

as the letter of thanks which we subjoin from the mission priest shows.

Fort Macleod, Alberta, N.W.P., Canz da.

'Please allow me space to express my deep gratitude for the very hearty response to my appeal for funds, published in the BANNER OF FAITH some months ago.

'I had sent to me, direct, 9*l.* from friends in England and elsewhere, who had seen my appeal, and then I had your letter containing a cheque for 55*l.*, contributed by kind Christian people through the BANNER OF FAITH.

'I was sitting one day, meditating on the urgent needs of the parish, thinking how easily the work could be forwarded were more funds available, when I heard the rumbling and clatter of the "Concord coach," as it came rushing into the town, drawn by four galloping horses (we are thirty miles from a railroad, and our mail is brought in that distance by coach).

'I went down to the town shortly afterwards to secure my letters and papers. The very first letter I opened was that from you, containing the cheque for 55*l.* Imagine my joy and gratitude. I feel that I cannot sufficiently express my thanks to the kind friends who have sent this very substantial evidence of their sympathy in our efforts to restore the "House of God" in this parish, in the far-away West. May God bless them all is the earnest prayer of

'A grateful Priest,
'RONALD HILTON.'

We have a letter before us from Bay de Verde, Newfoundland, telling of four years' unsuccessful fisheries, terrible poverty amongst the people, and a half-finished church.

'All is covered in and shingled, and service has been held in it during the summer months; but as the old windows have only been placed in it *pro tem.*, it cannot be used during the winter. The people will give their labour if only we can get the windows, and then we can so far complete the building as to use it in all weathers. We hope to have a sale of clothing for the Church Building Fund; the most saleable articles amongst our people are second-hand clothes of all kinds, for men, women, and children. You would be surprised to see how eagerly these things are bought. The poor folk have had enough to do the last three years to get "bite and sup," so that they are nearly destitute of clothing now, and anything suitable you can send us in the way of cast-off clothes will benefit both our people and our church-

building. Meanwhile, pray God to send us fair and successful voyages in May.'

HEILDEBERG, CAPE COLONY.—The Missionary, after many expressions of thanks for the altar cloths, &c., which he had received from our embroidery room, goes on to tell us of the many anxieties in his parish. 'I am very much exercised in mind to know really *what* to do about the numbers of naked children scattered throughout the parish, whose parents are too poor or too thrifless to provide clothes. The very kind gifts we occasionally receive seem really to touch only the surface of the matter. In a few months time the little creatures will again be in rags. The only remedy that I can think of would be to start a Home; but where is the money to come from? It takes quite 7*l.* a year to keep *one* child, with all the assistance we can get. Then where is a Matron (without salary) to be found? Questions easily asked, but not easily answered, yet one feels one ought to do something to save a number of human beings from growing up a curse to themselves and to the district. The parish is the size of Devonshire, and only one priest, and no money to pay the stipend of another.'

We received at Christmas also five boxes and a parcel, all from one small village in Yorkshire. The wonder is, that one small village can hold so many large hearts, for no less than seventy persons contributed their work to these Christmas boxes.

Everybody helped, we are told—girls from seventeen years of age down to tiny five-year-olds who had only just learnt to use their knitting needles; nor were the boys idle—they sent no fewer than forty-four capital woollen comforters of their own making, and even the village tailor found time and material to make a useful corduroy suit and a girl's jacket. There were 400 articles of clothing in the boxes, besides thirty dolls, thirty picture books, sweets, biscuits, &c.; and this is the seventh year these kind Yorkshire friends have worked for our poor.

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The Orphanage of Mercy and S. Mary's Convalescent Home are not local institutions. They receive destitute orphans and sick children from all parts of the country.

Cards for collecting shillings up to 3*0s.* and pence up to 10*s.* will be forwarded on application. Gifts, such as fancy work, old and new clothing of all kinds, boots and shoes, blankets, bedding, crockery, fruit, vegetables, groceries, books, toys, are always very welcome.

Contributions will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Miss Helen Wetherell and Miss Frances Ashdown, Secretaries of the Church Extension Association, 27 Kilburn Park Road, London, N.W.