

Building fund of our Central India Mission : Previously acknowledged... ..	\$23 00
Mrs. Robertson, College St. church Toronto... ..	1.00
Miss M. A. Snively, St. James Sq. church Toronto... ..	50.00
Mrs. J. L. Brodie " " " "	10 00
Mr. John Gowans, " " " "	10.00
Rev. W. D. Ballantyne " " " "	5.00
Anonymous per Mr. Henderson, St. James Sq. Ch., Toronto... ..	2.00
Mrs M. (per Rev. R. P. MacKay), Dawn Ave. church, Toronto... ..	2.00
Mrs. Dr. Small, St. Andrews, Toronto... ..	1.00
"Gratitude"..... ..	2.00
"Friend of Missions," Doon..... ..	2.00
The Misses Ballingall, United Presbyterian Church, Galt... ..	5.00
"Christmas offering" by L. W., Montreal..... ..	25.00
W. Cassels Buchanan, Galt..... ..	.35
Stamps from Toronto..... ..	.79
Miss Mitchell, Central church Toronto..... ..	5.00
(Rev.) Mrs. Bethune, Toronto... ..	5.00

Total.. \$188 14

In addition to the above there have been promised sums amounting to \$241 00 making a total of \$429.14.

Plague and famine stricken India will stretch out her hands unto God this year as never before. And perhaps no class of the peoples of India are more destitute, or present more encouragements as a field for mission labor than the 80,000 aborigines for whom we desire to begin work by means of an hospital for the sick and homes for the boy and girl orphans. The total amount required for a bungalow, Hospital and two boarding schools is "the modest sum of \$5,000." As the work to be carried on within these buildings must be one of faith, so we desire the contributions for the construction of these buildings to be the outcome of the prayer of the closet rather than by personal solicitation. We simply present the needs and let those take part in this service who will. Yours very sincerely,
J. BUCHANAN.

HOMES FOR CHILDREN.

Toronto, Jan. 4th, 1896.

Editor Presbyterian Review :

DEAR SIR,—In answer to our last letter we have only received one enquiry for a baby. The accommodation at the Shelter does not admit of the reception of children under two years of age, so what we would ask is that any kind motherly woman who thinks of adopting a baby would send in her application, and then when any are offered to us we can at once communicate with the applicant. We cannot undertake to find a baby at once for those whose applications are approved of.

Let us again appeal for homes for our little boys, at present the boys available are:—Between 18 months and 3 years: Jas. R., fair complexion, blue eyes, auburn hair, a bright boy who with training will do well. Jas. S., dark complexion, brown eyes, black hair, slightly coloured, a smart child. Jas. A., fair complexion, brown eyes, light brown hair; Fred M., fair complexion, blue eyes, light hair, with kindly care this will be a good boy. Four years: Frank F., fair complexion, brown eyes, dark hair, a fine healthy boy. Six years: Victor B., fair complexion, hazel eyes, light hair. Seven years: Willie T., fair complexion, brown eyes, dark hair, a good boy if treated kindly and wisely. Eight years: Bertie B., fair complexion, blue eyes, dark hair. Eleven years: Cecil E., fair complexion, brown eyes, dark hair, this is a very bright boy. Twelve years: Fred H., sallow complexion, grey eyes, dark hair. This boy would require training and firmness, tempered with kindness.

The Society has also one or two interesting little girls from 18 months to 3 years old awaiting homes. The Society will be glad to have the assistance of Sunday schools, Mission Bands and Endeavor Societies throughout the Province who are not at present devoting money to Home Mission work. We have to deal with unfortunate children from all over the Province whose parents come here to live and we are sending children to foster homes in all parts of Ontario and also to Manitoba and the North West. A copy of our last annual report will be sent to anyone desiring to

help the work. The Officers of the Society will be very much helped if the officers of such organizations as we have mentioned will assist us in finding homes of adoption for infants of from 3 to 18 months of age.

Yours truly,

J. STUART COLEMAN,
Secretary, Children's Aid Society,
32 Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

CALENDARS AND COUPONS.

So many beautiful calendars and entertaining novelties have been issued by the proprietors of Hood's Sarsaparilla, that we are hardly surprised to receive this season not only one of the very prettiest designs in calendars, but with it coupons which entitle the recipient to attractive novelties. Every one that gets a Hood's Sarsaparilla calendar for 1897 secures something that will prove interesting and valuable as well as a beautiful specimen of the lithographer's art. The calendar is accompanied this season by an amusing little book on "The Weather." Ask your druggist for Hood's Coupon Calendar, or send 6 cents for one to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

"Walter Baker & Co., of Dorchester, Mass., U. S. A., have given years of study to the skillful preparation of cocoa and chocolate, and have devised machinery and systems peculiar to their methods of treatment, whereby the purity, palatability, and highest nutrient characteristics are retained. Their preparations are known the world over and have received the highest endorsements from the medical practitioner, the nurse, and the intelligent house-keeper and caterer. There is hardly any food-product which may be so extensively used in the household in combination with other foods as cocoa and chocolate; but here again we urge the importance of purity and nutrient value, and these important points, we feel sure, may be relied upon in Baker's Cocoa and Chocolate." *Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette.*

CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED.

With the close of the year 1896, the North American Life Assurance Company, following its well-established practice, promptly closed its books and prepared its balance sheet.

The results show a most gratifying and highly successful year's work. The new business exceeds that of any previous year by over half a million dollars.

The payments to policy holders for death claims, matured policies and profits paid under its investment policies exceed a quarter of a million dollars.

The surplus earned for the year 1896 alone is in excess of the large sums paid on that account to the fortunate holders of this popular company's investment policies whose ten and fifteen year periods matured during the year just closed.

Most hearty congratulations are cordially extended to the company's policy holders, friends and all others interested in the North American Life Assurance Company upon the splendid results of the year, and also upon the grand position attained by this Canadian institution.

Nerves

Are the Telegraph System of the body, extending from the brain to every part of the system. Nerves are fed by the blood, and are, therefore, like it—weak and tired if the blood is thin, pale, impure—Nerves are strong and steady, there is no neuralgia, brain is unclouded—if the blood is rich, red and pure. Nerves find a true friend in Hood's Sarsaparilla, because it makes rich, red blood, gives good appetite and digestion.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists \$1. cure all Liver Ills and Hood's Pills Sick Headache. 25cents.

MISS ZELMA RAWLSTON.

A Charming Soubrette who
Attracts Large Audiences.

She Tells Something of the Hard Work Necessary to Make a Successful Artist
—Many Broke Down Under the Strain
—An Interesting Chat with a Telegraph Reporter.

From the Quebec Telegraph.

Those who have attended the performances at the Academy of Music this week will readily concede that Miss Zelma Rawlston is one of the brightest soubrettes on the stage. She is a clever musician and a charming singer, and as an impersonator shows a talent considerably above the average. She has winning ways, a mischievous twinkle in her eye, and a captivating manner. Her magnetism for drawing large audiences is not alone confined to the stage, as she is possessed of a character which is pleasing to come in contact with. It is full of good nature, amiable qualities, and a charm that endears her to all those who have been so fortunate as to have made her acquaintance. A Telegraph representative had the pleasure of an interview with Miss Rawlston which resulted in a biographical sketch of her life being published in these columns on Saturday. During the course of the interview, Miss Rawlston let out a secret, which she consented to allow the Telegraph to make public. For many years she has devoted the best part of her time to study, sometimes practising at the piano alone for ten hours a day. It is not therefore astonishing, that under a strain of this kind, she began to feel the effects upon her nervous constitution. She is of a robust build, and apparently strong physique, and stood the strain without interrupting her studies, until she had perfected that which she desired to accomplish. Like many other artists who have gone before, she completed her work, graduated with the highest honors, and prepared to enter upon her stage career. The reaction of over study, and long hours, soon began to tell upon her, and although it did not interfere with her climbing the ladder of fame as an actress, she very soon became cognizant of the fact that she was suffering from a strain on the nerves which threatened sooner or later to result seriously to her health. Her sufferings did not interfere with her engagements, but prevented her from participating in pleasure of any kind. The nervousness increased to such an extent that she became a victim to insomnia, and slowly her digestive powers gave out, and she was fast becoming a chronic sufferer from nervous debility. After trying many remedies and prescriptions, she one day read an advertisement in one of the daily papers referring to the complete recovery of a similar case as her own, with the aid of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. She had tried so many patent remedies that she almost despaired of trying any more. Something seemed to influence her to test this preparation, and she ventured to purchase one box of the pills. Before she had used half of them, she began to feel an immediate improvement in her condition, and by the time she had used two or three boxes, she was a different woman entirely, and to-day there are few actresses who display a better example of perfect health than our representative found Miss Rawlston in whom he called upon her last week. The subject was suggested by our reporter seeing a box of the Pink Pills in Miss Rawlston's possession. "I always carry them with me," she said, "and would not be a day without them; although I do not take them regularly, I find them a very beneficial stimulus for one in our profession. If the assertion of the benefit which these pills have worked upon me will do the public any good, I am perfectly willing that my name should be mentioned, and that the facts should be given to the public."

Miss Rawlston's permanent address is in care of her manager, Mr. Tom McGuire, Room 5, Standard Theatre Building, New York City.