and our personal friend, Mr. Bell, editor of the *Recorder*, have given us the use of their columns for any statement we desire to make to the public, and have otherwise helped the work. Mr. Bell is himself an earnest Christian and efficient Sabbath school teacher, and in many ways has been a means of blessing to the young. In the various places where we had the privilege of speaking during our stay in Canada, we always found the ministers among the first to give us their help and encouragement; indeed, many of them, who recommended homes as suitable for our boys and girls, have now become our correspondents in overseeing and otherwise looking after the children in their districts. Thus amid the difficulties connected with the

establishing of our new Home and centre in Canada, we have been greatly cheered and strengthened by the help and kind sympathy of many friends in Brockville and other places throughout the Dominion. We do feel deeply thankful to all for the loving interest shown towards ourselves and the work the Lord has placed in our hands, and shall ever think of them with grateful remembrance for what they have done. We feel sure our friends at home will unite with us in praising God for the way He has led us in the purchase and opening of our new Home, as well as in the consolidation of the work on the other side.

The reports given by our daughter and son-in-law, also Mr. A. Burges and Dr. Walker, our visitors, will, we have no doubt, be read with interest by friends. Having these as a staff of workers to carry on the Canadian branch, we are satisfied that it will be thoroughly gone into, as all have a love for the work and are desirous of doing it well. In the coming years we hope, God helping us, to extend the work of placing children in Canada, and as there is a great demand for our well-trained Scotch boys and girls there, we are more anxious than ever not to send any but those who will be a credit to us as well as a good to the Dominion, so that the work may stand for future years on the solid principles on which it has been begun and carried on. During our two months' sojourn in Canada, we had the pleasure of visiting and seeing over 300 children, and also of hearing about a great many more. To speak about each individual case, and give details of its past and present surroundings, would fill more pages than we have in this Narrative altogether, but we give a few out of the many as typical of the whole:—

K. C. with Mr. R. R. (1887).—K. came in from picking peas looking as bright as a June rose. She is in her "father's" class in the Sunday School, and he says "she has been well trained at Bridge-of-Weir," as she is one of his best scholars.

J. S. (1884) with A. M.—J. has been in one place till this summer, when he wished to learn a trade, so has gone to Toronto. Mr. M. said he would not hinder him, for he had done his duty by him, and would, no doubt, be faithful wherever placed.

A. C. and R. H. reside with mother and daughter in different homes, but are just like sisters. They study and play together, and brought their books and slates without being asked, to show how well they got on. We felt much encouraged by this happy little scene.

J. D. with A. M.—"This the best boy you ever sent out. I have had him nine years, and I know no difference between him and my own."

J. H. with Rev. G. M.—J. got a week's holiday to visit us. Mr. M. says "she is the best girl we have had, and we believe she is a decided Christian."

L. L. with Mr. P.—Mr. P. visited the Homes at Bridge-of-Weir this summer, and bore excellent testimony to L.'s faithfulness. He said she had been well trained, and he trusted that he and his wife would carry it on.

L. Y.—Married this summer. She came on a visit to her sister at Fairknowe. Is a Christian worker in the district in which she lives, and her husband has also decided Christian principles. She was married from her first home, in which she has been 12 years.

R. A. with Mr. P. C.—R. and his father were in at lunch when we called. "He does as he is bid, and we are thoroughly pleased with him." He is fond of reading, and gets on well at school.

J. S. with Mr. J. M.—We expected a bad report of this boy, as we heard he had run away; but Mr. M. says, with the exception of one day going off to see his brother without notice, they have nothing against him. He came back, and ever since has been good.

L. C. with H. M'K.—Little L. was a picture of neatness—white stockings and dainty little boots. Quite a pet.

W. F. with Mrs. R. (1888).—W. came to a meeting we addressed with his big sister. He is a fine little boy, and is already quite at home, although only two weeks in the home.

It would be difficult to describe the comfortable homes and favourable circumstances in which we found the children. Our hearts were full of thanksgiving to God for the provision He has made for the little ones whom no one cared for here. To some of them the happy family life was a thing

unknown before, and they too have good cause to praise the Lord for the hearts and homes He has opened up for them.

We are more than ever convinced of the success of the emigration branch of the work, and after 17 years' trial, with about 3,000 children in Canada, are able to state that 95 per cent. of them continue to do well. We should like to be able to say the same of the thousands dealt with in this country, but such is not the case, owing to the dragging-down influences of their relatives and whole surroundings. On the 26th of July we sailed for home, and arrived on the 4th of August, feeling very thankful for all the blessings of the way, and with more earnest desires to gather in the lost lambs of the flock in the coming days as the Lord shall enable us.

Report from Mr. and Mrs. BURGESS.

FAIRKNOWE HOME, BROCKVILLE,
ONTARIO, 20th October, 1888.

DEAR FRIENDS,—This month reminds us that another year of the Homes is drawing to a close, and we have no doubt some particulars regarding the work and new centre on this side of the Atlantic will be interesting to friends. How rapidly the eight months since our arrival in this land of promise have passed! Our well-built ship ploughed her way through many miles of ice into Halifax harbour, and we had the trial after reaching Brockville of one of the most severe storms of last winter with the thermometer down to 16 below zero. Seed time and harvest have come and gone and now most of the trees, after assuming their gorgeous autumnal hues, are again leafless and bare; and already there have been unmistakable tokens of the near approach of that monarch of the frigid zone whose icy breath seals up for months together the bosom of even the mighty St. Lawrence.

Throughout Canada a more beautiful, healthful, or suitable situation for the Distributing Home could not have been selected. Overlooking the noble river, with its innumerable islands, surrounded by magnificent shade trees, on a 16 acre lot of fine rich soil, with large garden and orchard, the substantially built, commodious Fairknowe Home stands unrivalled for the purpose to which it is devoted—and as God's hand is manifestly seen in its purchase, so may He send forth His light and His truth to guide in every transaction regarding it. In this as in other branches of the blessed work there is plenty to do, and our hands were fully occupied getting the house and grounds in order before the arrival of the first band on the 12th of April. Never can we or the children forget the very hearty welcome accorded, and extreme kindness shown by our good Christian friends of all denominations in Brockville. So lavish were the ladies in their preparations that there were actually two waggon loads of cakes and other dainties brought to the Home after the large family had been supplied. Many of the leading Christian gentlemen spoke words of kindly sympathy and advice, so that the dear lads were encouraged to go forward from this bright starting point in the New World. On the following day interesting accounts of the meeting appeared in the *Brockville Recorder* and *Daily Times*, which space forbids us giving here.

Then began the work of distribution which was accomplished in a very short time—most of the boys being spoken for long before they came. The party of girls and little boys brought out in May by Mr. and Mrs. Quarrier got an equally enthusiastic and hearty greeting, and we pray that the kind entertainers may obtain the Master's promised reward for receiving His little ones in His name.

Quickly dispersed amongst friends who had been anxiously waiting for them, we have got many cheerful letters from both boys and girls expressing their satisfaction with their new homes. We subjoin a few specimens:—

"DEAR FRIEND,—I will write you a few lines to let you know that I am well at present and hope this will find you the same. Thank God for His blessing to

us all. Well, I got to my journey's end all right and I have got a good home and am well used. I go to church every Sabbath and to Sabbath school twice. The man I live with is Mr. C., and they have no family but me, so they call me Nelly C., and I like that very well, and I call them pa and ma. Ma has got me a nice doll nearly as big as myself and a packet of nice visiting cards with my name on them, so I will send you one of them, and I hope to hear from you soon.

NELLIE S.

"DEAR MR. AND MRS. BURGES,—I write you these few lines to let you know that I got to my home safely on Thursday, and I like it very much, and I am trying to do my very best in it, because it is such a good home. If I did not do that I might never get such a good home again. Give my love to all the girls, and every one in the house, and I hope the ones that are sick will soon be better. I forgot to tell you that I go to Sabbath school, and Mrs. B. is my teacher, and I like her very well. The Sabbath school here is just like our own in Scotland, and we go to the Methodist church in the evening.—Your loving friend,

MAGGIE W."

"DEAR MRS. BURGES,—I write you these few lines to let you know that I am getting on very well. I have a little sister, her name is Ella, and a brother, his name is Albert. I like my parents very well. My papa bought me a ball. I like Ella and Albert. I play with Ella in the afternoons. We get worship night and morning. I will soon be going to school. My mamma says I am a good girl and that she will always keep me. They are very kind to me and I will do my best to please them, and just ask Jesus to help me. I thank the Lord that He ever brought me into the Homes—I remain, one of your loving children,

AGNES S."

Nor is this merely the fleeting illusion of new surroundings, for Lizzie C., who has been two years in her place, writes:—

"DEAR FRIEND,—I with great pleasure write to you, hoping you got safely across the ocean. I take great pleasure in congratulating you and Mr. Burges and hope you are both in good health. Robina A. told me Effie Y. came out with you. I hope she is well. I wrote Mr. Quarrier in January, but have not heard from him yet. I get letters from my brother; he is well and in a good home. When you write, will you please tell me if Bella D. has come, or is she coming this year? Mary M'I. lives about a mile from where I do, she said she was going to write to you. Dear Mrs. Burges, you will be entirely welcome to come and make us a visit. I am sure mother and father would like to see you, and I'm sure if any one would like to see you it would be me. The stage goes by our very door, so surely you could not miss the house. Mr. Scott was here last spring, and he stayed at our place over night, and I am sure you and Mr. Burges would be welcome to do the same. I go to church and Sabbath school every Sabbath, and Annie does too.—From a loving orphan,

LIZZIE C."

One who came out in 1884 writes:—

"DEAR MRS. BURGES,—I write you these few lines to let you know I am well, hoping it will find you and Mr. Burges in the same condition. This is the first time for me to write to you, but I hope it will not be the last. I made up my mind to write you after I received my Christmas cards from you. I would say to myself I must write to Mrs. Burges the first chance I have, and now you can have the benefit of reading the letter which I have been writing in my memory all the spring. I am very thankful for the Christmas papers and for the letter from Mrs. Arthur, re-posted by you to me. I can assure you that I will never forget my old friends in connection with the Orphan Homes of Scotland. I may say that, by the help of God, I am trying to lead a Christian life, and though I may stumble I pray Him to guide my falling footsteps. I would like to see Mr. Quarrier and all the friends this summer. It will please me ever so much if you send some one to see me. As quick as I finish this I will ask God to be with me through the night, and I will go to sleep believing that Jesus will be with me through the darkness.

THOMAS G."

"DEAR FRIEND,—I am quite well, hoping this will find you the same. I received a letter from Scotland, saying a band of boys had started from the other side on the 29th. I would like to know if my little brother Robert has come out, and if so, I would like very much if you would try to place him as near me as possible. I have been in this place for two years, and like it very much. My master and mistress are very good to me. If every boy gets as good a home, he has no need to grumble. I am very near four boys who came from the Home.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID T."

Friends who have got children speak and write of them in the highest terms of praise. Mrs. W., who got a 5-year old boy this year, says he is the smartest, best, and most lovable child she ever saw; and his school teacher pronounces him a "prodigy of intelligence for his age."

"DEAR SIR,—We wrote to the Home in Scotland with reference to the age of Sammy S., and late of your Home, which has been kindly furnished us, together with his uncle's address. We have by this mail written his uncle and sent him a photo. You can tell his uncle, when next in Scotland—as we have told him—that we think there is not a boy in the country like him. S. sends his love to you; and with kindest regards and good-wishes for the prosperity of the Home, I am yours truly,

G. F."

"DEAR SIR,—I enclose you the paper which you have asked us to sign, with the full intention of doing our duty towards the child which we have adopted. We are very much pleased with the girl, whom we believe God has chosen for us through your means. She is very well pleased with her new home, and I hope will not become lonesome. I trust that God will bless her, as we wish to love and protect her as our own child.—Yours sincerely,

Mrs. F. R."

"DEAR SIR,—We are well suited with the boys James and Joseph M. They are obedient, well-behaved boys, and willing to be as useful as they can. I had no trouble getting a place for Joseph—had three or four different offers; but, as you might expect, thought my own old home preferable. Do not think we have taken them in charge without a sense of the responsibility attached, and hope that we may be able to train them up in the way they should go. Wishing you God's blessing on your labours,—I remain yours truly,

J. W. S."

Wherever our Scotch children have been placed, neighbours are so pleased with them that they are anxious to secure others as good for themselves.

"MRS. BURGES,—MADAM,—Will you please let me know if you have another girl about the age of Jennie, who is living at Mr. T.'s? We want her for ourselves. My wife and I are alone, with the exception of an apprentice in the shop, who boards with us. If she is not quite so old as Jennie, she might do quite well. Jennie is getting on very well indeed. We are near to a good school. You will remember me; I went to see about Jennie for Mr. T., and another girl for a friend. If you have got one, I will drive out for her; if not, let me know when you are likely to have.—Your very truly,

J. H. D."

"MR. AND MRS. BURGES,—DEAR FRIENDS,—Hearing you have some children in your Orphan Home, Brockville, and as I am living beside a neighbour who got one three years ago, he being a very good little boy, I wish you would send us one of your girls of 10 to 12 years old. Please send us one with blue eyes, a good countenance, good disposition, and a healthy, active girl. We wish to take her as our own child, and if you send us such we will do well by her. I have 150 acres of land, and am near church and Sabbath school, etc., etc. H. A."

It speaks well for the care taken in their training and selection that the better they are known in any district the greater the demand, and one good couple, who have had two children for eleven and eight years respectively, have taken other two younger ones. A large number of the older boys and girls have called at "Fairknowe" to renew our acquaintance, and frequently so grown that we did not know them. Two or three cases will suffice. John T., who with his sister figures on the cover of 1881 Report, is now a journeyman carriage painter, in constant work at good wages. Elizabeth S., one of the 76 girls, is happily and

comfortably married. Dr. Walker, who has been visiting in the neighbourhood, says she and her husband are highly respected as earnest Christian workers, and own a farm of their own. W. H., who came out in 1875, is now on his way to China in connection with the China Inland Mission. Some others are prosecuting their studies at High School and College. Owing to various causes there have been a number of changes amongst the large family (nearly 3,000), and from and regarding some of those we have placed out afresh there is favourable intelligence also. Mrs. J. writes regarding a girl, Agnes C., who could not get on well in the same house with her sister:—

"MRS. BURGESS,—DEAR MADAM,—As Aggie is so very dilatory about writing to you, I thought I would write a few lines to you myself and let you know she was well, and seems perfectly contented in her new home. I have not heard her complaining of being home sick. I must thank you for sending me such a good girl. She is very obedient and obliging, and although a little slow, is so very willing that one feels like having patience with her. She attends Sunday school and church every Sabbath. She was quite pleased when she found in the same class a girl who came to this country when she did, namely, Jessie H. Mrs. Burgess. I should like to make application for a girl about Aggie's age, or a little older, for my sister, Mrs. D., who is the wife of the deputy postmaster at Belleville, and has but one child, so the work would not be very heavy. My sister has taken quite a fancy for Aggie, and would be so pleased to get one like her.—Sincerely yours,
J. J."

A boy, Charles M., who got in with bad companions and did not do right in former situation, now writes:—

"I am getting on very well in my new place, and I am very glad that you sent me here. They give me plenty to eat and drink. I go to Sunday school in the morning, and sometimes at two o'clock in the afternoon; then I stay at home at night to let the others go to church. There are six Scotch boys besides myself go with me to the meetings every Sabbath. Mr. F. sends his best respects, and he is very glad he got such a good boy.—Yours truly,
CHAS. M."

Three of this year's children have made an open profession of their faith in Christ, and united themselves with God's people, and some others purpose following their example. One boy gave his first 5 dols., and several others have given a part of their first earnings to help the Home. It is an interesting and cheering feature that many who were helped in years gone by are anxious to do what they can to promote the good cause by taking little ones themselves, or getting others to do so. The following come first to hand:—

"MRS. BURGESS,—DEAR MADAM,—I received a letter from Mr. Quarrier, and he told me that Brockville was where the boys are sent now. I would like to get a good smart trustworthy boy, and one who would like to work on a farm. The farm is small, only 60 acres, and I have been doing all the work myself. I am one of the old boys myself, and will use him well. I came out in 1873. Now I am married, and have got a little girl from Marchmont, Hannah C., who is doing well.—Yours sincerely,
SAMUEL B."

"MRS. BURGESS,—I have been asked by a friend of mine, Mrs. S. B., in regard to getting a little girl between 11 and 13 for adoption, or they will pay her wages. I have been acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. B. for a number of years, and can safely say that a child placed with them will receive the very best of care. They have a little boy from the Homes, who has been with them for a number of years, and he thinks a great deal of them. Try and send one if you can, for she will be brought up in the way you approve of. I would very much like to see you this summer. I came out with Mr. Aitcheson in 1875, and was placed with Mr. Wm. L., where I remained until I was married.—Yours sincerely,
JAMES A."

DEAR SIR,—Having heard that you were in your new Home in Brockville, I write to inform you that if I can be of any service to you here in Arranprie, I will cheerfully furnish it. I am 1½ miles out of A—, but will do anything I can for you.

"Remember me to your wife and to Mr. Quarrier if he is there at present. I would like to come down to see you at your New Home, if I can find time.—
Yours,
R. M. D."

"DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—I suppose you will be surprised to get a letter from me, as you may have forgotten me, but I have never forgotten you, and never will; for all you have done for us may the Lord bless you. Do you remember Mary D.? That used to be my name, but I got married on the 4th of last June ('87), and so it changed to Stewart. Ever since I left the home I had a desire to do something for you, and for the blessed work you are engaged in, but I never had an opportunity. Now, if you will let me, although it is not much, I will provide a home for one of my 'little sisters' from 10 to 12, not younger, as I would like her to be able to help a little. My husband is a tinsmith and he goes 'roofing' in summer, and I have to mind the store. Last summer I enjoyed it, but now we have a little baby boy, and I find it hard to attend to the shop when John is away; so if you would send us a nice little girl she will have a good home. I have a little sister in Williamstown and would like her oh so much, but she has a good home and I would not take her from it. . . . I don't forget to pray for you all. May the Lord bless you more abundantly for all your labours of love is the prayer of one of your old girls,
MARY J. S."

We regret that visiting has been so much hindered—unavoidably on our part—but now that the laborious task of copying the histories of our children for the last 17 years, from the old books into the new, has been accomplished, we hope to work that branch as efficiently as its importance demands. Dr. Walker has not returned from a long tour throughout the Western district but reports progress.

My brother, who has just returned, will give some account of his last trip which fairly represents the condition of the children on this side, and the general feeling regarding them. On the whole the present state and prospects of the work are very encouraging.

As we think of the magnitude of the work we cannot but praise God that at home, where destitution abounds, His children have learned more fully than here the blessedness of giving.

Knowing the great need at home, and the splendid results here, we daily pray that our loving Father—"The Father of the fatherless"—may still more enlarge your borders; and that all those who further the Lord's work whether by prayer, money, or labour may daily realize the Master's presence and blessing.—Yours in His service,
JAMES BURGESS.

Report from Mr. A. BURGESS, one of our Visitors among the Children in Canada.

DEAR MR. QUARRIER,—On my return from a visiting tour through the neighbouring county, I was reminded that another year in the history of your noble work had well nigh run its course, and I know that you are always glad to hear about your bairns on this side of the water. Since you left we have been pretty busy, the copying of history books taking a good deal of time, so that I have not visited as many as I would have wished. When in the west, I called on some children who had moved with their guardians to Western Ontario, and found them all in good homes. On the first of last week I started for a trip through Leeds, touching at points in the surrounding counties. The weather was not very pleasant, and the roads were heavy; still I managed to see all in this district who had not been reported before during the summer. They were all pleased at being visited, but there was general disappointment that you had not had time to pay them a visit yourself while in Canada. From my former knowledge of Canada and Canadians, I expected to find the children kindly treated, and the result has far exceeded my expectations. With three or four exceptions, I got good accounts of the children, who, in every case, said they were well used. In fact, I believe where complaints were made that the friends were somewhat to blame themselves, for they had petted and spoiled them on their first arrival, and it sometimes takes months of patient training to correct the evil effects of a few weeks'

indulgence at the outset. D. S., who came out in 1885, had his praises sung on all hands. He is a good, consistent Christian lad, and wishes to get an education in order to better qualify himself for spreading the glad tidings. I found that nearly all who have brothers or sisters are within easy visiting distances, and so they often meet. I was fortunate in finding them all at home, for, as the weather has been very stormy lately, all, from the youngest to the oldest, were helping to get in the potatoes. The younger children go to school regularly in summer but are often prevented by storms in winter. When winter sets in the older children have their turn as there is not much to do on the farm, and I find them generally anxious to improve themselves. Every few miles, usually at the corners, you find a small village and here is always to be found the post-office and blacksmith's shop and sometimes a church and school. When there is no church in the neighbourhood, the school is used, and here also the Sunday school is carried on during the summer. In winter it is discontinued, except in the villages, as the cold and the snowstorms prevent the children from attending. Girls are in great demand and there is no difficulty in finding them good homes. There is still room for many more and numbers whom I met expressed their intention of applying for a Scotch boy or girl next spring as they say "they wear the best." On visiting one of this year's boys I was asked if his sisters were coming out, for he was such a good boy that the neighbours were all anxious to get the sisters on the chance of their being like him. There are many kind friends and ministers who watch over the children in their neighbourhood for the Master's sake. Their recommendation can always be relied on, and any harshness or injustice to children is at once reported to the Home. I expect to see a goodly number yet before the winter storms set in, and will visit the outlying places first where it would be difficult travelling in deep snow. We expect to see all of them before the parties come out next spring, and if the other districts "pan out" as well as where I have already been, the result will be most gratifying. Perhaps the account of a day's visiting might be interesting, and as the last day was a fair sample I will give it. J. W., who came out in 1886 has grown a big stout girl, and is very well liked in her home, where there are two little children who go to J. in all their troubles. She will visit her brother and sister this Fall. H. M., an 1885 boy, is in a fine home, and under good Christian influence. He goes to school in winter, and is well advanced with his studies, and thinks of going to High School. He gets an excellent character as a trusty, reliable boy. A. and W. D. are both very much grown since they came out in 1884. Mr. G. died suddenly last summer, but Mrs. G. will remain on the farm, and says nothing would induce her to part with them. W. looks after the farm "as well as a man," and says he has no wish to be anything but a farmer. J. G., who came out last year, has been untruthful on a few occasions, but promises amendment. She is a particularly good worker, very smart, and so willing. They like her very well. She is with a young couple who have no children. Her brother has been to see her, and her pa has promised to take her to see him soon. J. M. is very highly spoken of by his new friends. They have only one little boy, and J. is very kind to him. He goes to school most of the time, and studies very hard. His eyes are rather weak, but he is otherwise healthy, and is anxious to get a good education. Is quite near his brother, and sees him often. A. C. is not very strong, but Mrs. P. says she is much improved, and has grown a good deal since coming to Canada in 1885. She is in a nice home, close to church and school. She goes to school regularly, but learns slowly. She was rather troublesome and careless at first, but is now a great help, and is very kind to the two little children. M. T., who came out last year, is growing fast, and looks quite healthy and happy. Mrs. G. says: "She is as good a little girl as ever was." She is very fond of her baby brother. She goes to school regularly, and makes fair progress. She always attends church, but Sunday school is too far away. M. J. A., who came out in 1885, is now living in a village where Mr. M. keeps a store. They are very fond of her, and her little girl was anxious to see me away, as she feared I had come for J. She is a stout, healthy-looking girl. Mr. M., who is an old teacher, takes a good deal of pains in teaching

her at home. She attends church regularly, but does not like to go to Sunday school. J. H. has been in a minister's house since she came out in 1885, and is in every way treated as one of the family. She could get higher wages, as she has been carefully trained here, but she would miss many advantages which she enjoys in her present home, and she says she loves them all too well to wish to leave them. After my last visit I had a fifteen miles' drive, on a beautiful moonlight night, along one of the fine gravel roads leading to Brockville. Throughout my visits I experienced the greatest kindness in the homes of the children. Canadians are very hospitable, and their hearty invitations to spend the night, and the opportunities so freely given of private conversation with the boys and girls, were very convincing proofs that they had conscientiously done their duty by them. But I need not enlarge on this point, as you have had ample opportunity of judging for yourself. I believe most of the children are in homes where they will receive a good Christian training, and many will grow up to be Christian men and women, and shine as bright jewels in your crown when He cometh.

ALEX. BURGESS.

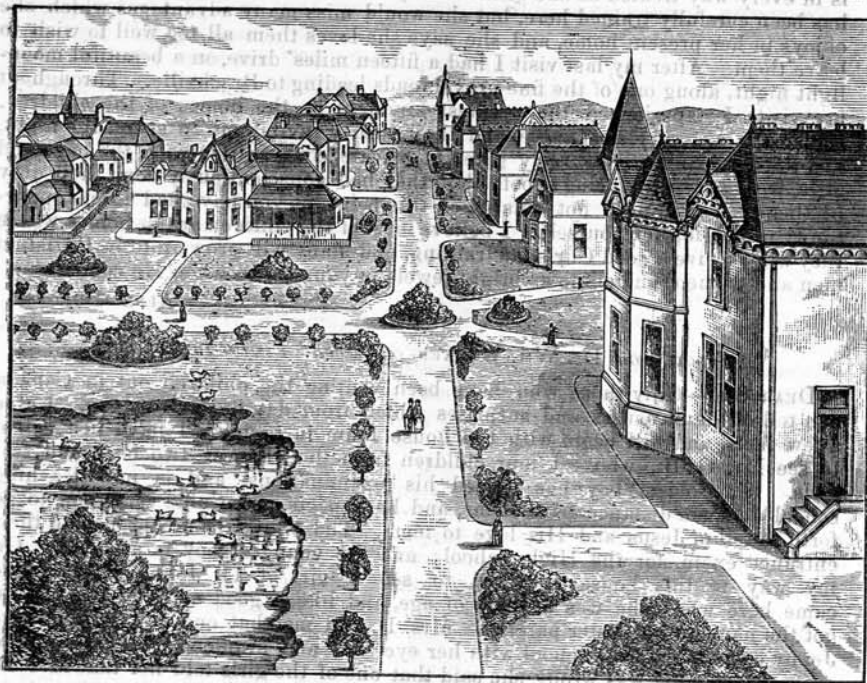
Report from Dr. WM. WALKER, our second Visitor in Canada.

DEAR SIR,—Only those who have been visiting the children out in Canada can tell of the pleasures and surprises which from day to day turn up. I give a few facts, and will begin with the house I am in to-day. I have just called to see Mr. G. B., who got four children from the Homes—two boys and two girls. The oldest boy has passed his examinations, and is now teaching school at some distance from home, and he expects to be able very soon to go forth to tell of Jesus and His love to men. The two girls are preparing their entrance exam. for the High School; and the youngest boy is at home. On my way to this house I called to see a girl of 11, Jenny B. D., who came here when she was 5 years of age, and like a good many of the others, got the name of her foster parents. Mrs. D. told me that one day not long ago Jenny came home from school with her eyes red and swollen with crying, and when asked what was wrong she said that one of the girls told her that Mrs. D. was not her mother, nor Mr. D. her father; that she had no uncles or aunts in this country—hence the crying. Jenny had forgotten that she came from the Home, and they had no intention of reminding her; they wanted her to look to them as her real parents. When Jenny found out how matters stood she said that she would love them more than ever for being so kind to her when she was not their own child. These are not picked cases, but the last two houses I have visited. Going back to the case before, Mrs. G. said—"Agnes has been away at the High School for two years, and we feel the want of her very much." The case before that, was a little girl of 7 living in G—. A distant relation had found that she was in the Homes, and adopted her. I was surprised to find that Alexandrina did not seem pleased to meet me, but when she found that I did not intend taking her away she changed at once. I am afraid she will be spoiled. A few days ago I was at Cookstown, where there are two—a boy and girl. The boy, who is about 13, drove me to the station, and asked me to tell Mr. Quarrier that he had got a good home and meant to do his best to keep it. He had learned to milk the cows, drive the horses, etc., and he would be a farmer. Before leaving I got particulars, and found that the friends who had taken him were as well satisfied with him as he is with them. How pleasant it is to see how quickly the look of inquiry changes to a smile of welcome and the door is flung wide open when you state that you have come from the Home to visit the children! The greatest difficulty I have got in visiting is to get away from the houses; there are so many things to tell, so many questions to ask about Mr. Quarrier and his family and the Homes; and then I must stay all night. It is a great pleasure to find that in nearly all the homes I have visited family worship is conducted night and morning, and the Christian influence of the home life is easily seen in the children they have adopted. Most of the children have plenty of healthy work to do when not at school, and they enjoy the work. There are no drones out here.—I am, yours truly,

WILLIAM WALKER.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR.

£20,000 required for additional buildings to enable us to house 1,200 Children.



VIEW FROM GENERAL PLAYGROUND, LOOKING UP "HOPE" AVENUE.

The year just closed has been one of advance in connection with the buildings at the Bridge-of-Weir Homes in the additional accommodation provided, and also in the consolidation of what was erected in former years. In the end of December we received £1,600 from two friends to build the "Ashgrove Home." It is now finished, and along with the "Somerville Home," the earnest of which was given towards the close of our last financial year, and "Fairknowe Home," in Canada, was dedicated to the Lord's Service at our "Thanksgiving" on the 11th September last. The public opening of our New Church was long looked forward to, and the 6th of March, 1888, when it took place, will be a memorable day in the history of the work. In May we received £2,000 to pay for "Fairknowe," our New Canadian Home; and on the 24th of September, a friend, who desires to be unknown, sent us £1,500 to build a Cottage, so that during the year three new houses have been added to the Homes, besides money to complete some that were given last, and for other additions, road-making, etc.—in all £10,142 13s. 5d. have been sent for building purposes during the year.

The fact that we were overcrowded in the early spring, some of the Homes having five and some 10 children over their number, is an evidence to us that more accommodation is required to meet the wants of the orphan and fatherless little ones of our country. We anticipate that eleven additional houses will meet the needs, the cost of which would be about £20,000. It takes £1,500 to build a house in the most economical way we can go about it, and £200 to furnish one. In addition to this there is

money needed for road-making, formation of grounds, drains, etc., so that the cost of each Home might be put down at £1,800.

For some years past, we have greatly felt the need of a house where older boys suffering from consumption and other diseases could be cared for. To build a Home for this purpose, £2,000 would be required, and we look to the Lord to incline one or more of His stewards to do this piece of service for Him. Bethesda, our Home for Invalid girls and little boys, has been fully occupied throughout the whole of the year, and as four of our older lads have died in the Infirmary—where we had to send them, not having a separate place to nurse them in—and many consumptive and delicate ones have had to be refused admission to the Homes, we are very desirous to have a house where we would be privileged to care for such.

We are really straitened for more accommodation for washing and laundry purposes, as the present place was built to meet the needs of 300 children, and now it has to do duty for 700, and is quite inadequate for the wants. £500 would pay for the addition that we contemplate is really needed for this purpose. We feel sure that the dear friend who gave the money to build the house, had he been here, would have considered it a privilege to make it right for us now, but someone may be led to stand in the breach for him and supply the means for this needed object.

More accommodation for educational purposes will also be required, and to give us sufficient for the increase of our family, we calculate that £2,000 will be needed, for which, and all else required, we look to our Heavenly Father, who in the past years of our trust in Him, has done "exceeding abundantly" above all that we asked or thought.

The New Woodcut on the inside page of cover gives an idea of the group of Homes as they now stand; however, they must be seen in order to fully comprehend their magnitude and completeness.

We were desirous that our beloved Queen during her three days' stay at Blythwood House, Renfrew (about seven miles from the Homes), while on her visit to the International Exhibition in Glasgow in August last, should come to see the Homes. This we were sorry Her Majesty was not able to do as the following communication from her Private Secretary informed us:—

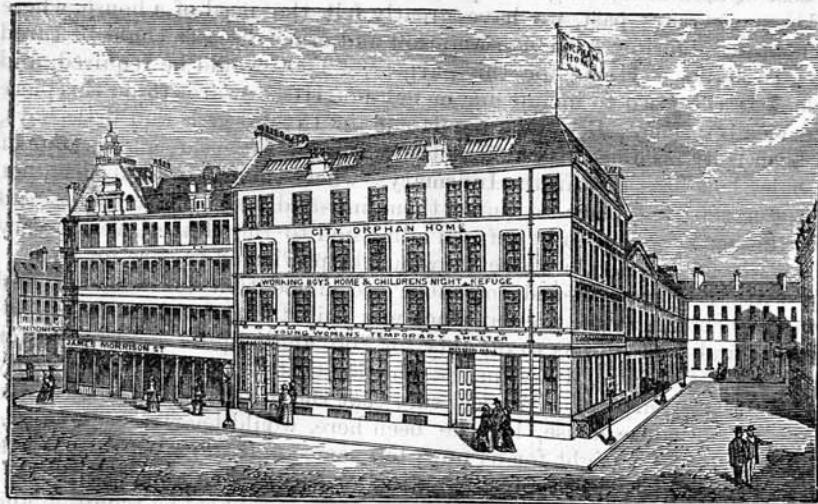
OSBORNE, August 17, 1888.

Sir Henry Ponsonby presents his compliments to Mr. Quarrier, and regrets that the Queen will not have time while at Blythwood, to visit the National Orphan Homes to which he has drawn Her Majesty's attention.

We are sure that among all the objects of interest seen by Her Majesty while in the West none were more worthy of a visit in regard to moral beauty and material importance than the Orphan Homes of Scotland at Bridge-of-Weir.

The woodcut on the preceding page is taken from the general playground looking towards "Hope" Avenue, and is a fair representation of the view from there. The number of houses in "Faith" Avenue is complete, and also in "Hope." The eleven Homes still required are to be built in "Love" Avenue, and when they are erected it also will be complete. As the work is a national one and there is great need for more accommodation, we should rejoice to see friends in Edinburgh, Perth, Dundee, and other places not yet represented, as well as "Scotchmen abroad," adding a house to the national group of Homes. We are sure the blessing of those that were "ready to perish" rests on all God's children throughout our land who in any measure have contributed to the success of the blessed work the Lord has placed in our hands.

CITY HOME REFUGE AND MISSION.



The City Orphan Home, James Morrison Street, Glasgow, continues to hold its place of usefulness in the City, and in the past year has been "a house of blessing" to hundreds of the sin-tossed, homeless, and perishing ones of our land. From the perusal of the former part of our Narrative, our readers will have some idea of the difficulties of the work connected with this house in dealing with cases day by day. Its usefulness is not only seen in the hundreds who have been sheltered under its roof, but in the thousands who have received temporary assistance in the shape of advice, food, clothing, money to pay rent, etc., according to their need. The whole case of each of the children admitted has had to be thoroughly investigated, and this involves a great amount of labour to our helpers in the Home, who have, in addition, the management of the house, and the dealing with the working boys and young women in it, most of whom have been unaccustomed to any restraint whatever, and of course like their own way. All this is a heavy burden, which no money remuneration would induce us to carry. A great deal of labour arises from the interference of the would-be friends of the children, and nothing but love for Christ and the perishing would enable us to bear up amidst the ingratitude and misconception of many of the relatives of those we seek to help. We have frequently to remind ourselves that it is through evil as well as good report the work has to be carried on if we are to receive the reward. We can only briefly touch upon the four branches of work connected with the above building.

WORKING BOYS' HOME.

During the past year about 100 destitute young lads, from 14 to 18 years of age have had the shelter of this department of our work. Some of these have gone into lodgings on their own account, having sufficient wages to maintain themselves. Others have left, and there are at present 54 in the house. These go out daily to their work at the various trades to which they are apprenticed, returning for meals. At the end of each week they hand over their wages, ranging from 3s. to 10s. a week to us,

and receive 1d. out of every 1s. for pocket-money, the rest going towards their keep. During the winter months classes are held four nights a week for them, and in every way possible we seek to influence them for good. The house is, in every sense of the word, "home" to them, and we are grateful to God that so many lads who would otherwise be without control and in circumstances from which it would almost be impossible to rise into an honest life, are thus brought under Christian influence and training. The managing of these lads is one of the hardest pieces of work we have to do, as the evils on the streets and in the workshops are so great. It requires very strong principle for any of them to be able to withstand the temptations to smoke or drink, or frequent music halls and such places, and it is only through the kind and firm discipline of our helpers in the Home that any good results can be hoped for. The work is uphill, and we trust friends will specially remember our helpers in this Home, in prayer, that the seed sown amidst such difficulties may bring forth much fruit.

YOUNG WOMEN'S TEMPORARY HOME.

In this branch timely help has been extended to many young women who were out of employment, and in danger of going wrong. We are surprised that more of these have not sought the benefits of the Home, and take this opportunity of repeating that we are always ready to receive any virtuous young women from 14 to 25 years of age who are out of work and willing to be trained for service. When we think them fit to go out we find situations and provide them with a suitable outfit, thus giving them a chance to earn their own living.

THE CHILDREN'S NIGHT-REFUGE

Is another department of the work, and our doors are open at any time of the day or night to receive children found sleeping out, begging, or deserted. During the year many such were brought to us by Christian workers and others, and every case was fully investigated—no easy matter when wrong addresses are given, and there is not a word of truth in the stories they tell us. Friends who come across such would do well (instead of giving the copper which costs nothing) to bring them to us and we will see that the proper help is bestowed.

THE EVANGELISTIC AND MISSION WORK

Carried on in connection with the City Home has been the means of blessing to many souls. In addition to the regular visitation of the district by our voluntary helpers those in the Home are at all times ready to visit the sick and dying; and in this way not only has spiritual counsel been given, but in many cases temporary help, which was very much needed. Thousands of tracts are also distributed yearly, so that in these ways the Gospel is carried to hundreds of non-church-goers. Religious services have been conducted in the Hall on Sabbath and Wednesday evenings, also meetings for children and young people on Sabbath forenoons; and during the year some special services with evangelists have been held. We trust that "the good seed of the kingdom," which has been sown at these meetings, and also many other times and in many different ways throughout the year, will spring up and bear much fruit "to the praise of the glory of His grace." We do thank God for past blessings on this branch of the work, but look to Him to give much increase in the coming year.

SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S WORK.

CITY ORPHAN HOME.—On 1st November, 1887, we had 62 boys and 20 girls in the Home, and these numbers have been augmented during the year by 230 boys and 160 girls, thus giving a total of 472 cases, disposed of as follows:—

BOYS.—180 were sent to the Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir; 6 went to lodgings; 2 were sent to other Institutions; 18 left, absconded with wages, etc.; 11 were dismissed; 4 died; and 17 were returned to friends in different places;—leaving 54 in the Home.

GIRLS.—124 were sent to Cottage Homes, Bridge-of-Weir; 7 were placed in service; 5 were adopted; 9 left; 4 were dismissed; 8 were sent to their relatives in various places, and 23 are still in the Home.

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR.—The year commenced with 540 children; 304 new cases were received from City Home, giving a total of 844 disposed of as follows: Sent to Canada, 239; died, 7; returned to friends, 35; sent to City Home, 3; to sea, 5; to service, 1; dismissed, 1; left, 3; leaving at present in the Homes, 550.

Thus it will be seen that during the year we have helped 1,012 children; and in the same time, 1,088 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 25 lines for Infirmarys and 27 for 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 £695 13s. 7½d. earned by boys, £8,823 6s. 0½d.; and for Orphan Homes of Scotland Building Fund, £10,142 13s. 5d.—the total amount for all purposes being £18,965 19s. 5½d. 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 those who know the need will sympathise with us in it, and do all in their power to help. At present our expenses for maintenance amount to about £30 a day, or £930 a month; but as new members are being constantly added to our family 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, washing and laundry 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. A pony phaeton would be an acceptable gift for the Bridge-of-Weir Homes, and we mention it here as some of our friends may be able to help us in this way. 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. The balance on hand (11s. 4½d.) is very small, and 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.

Additional workers will be required, 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 medical friends who have given advice gratuitously; 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 hast crowned 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."

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S EMIGRATION HOMES, AND CITY HOME AND MISSION.
Abstract of Income and Expenditure for year ending 31st October, 1888.

October 31, 1887.	October 31, 1888.
To Balance at date, being Cash on hand and in Bank,	£264 19 11½
October 31, 1888.	
Donations and Legacies received during Year, ..	£7621 17 94
Found in Boxes, and Collections at Special Meetings, ..	236 12 8½
Proceeds of Gifts, Photographs, and Sundry Articles, ..	267 0 7
Wages earned by Working Boys, ..	695 13 7¼
Interest from Bank, ..	2 1 4
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	8,223 6 0¼
(In addition to above a sum of \$470.35 has been received in Canada from children and friends, and expended upon the Home there.)	
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	£9,088 5 11½

GLASGOW, 9th November, 1888.—I have audited the Books containing the Intrusions of Mr. Quarrier for the year ending 31st October, 1888, 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 Twenty-three Pounds Ten Shillings and Eightpence, and a sum of Twenty-two Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Threepence Halfpenny due to Mr. Quarrier. JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

ORPHAN COTTAGE HOMES' BUILDING ACCOUNT.
Abstract of Income and Expenditure for year ending 31st October, 1888.

October 31, 1887.	October 31, 1888.
To Balance at date, being Cash on hand and in Bank,	£949 4 7½
October 31, 1888.	
Donations and Legacies received during year, ..	£10,138 3 9
Interest from Bank, ..	4 9 8
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	10,142 13 6
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	£11,091 18 0½

GLASGOW, 9th November, 1888.—I have audited the Books containing the Intrusions of Mr. Quarrier for the year ending 31st October, 1888, 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 Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-three Pounds Four Shillings and One Penny, and a sum of Twenty-four Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Threepence due to Mr. Quarrier. JAMES HUTTON, C.A.

BUILDING ACCOUNT.
Abstract of Income and Expenditure for year ending 31st October, 1888.

October 31, 1887.	October 31, 1888.
To Balance at date, being Cash on hand and in Bank,	£9,353 9 2½
October 31, 1888.	
By Payments to Sundry Tradesmen for work done during year, and Purchase and part Furnishing of New Canadian Home, ..	1,763 4 1
Cash in Union Bank on Current Account, ..	24 15 3
Less Amount due to Mr. Quarrier, ..	
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	9,353 9 2½
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	£11,091 18 0½

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In Memoriam.

DURING the past year many of our valued helpers and friends have been removed from their earthly labours here to the heavenly service above. They have done their part in life's battle, and now "they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them;" while we miss their Christian sympathy and help.

On the 10th of December Miss Wright of Stirling, who for many years has been a kind friend and giver to the work, was called home at the ripe age of 87. Her last gift of £10 for the little ones under our care was sent while she was on her deathbed.

Mrs. Black of Ayr, another aged helper, who almost from the beginning of the work contributed towards it as she was able, passed away on the 12th of December. Of her it may truly be said, "She hath done what she could."

Mr. David Sandeman of Lenzie, who died on the 16th of December, was one, whose gifts to us, as well as to many others, were thoughtful and frequent. He now rests from his labours and his works do follow him.

On the 27th of December Mr. John Walker of Greenock was called home. Though personally unknown to us, he was much interested in the work, and frequently sent of his means towards its support. May the friends left to mourn his loss realise that the grace which was given to their dear one to serve the Lord in the journey of life, will guide them also till they are reunited in the Father's home above.

Mrs. Samuel Cupples of Stirling, also taken home in December, was a faithful friend who, according to what she possessed gave to the Lord's work in our hands.

Mrs. Phillips of Dennistoun, for many years a regular donor and kind friend to the work, passed away to her rest and reward in January last. Although in latter years almost completely blind, she was never tired thinking of and ministering to the needs of others. She was enabled to look above her own troubles, which were not few nor light, and endured to the end "As seeing Him who is invisible." We pray that our Heavenly Father will comfort and sustain the bereaved family. A legacy of £100 left by this dear friend paid the passages and outfits of 10 children to Canada.

Rev. Richard Steele of Kelso, who was called home on the 5th of March, took a deep interest in the Homes from their commencement, and was always ready to help us both by speech and effort. We have no need to regret the going home of such true yoke-fellows as he was, but do sorrow for the family left behind. May the Father of the fatherless and the orphans' stay watch over and care for each one.

Mrs. Shanks of Johnstone also passed away in March. She was one of our oldest friends and fellow-helpers in the work, and a true "mother in Israel." Interested in all that pertained to the Saviour's kingdom, she was specially so in the little ones of the fold. In the occasional visits of herself and dear husband to the Homes we had sweet intercourse and fellowship together, which we can look forward to being renewed in the Father's home above. Though old in years she was active nearly to the end; now she has ceased from her labours and received the Master's "Well done." Five pairs of socks for our little ones were almost her last work here. May the blessed Spirit, the Comforter, sanctify her removal to the dear husband and family who mourn her loss, and may they realise that the separation is only for a little; reunion will come soon.

Catherine M'Gregor, of Girvan, who died on the 2nd of April, though only a domestic servant, was one who sought to serve the Heavenly Master by the means entrusted to her, as well as by the example and influence of a holy life. Doing the work laid to her hand faithfully and conscientiously here, she now enjoys the high privilege of being ministered unto by the great Master above.

On the 8th of April Mr. Wm. M'Naughtin, of Uddingston, was gathered home at the age of 87. He was one of our many friends who are specially interested in the emigration part of the work, and his gifts have been the means of placing

many needy little ones in good homes in Canada. His kind words and cheering sympathy frequently cheered and encouraged us. May the bereaved household be comforted by the thought that he is not lost but only gone before.

Miss Grace Steven, of Bellahouston, another of our fellow-helpers, also died in April. From the first of our work, she and her sister have been interested in it, and their gifts have oftentimes strengthened our hands. It was with genuine sorrow that we heard the news of the separation of two who were so much one in all that they did. We pray that the Lord will sustain the dear sister left, during the "little while" till He comes. What a blessing then awaits the faithful servants of the King!

Mr. Matthew Algie, of Langside, a kind friend who took a practical interest in the Homes, was called to rest in May.

Mr. Salmond, of Arbroath, who also passed away in May, was one whom we delighted to have fellowship with. Although for many years not robust in health, he took a lively interest in all that pertained to the Saviour's kingdom. May the bereaved widow and relatives be comforted by Him who is the God of all comfort and consolation.

On the 20th of May Miss Jessie Geddes, of Perth, was taken to be with Jesus. She is, we believe, the youngest of our helpers of whose removal we have heard during the year, and yet she has entered on the same glory as the elder. May the household made poorer by her death realise that their treasure is not lost, but only gone before.

Mr. Hugh Lamberton, of Pollokshields, a beloved brother in the Lord, was called home on the 25th of May. He was a regular giver to the work from the first, and his kind words and practical sympathy have often strengthened our hands. His last gift, sent just a few weeks before he died, paid for the passage and outfit of two little ones to Canada. As a magistrate in the City, he saw the benefits of the emigration part of our work. May the bereaved widow and family be comforted and sustained by the assurance that they will meet again.

Mr. Hugh Alexander, of Irvine, who died on 12th June, often ministered to the needs of the children under our care, and also tried to interest others in the work.

Rev. P. T. Muirhead, of Kippen, who was suddenly removed from earthly scenes while at Inverness in June, frequently helped us by gifts and kindly sympathy. His ministry was owned and blessed by the Master in much abiding fruit, and we are sure he will long be remembered by what he has done.

On October 7th, Mr. Matthew Cruickshank, one of the oldest of our helpers, passed away at the age of 91. Though old in years he was young in sympathy for the Master's work, and sought in many ways to extend His kingdom. He resided in London for the last few years, but was ever interested in all that pertained to Glasgow, and also the work in our hands. The numbers who followed his body to its last resting place testified to the esteem he was held in. We shall miss his kind words and cheering sympathy, but our loss is his gain. We feel sure the bereaved friends will be comforted by Him who is the Comforter of all that are in any trouble.

Mrs. Lang of the Homes, Bridge-of-Weir, Miss Wedderspoon of Perth, Mrs. Ramsay of Biggar, Miss Susan Hay of Aberdeen, and Mr. John Hunter of Campbeltown, all of whom have been gathered home during the year were kind helpers to the work. They were faithful to the Master in their day and generation, and now they enjoy that eternal fellowship and rest which all who labour for Him do enter into.

Among such a large circle of friends there are very probably many others of whose departure we have not heard. Our prayer is that all the relatives and friends may be comforted by Him who is "a very present help in trouble," and may they and we be followers of them who, through faith and patience, are now inheriting the promises.

CONCLUSION.

The records of the year just closed are wonderful in our eyes, and we are sure our fellow-helpers, and all the Lord's children who read the story of the year's labours, will be led with us to praise our Heavenly Father for all that has been done. The amount of work accomplished, although great, has only opened our eyes to see a larger field that needs to be entered on. The applications for admission to the Homes are now reaching us from all parts of Scotland, and we are resolved, the Lord helping us, never to refuse any really destitute orphan child who seeks our aid or is brought under our notice. In the course of the narrative we have referred so frequently to the various ways in which the Lord's people have ministered to our needs that we refrain here from saying more than this, that He who has promised to reward even a cup of cold water given in the name of a disciple will not forget their labour of love which they have shown towards His little ones under our care. We feel sure that the many friends who have helped us in the past, whether by prayer, gifts, or work, will continue to do so to the utmost of their ability in the year to come.

We are truly grateful to God that our beloved Scotland has now got National Homes worthy of the "Land of the Bible;" but we are desirous that they should be made more so. The fact that we were overcrowded in the early spring of the year—and we anticipate that notwithstanding the additions we will be this winter also—is an evidence to us of the need for more accommodation, and we are anxious that the eleven houses still required should be forthcoming soon. We are hoping that some of the Lord's stewards in Edinburgh, Dundee, Perth, Dunfermline, Stirling, and other places not yet represented in the national group of Homes may be led to give a house in the coming year. £1,500 will build one to hold 30 children, and no more fitting memorial could be erected in memory of a loved one gone home than a house which would shelter the needy, orphan, and fatherless little ones of our land. We trust the Lord will send, during this year, through one or more of His children who have the means, the £2,000 required to build the Consumptive Boys' Home, also the £500 for alterations in wash-house and laundry, and £2,000 for additional school accommodation, as well as 6 of the 11 houses still required. For our large and ever-increasing family in the Homes about £10,000 will be needed for maintenance and £2,500 for the emigration expenses of the children we intend sending to Canada. Suitable fathers and mothers will be required, also teachers for the additional work, all of which needs, as well as our own, for wisdom, grace, and strength, we would roll over on the Lord desiring that in and through all He may be glorified. The balance on hand (11s. 4½d.) from last year is the smallest of any since the work began, and our needs are greater than before; still the promise of our Heavenly Father to supply all our needs is the same as when we first trusted Him for all that we may require. The faithfulness of our covenant-keeping God in the past leads us to depend upon Him for the future, and we believe His children who delight to honour Him with their substance, and who have hitherto given of their means, as well as many who have not yet done so, will esteem it a privilege to help forward a work that is so much in sympathy with the Master's will, so that at the close of the year we may be able to say, as in all the past, that we have lacked no good thing. When we come to stand before the Lord and give an account of our stewardship there will be no excuse

if we have failed "to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain," and the Lord's children are called upon now to lift up their hands to Him "for the life of thy young children that faint for hunger in the top of every street."

May we all be enabled to live so that the Lord's approval will be ours now, and at last, when our labours here are ended, receive as our reward His "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

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

FORM OF BEQUEST TO THE ORPHAN HOMES.

"I give to WILLIAM QUARRIER, Glasgow, or such other person or persons as shall, when this legacy shall become payable, be the director or directors of the Orphan Homes 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."

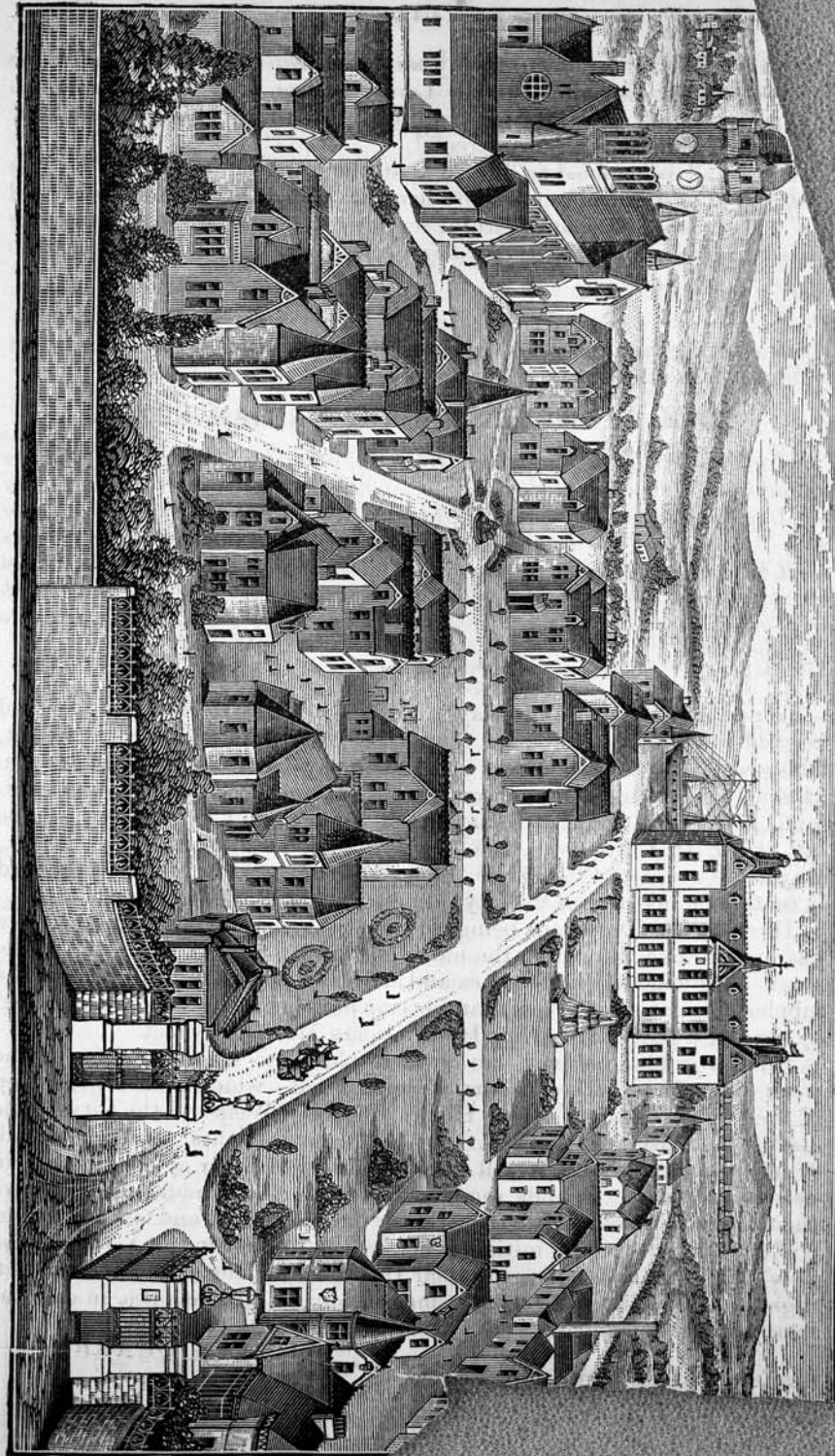
To prevent mistakes and delay, all letters relating to the Homes should be addressed to me, at the City Home, 13 James Morrison Street, Glasgow. Cheques and Orders to be made payable to WILLIAM QUARRIER. If more convenient, Donations can be paid into the Union Bank of Scotland, 174 Argyle Street. Donations 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.

This year the Donations being so numerous (occupying 24 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, 1888.



NEW WOODCUT, GIVING GENERAL VIEW OF HOMES.

STITUTE ORPHAN HOMES, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR, RENFREW, DUNDEE, AND WILSON, LEITH, WHICH COST ABOUT £100,000. We hope to add 11 more to the number as the Lord sends the money.

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ASSES OF CHILDREN ADMITTED INTO THE HOMES.

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for HAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR, RENFREWSHIRE, orphan boys and girls deprived of both parents, children of widows, mothers 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 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, and the superintendent or schoolmaster, Central Building, will conduct friends over them any day (Sabbath excepted). 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 30 Buildings:—

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| 1. CENTRAL BUILDING, in which are Hall, School-rooms, accommodation for Teachers, etc. | 5. "Dumbartonshire Home." | 11. "Paisley Home." |
| 2. "Broadfield Home." | 6. "Ebenezer Home." | 12. "Cessnock Home." |
| 3. "Glasgow Home." | 7. "Washington Home." | 13. "Mizpah Home." |
| 4. "Dalry Home." | 8. "Aberdeen Home." | 14. "Leven Home." |
| | 9. "Greenock Home." | 15. "Overtoun Home." |
| | 10. "Anderston Home." | 16. "Montrose Home." |
| | | 17. "Mitchell Home." |
| 18. "Allan Dick Home." | 25. "Stores," including Stable, Coach-house, Byre, Greenhouse, etc. | |
| 19. "Somerville Home." | 26. "Church and Class Rooms." | |
| 20. "Ashgrove Home." | 27. "James Arthur" training ship on land. | |
| 21. "Kintyre Home" (now building). | 28. "Superintendent's House." | |
| 22. Gatehouse and Mortuary. | 29. "City Orphan Home," James Morrison Street, Glasgow. | |
| 23. "Bethesda Home," for Invalid (Incurable) Children. | 30. "Canadian Distributing Home," Fairknowe, Brockville, Ont. | |
| 24. "Ferguslie Offices," comprising Laundry, Workshops, Bake-house, Glasgow, 1st November, 1888. | | |

"What is that in thine hand?"—Eccl.

"The hand of the diligent maketh rich."—Proverbs v. 4.