

You speak of not having had much information lately with respect to the Orphanage. As Mr. Walker had resigned just before the meeting of Conference, and as no definite appointment had been made, no report was prepared for the Conference as was usual. The Conference meeting in Grand Bank, nothing could be done at the time, and we had hardly got home before the "fire" came, and ever since we have lived in confusion. What is done outside St. John's by way of support is very little. The burden of everything comes upon St. John's, great poverty prevailing throughout the outposts. The subscriptions were incomplete at the time of the fire, and as the lists were then lost, it was impracticable to furnish a report for the year past.

Before the fire we were wont to have regular monthly meetings, but since then we have had to meet as best we could. Things have been greatly disorganized, and though the Orphanage has not exactly suffered, yet we have been unable to proceed so systematically as formerly. We have more on our hands, and those upon whom the responsibility rests have been distracted by their own losses. After much difficulty, we at last succeeded in procuring a suitable site for the erection of a proper building, which we have never had. The General Conference will meet next week to consider plans, etc., and we *must* proceed with the work of building next summer.

There are now twenty-five orphans in the institution, which is as many as we have accommodation for. The buildings we propose to erect will have accommodation for about sixty. We hope in course of time to make the institution in part self-sustaining, and to carry it on without assistance from abroad. Meanwhile we are much indebted to the Woman's Missionary Society for the grants that are annually made. Without them we would have fared badly, but as soon as possible we want to do this work ourselves.

Yours very truly,

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REVIEWS OF USEFUL LEAFLETS.

Why our Society did not Disband, is the title of a leaflet that should have wide-spread distribution. It would almost answer in place of a pocket Bible, so much scripture