

A WORK OF FAITH.

IN once more recording God's dealings with us, in the dear work and labor of love, I feel, from the experience of the past, from the warm testimony of those who have been blessed by the reading of the former reports, that God will be best honored by a continuation of the record as formerly, by extracts from my diary; telling of the many answers to prayer, and praying again and again, that His name may be glorified, the faith of Christians strengthened, and doubters brought to know God as a *living* God.

It has seemed best, to save confusion, and to make the different branches of the Work clear to the reader, that a distinct Report should be given of each, commencing with that of the Consumptives' Home, followed by the Reports of the Children's Home, the Willard Street Chapel, the Tract Repository, and the Deaconess House. Friends, on reading either of the reports, may find under the date of their gifts, a mention, perhaps, of only a portion of the amount sent by them, the balance having been credited to some other branch of the work, which they will find under a corresponding date. The cash accounts and list of articles given will all be found at the end of this book.

October 1, 1868. The year opens with a treasury entirely empty, but here is our Father's promise; "Seek ye *first* the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and *all* these things shall be added unto you." Matt. vi. 33. The day does not close without a witness, in the gift of eight dollars from two classes in a Sabbath School in Providence, R. I.

Oct. 3. Yesterday five dollars were given by a visitor, and twenty-five received from a lady now travelling in Europe. This noon, after paying necessary bills, I find myself without a dollar in the world.

Oct. 5. One dollar was given yesterday. I had nothing to purchase dinner with to-day until the following note came:

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1868.

DEAR DR. CULLIS: I am sure you will be interested to know the history of the enclosed six dollars. I circulated a report sent to me by my friend Miss Bacon, keeping it lent for months and then mailing it to a friend, who would continue to circulate. One of the ladies who read it was deeply interested and sent a dollar last year.

About three weeks since she said to me, "I am thinking much of Dr. Cullis and his work of late, and I think I shall have something to send soon. I don't know when, or where it is coming from, but I hope soon, from some quarter."

To-day I called to see her, and she greeted me with "Oh, I've been *praying* you might come to-day. See what I have;" and she laid two dollars in my hand, and went on saying, "My son gave me a vest to wash

that had been out of use for some time. I washed it, and put it through the wringer three times, then starched it, and finally hung it out on the line to dry. As I placed it on the line and the light fell upon it, I noticed a dark spot in the pocket. I instantly thought '*Ah, there is Dr. Cullis' money;*' and I determined the amount (*whatever* it was) should go to him." She had not even hoped for more than one dollar, but *this* was a *two dollar* bill. Her daughter-in-law overheard the story, and came into the room and handed me fifty cents, saying, "Yesterday I thought this was lost, but I have found it, and will put it with mother's." "It shall come right back to you, daughter," said the mother, handing her another fifty cents, "for I owe this to you." "Take that also," said the daughter, placing it in my hand. I left, with the *three dollars*, receiving the mother's parting injunction, to send it *immediately*, for *she* believed you were in *need just now*. This mother is a widow. Her husband was a minister, and she is a woman of prayer, and powerful faith. On my return I related the incident to my sister, who said, "let *me* add a dollar, and tell sister Fannie and *she* may give something too." So I told the story again, when my second sister instantly rose and handed me another, which with my own made this mite, six dollars.

God bless you more and more, and add to the number of those who walk by faith.

Your sister in Jesus.

Oct. 6. This morning I am again penniless. I called upon the Lord and He answered. Some visi-

tors at the Home left two dollars, fifty cents; from Belmont, one dollar; from Dorchester, five; from Haverhill, five. Alterations have commenced to-day, on House No. 10 Minot Street, which the reader of the last Report will remember, was recently purchased for the enlargement of the Home. In answer to prayer concerning these alterations, two hundred dollars for professional services have come in to-day.

Oct. 10. On the eighth, a visitor gave ten dollars. To-day, from two friends, seven dollars.

Oct. 12. This noon after paying the necessary expenses I had less than five dollars. I asked the Lord for gifts to meet our need. Soon after, a frequent donor sent his check for two hundred dollars. From Hanover, five dollars; from a gentleman of this city, ten; from a physician, ten.

Oct. 17. Two days since, a lady of this city sent twenty-five dollars; from Eugene city, Oregon, one dollar. Yesterday from two classes in a Sabbath School at Jamaica Plains, two dollars, fifty-eight cents. This morning a friend sent twenty-five dollars. On going to the Home, the mason at work on the new building, asked if I would give him some money this afternoon, on account. I then asked the Lord to send the amount needed. At noon a bill of thirty dollars, for professional services was paid, which, added to what I already had, enabled me to meet the demand, seventy-five dollars. Oh, it is blessed to live day by day on God's promises!

Oct. 19. Yesterday two dollars given; to-day, one. After paying for a new range, which we were obliged to have, on account of the enlargement, I am to-

night, without a cent. The Lord knows we have need of these things, and he will help us. "He shall call upon me, and I will answer him." Ps. xci. 15.

Oct. 21. Yesterday I received five dollars, from Providence, R. I; this was the only response to the great need of the day. To-day's mail brought two dollars from Fall River, and from Rockport an old lady of seventy-five years sends five dollars. From a gentleman of this city, five dollars.

Four little girls of Warren Avenue held a Fair, and brought me the proceeds, two dollars and sixty-two cents; all of the above has been used for necessary expenses. How precious, near, and ever present seems a heavenly Father, upon whom we have to call every moment, as it were. Is not this the very dependence of a child, and such the relation our Saviour so frequently sets before us, to which we are called, and by which we may "see the kingdom of God"?

Oct. 24. From South Boston, one dollar; from Lancaster, five. From North Prescott, a box of gold trinkets to be sold for the Work.

Oct. 27. One of the helpers gave one dollar; a friend sends five, all of which was immediately expended, so that at noon, I was again without funds. By three o'clock, I received a check for thirty dollars, soon after three dollars were given; from Charlestown, ten; from a lady of this city, ten; from a visitor at the Home, two.

Oct. 29. This morning thirty-five cents were given by a visitor, and by mail, from a friend, two dollars. This afternoon, a visitor, one dollar. On going to the Home this evening, I found a box of clothing and a

package containing one hundred and sixteen dollars and eighty-nine cents, the proceeds of a Fair held by some children connected with the Sabbath School of the South Church, Salem. From New London, Ct., friends send ten dollars, as their baby's gift to the work; also in a box at the Home, I found ten dollars.

Oct. 31. From a gentleman of this city two dollars; from Lawrence, two dollars and fifty cents; from Charlestown, three; from Lafayette, N. Y., one; and from Syracuse, twenty-five dollars.

We are still in need of large gifts, as the tax bills have come in, and coal is required.

Nov. 2. It is now nearly nine o'clock, A. M. About one hundred and fifty dollars are needed to pay the laborers, also money to purchase provisions and groceries. 3 P. M. On going to the Home I found a gift of thirty-eight dollars, made up by five ladies. After much prayer, I felt it to be the Lord's will that the building fund should be used for the present pressing needs; for besides the deficiencies for daily expenses, repairs are going on in the fourth building, for enlargement of the Home, made necessary by the increasing number of applicants.

Nov 3. The sum realized from the sale of the building fund yesterday was all expended. The laborers were paid, many bills that were due, also the workmen on the new building. Provisions, groceries, etc., purchased, but no funds left to purchase coal. The matron informed me this morning that she had not coal enough to last through the day. I said nothing, but asked the Lord to help us speedily. On arriving at my house, I found a note from a friend, with fifty dol-

lars enclosed, and from Plattsburg, N. Y., three dollars; from another friend, one dollar. Thus the Lord hears and answers prayer.

Nov. 4. This morning at the Home, two visitors gave two dollars. On returning to my house at eleven o'clock and finding no gifts, with my dear wife I knelt and asked the Lord to come to our help, telling Him that we were doing His work, and our only hope was in His word which we had so often proved to be a living word. Coming home at one o'clock I found a note from a gentleman of this city (who often remembers the Work) containing a check for two hundred and fifty dollars; from Malone N. Y., two dollars. Did we ask in vain? His name be praised!

This afternoon a lady from Boston Highlands called with twenty-five dollars. By mail from Syracuse, N. Y., one dollar.

Nov. 5. Three visitors at the Home left five dollars each; another gave three dollars for Reports; by mail from Peacham, Vt., ten dollars; from New York, five; from a blind man in Oregon, one dollar. From Montrose, Pa., one dollar for the Work, and one for personal use.

Nov. 6. This morning in prayer I plead God's promises in behalf of the Work; our need is great on every side. A visitor at the Home gave one dollar; two ladies called at my house leaving ten dollars each, also a gift of ten more from a friend in New York; from Charlestown, four dollars. "An Invalid," two dollars.

Nov. 9. On the 7th, five dollars were received from Hartford, towards printing of Reports; from

Framingham, one dollar; a lady of this city, five; two visitors, one, fifty cents, the other, two dollars. Yesterday three dollars were given; to-day one dollar from Chelsea. From Niagara Falls, five dollars. A gentleman this morning, as he sat in his reclining-chair called my attention to its comfort, and said, "If you would like a couple for the Home, I shall take pleasure in providing them," which offer I gladly accepted.

Nov. 10. From two persons in Framingham, three dollars; from Norton two dollars; a friend, five dollars; from Brunswick, Me., eight dollars. From New York the following note:—

NEW YORK, Nov. 8, 1868.

DR. CHARLES CULLIS.

DEAR SIR: Some months since, while at sea, I promised if on arrival at a certain point on our voyage (Straits Sands), I should hear from those whom I had been long separated from, I would give ten dollars to some charitable institution.

On my arrival here, I heard for the *first time* of the Consumptives' Home under your charge; and believing that money cannot be more worthily expended than in aiding the cause you have in view, I beg to enclose to you the small amount named, trusting that God will bless all the means in your hands, to the promotion of His own glory, and the welfare of his suffering creatures.

Nov. 11. This afternoon, as I sat in my office, feeling tired and worn, my thoughts turned to the Work and its great necessity; no money, and much needed

on every hand. A little heart-weariness came over me, but only for a moment, for I looked up, saying, "Lord, this is Thy work, not mine, and I know Thou wilt take care of it and me."

Soon after, fifty dollars came from a gentleman of Boston Highlands, half of which sum was designated for the Home. From Plattsburg, N. Y., five dollars.

Nov. 13. This morning I commenced the day without a dollar. By mail from Albany, N. Y., twelve dollars, five of which was for the Home; from Providence, R. I., five dollars; a visitor left me one dollar and seventy-five cents; three visitors at my house, three dollars and fifty cents.

Nov. 14. Every dollar in my possession was needed at the Home this morning. I sent some articles of my own to be sold, realizing a little over one hundred dollars, and this will all be expended this afternoon. I can only look to Him who has promised that if we "*trust*" in Him we shall "not be confounded."—Have I not proved these promises time and time again! "The Lord is high unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth." "He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him; He also will hear their cry, and will save them." Psalm cxlv. 18, 19. The gifts of the day have been, from West Groton, one dollar, from Beverly, this note:

DEAR SIR: After reading your Journal, a power within compels me cheerfully to enclose to you ten dollars.

Nov. 17. On the 15th, three dollars were given, yesterday thirteen dollars and thirty cents, being bal-

ance left in the treasury of the Live Oak B. B. C. at its dissolving meeting, and voted to be given to the "Consumptives' Home." To-day, from Foughkeepsie, N. Y., two dollars; from W. Amesbury, one dollar; from Burlington, Vt., twelve dollars and fifty cents; a little boy in Georgetown, who gives a tenth of his money to the Lord, sends fifty cents, "for the sick folks;" anonymously, seventy-five cents; a lady of this city, ten dollars; from Wakefield, five dollars.

Nov. 19. From Plattsburg, New York, ten dollars; from a friend, a silver dollar; from another, two silver quarters. This morning twenty-five dollars were left anonymously at my door; from Dorchester, twenty dollars; from Baltimore, three; from a Sabbath School in Middleboro', a bed-spread, with the accompanying text, "He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust; His truth shall be thy shield and buckler." From Beverly, five dollars; a friend, one dollar and twenty-five cents.

Nov. 21. A gentleman left at the Home this morning, two dollars; a lady gave one dollar; a friend, twenty dollars for Reports; from Norton, one dollar; some ladies left at the Home, one, a diamond ring and two dollars; another, five dollars and a gold pencil; another, one dollar.

Nov. 23. Yesterday two dollars were given; from Lebanon, Ct., eighty-five cents, with the texts, "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee; the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee, the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." Num. vi. 24-26. "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he

should repent. Hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken and shall he not make it good?" Num. xxiii. 19.

A friend called and left ten dollars; another, three; from South Boston, one; by mail, five, with these words: "A thank offering for the health and strength that enabled me to earn the money." From Monson, the following:—

MONSON, MASS., Nov. 20, 1868.

DR. CULLIS.

DEAR SIR: Please find enclosed eleven dollars and seventy-five cents (\$11.75), as the result of the past four weeks' solicitations and the circulation of your "Third Annual Report," in those families with whom I have spent this time as seamstress. One dollar and sixty-four cents (\$1.64) comes from the little ones who desire *their* offerings to be used for the "Children's Home."

Nov. 25. Yesterday; the gifts were, from Worcester, two dollars; from Brooklyn, Ct., ten dollars; from Dorchester, ten; from Cambridge, two silver quarters; also, one dollar left at the Home.

This morning, from Port Byron, N. Y., five dollars; from a gentleman of this city, ten dollars. A friend in New York writes thus:—

DEAR DOCTOR: Sabbath day I was reading your last Report, and it led me to think on the necessity for more system in the matter of giving. Just then, a verse in my reading a day or two before, came to mind. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered

him." 1. Cor. xvi. 2. I shall hereafter try to keep this as my rule. I send you two dollars and thirteen cents, as the result of last week's labor.

Yours truly.

At noon, there was a demand for fifty dollars, this took all that I had. Coal was needed but no means with which to buy. A few minutes after laying my case before the Lord, a friend from Charlestown came in with twenty-five dollars, contributed by several friends; afterwards three dollars were given; again, three other friends gave one dollar each; none of this could be used for coal, as other necessities precluded.

Nov. 27. From Monson, five dollars and ten cents; from E. Brookfield, two dollars; from W. Townsend, Vt., two dollars. The above gifts came in yesterday. 8 A. M. The trial of my faith continues, I know that "He that hath begun the good work will perform it unto the end." Evening. The only gifts of the day have been one dollar, from New London, Ct., and from a visitor, two dollars. On going to the Home this evening, I was told there was not coal enough to keep the fires through the night. I said, "You had better get a little at the Children's Home to last until to-morrow." Will the dear reader think of our condition! There are seven children and three grown people at the "Children's Home," two employed at Willard St. Chapel, on salary, and, at the Consumptives Home, upwards of forty people; besides this my own family expenses, and I at this moment, without a cent in the world, yet the dear Lord enables me to cast all the burden upon Him, keeping me in perfect peace.

Nov. 28. This morning, one dollar was left at my door, from a sick woman; from Salem, one dollar; one, from the sale of Reports, and by the sale of the diamond ring, given a few days since, sixteen dollars, we were enabled to meet the wants of the day.

Nov. 30. The following note, from one of the laborers, enclosing five dollars, has just been handed me.

Sabbath Eve, 10 o'clock.

DEAR DOCTOR: "The *eyes* of the Lord are upon the *righteous*, and His *ears* are *open* unto their cry." Ps. xxxiv. 15.

"Faithful is He that calleth you, who *also will do it*." 1. Thess. v. 24.

Please accept the enclosed, as a thank-offering to God, for His answer to prayer.

From yours.

I thank God for the sweet peace that fills my soul this morning, and I feel that this great trial has been blessed to me; I have the sweet assurance that deliverance is at hand. Oh, it is good to take God at His word; to believe that when He promises, He will fulfil! My dear reader I do assure you there is a joy in living for Christ, which never can be known until we give ourselves wholly to Him, soul and body, and all that we have; then, as little children, placing our hand in His strong hand, and cheerfully following Him, not questioning if trials come, only looking up, and keeping Jesus in sight. Just at this moment, the dear Lord sends fifty cents. Noon. While at the Home, a lady called and gave five dol-

lars; by mail from Orange, N. Y., ten dollars; with the above, I have been able to meet the demands thus far, although no coal has been purchased, yet, "the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." Evening. Nothing more has come in.

Dec. 1. "The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want." To day, being the first day of the month the pay of the laborers is due; I have but two dollars, and two hundred are needed. I have been comforted by this precious word of God: "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you." Luke, xi. 9. "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." John, xiv, 14.

I would again state, what I have mentioned in former Reports, and about which I am repeatedly questioned, that is, when I say that I have not a dollar in the world, I mean that I have expended every dollar of my own funds, as well as all belonging to the Work. Another question is often asked, whether there are not members of my family who are able to come to my relief? In answer to this I would say that the "statement" inserted on the back of the title-page of each Report, is a truthful and faithful one. I would also say, that all gifts, which are sent me for "personal expenses," as well as my whole income from my profession, have been given to the Lord as fast as received, unless there have been imperative demands in my own household.

I make the above remarks, because so many times a year these questions are repeated, and I desire, if possible, to have it distinctly understood that the whole Work is what it professes to be, a Work of Faith.

and dependent wholly upon the promises of a living God. Evening. Since the above record, I have received forty-six dollars and twenty-five cents, proceeds of an article, sent to be sold for the benefit of the Work. I have just received from two sisters and a brother, one hundred and fifty dollars; I wish to say here to the dear reader, to prove that this is a direct answer to prayer, that I never saw these donors, and in no possible way could they know of my great need at this time.

"I will extol thee, my God, O King! and I will bless thy name forever and ever. Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name forever and ever." Psalm cxlv. 1, 2.

Dec. 2. From Haliowell, Me., four dollars; from Shoreham, Vt., eleven dollars, with the following words of encouragement: "The young men of our Y. M. C. A. offer united prayer every Saturday evening, that God would incline the hearts of His people to aid you in carrying on the Work of Faith. We received the last year's Report, which we read with prayerful gratitude to God, for all his mercy and goodness." On going to the Home this evening I found fifty dollars, left by a lady of this city.

Dec. 4. By mail, from W. Amesbury, one dollar; a little boy in Needham sends two dollars, "for the sick folks;" from Concord, New Hampshire, five dollars. We are to-day enabled to purchase some coal. From a lady of this city twenty-five dollars; this came in a few moments after I had expended my last dollar; soon again nine dollars were sent, from the sale of Reports, by a clergyman to his people.

Dec. 5. From Georgetown, five dollars; from Dorchester, two dollars; anonymously, five dollars; from Acton, one dollar and twenty-five cents. The donor writes, "I have no words to express my gratitude to God, that notwithstanding your severe loss by theft, about a year ago, you have been able to go on and do so much, and to extend your work. It was with sincere sorrow that I heard of your loss through the papers, though I have not yet seen your enterprise, and the portion of your last Report relating to that, and how your wants were so quickly supplied, was the first sought for, and read with intense interest.

Your brother in Christ.

Dec. 7. Yesterday, two dollars were given. At eleven o'clock this morning I had not a dollar in the world. Soon after, the mail brought a post-office order from Newport, R. I., of ten dollars; from a clergyman, of this city, ten; two were left at the Home.

Dec. 9. From Windsor, Vt., one dollar and fifty cents. On going to the Home, I had not money enough to purchase provisions, when a lady called and gave five dollars; one of the laborers gave two, neither knowing of my great need. Soon after, the carpenter, who is at work on the fourth building asked if I could let him have fifty dollars to-morrow. I replied, "Yes," although I had not one at the time, promising it in the Lord's name. "As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee." Matt. viii. 13. "Trust in the Lord at all times." Psalm lxxii. 8. This is certainly one of the "all times," and *I will trust in Him.*

Dec. 10. This morning's mail brought from Har-

ilton College, Clinton, N. Y., twenty-five cents, in silver, with these words, "May God bless you. From one who has prayed for you." A little box was received containing upwards of three dollars in silver. On reaching my house I found a lady waiting, who, handing me a package, said, "My son has lately returned home, bringing this valuable fur collar. Having become interested in the Work, he wishes to give it, to be sold for its benefit." After the lady had gone, I said to myself, this is not the fifty dollars, I promised yesterday, but I thanked God for the gift, and asked Him to send speedily, a purchaser. During the afternoon a friend called; and showing him the fur, I told him it was for sale for the benefit of the Work. He immediately said he would buy it, but went out without farther comment. Later in the afternoon, he returned, took the fur, and without asking the price, sat down and filled out his check for one hundred dollars. Let whoever reads, thank God, with me, that He does hear and answer prayer; and a still greater cause of rejoicing, one more of the patients at the Home, is resting in Jesus!

Dec. 11. From Vienna, Va., fifty cents; from Dorchester, three dollars and twenty-five cents. The gift of yesterday was used to pay the carpenter, as promised, also the domestics, and for coal.

Dec. 12. This morning by the sale of some pieces of silver, and taking every cent from the different boxes, and a little coming in for professional services, increased by two dollars and fifty cents from New York, I was enabled to buy provisions for to-day and to morrow (Sunday). Afterwards I went to the

Children's Home and found that flour was needed. I told the matron, I had not a cent with which to buy, but expected some before the day was out. Just as I finished my sentence, the door-bell rang; a lady from Framingham entered, handing me fifty cents, saying she had come much out of her way, feeling impressed to bring the amount this morning; with this, flour was purchased for the day.

At this hour, two o'clock, I am without funds, but the dear Saviour knows it all, and I am rejoicing in His love. Dear reader, *trust Jesus!* This afternoon, the boy at the Home requires three dollars. I have just sent to collect a bill owing me; the reply comes, that nothing could be obtained. Again I call upon the Lord, and wait for Him. 7½ P. M. By five o'clock only fifty cents had come in. I then went to the Home, praying for the remaining two dollars and a half, with which to pay the boy. On my arrival, I found a note from Clifton Springs, N. Y., with *just two dollars and fifty cents* enclosed. Afterwards ten dollars were left at my door, "from a friend." A notice comes that the interest on the mortgage on house No. 4, of one hundred and fifty dollars, is due. I have told Jesus.

Dec. 14. To-day the burden of my prayer has been for money to pay the interest on the mortgage. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah. xl. 31.

How precious to know that the dear Lord is never weary with our pleading; "Hast thou not known?"

hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?" Isaiah, xl. 28.

By mail I received from Norton, fifteen dollars, towards furnishing a room in the new house, by the young ladies of Wheaton Seminary. From "teacher," one dollar. A lady not knowing of my great need, felt impressed to sell some gold beads, bringing me the proceeds, three dollars and fifty cents.

Dec. 16. Yesterday the gift was, five dollars, from the "offertory" of the Church of the Advent. This has been a day of much prayer, and in answer, a lady of this city has sent one hundred dollars; also, twenty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents, were received from Norton.

Dec. 17. From Berlin N. Y., five dollars; from Newport, R. I., ten dollars; from Cincinnati, one dollar, for Reports. I thank God, who has this day enabled me to pay the one hundred and fifty dollars interest on mortgage, and I pray soon to be able to cancel every mortgage now remaining on the buildings. I have recently petitioned to the City Government, for abatement of taxes upon the buildings, but as the Work is not incorporated I had leave to withdraw. This adds an expense of nearly three hundred dollars, yet my God says, "Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." Psalm, l. 15.

Dec. 18. A little boy, of Jamaica Plain, sends two dollars of his "hen money," to which his mother adds three; from Catonsville, Md., five dollars; from Philadelphia, two dollars; from King's Chapel of this

city, one hundred dollars. Within a week four male patients have been refused, the wards being filled. Quite to my surprise, the arrangement being entirely without my knowledge, I see in this evening's paper a notice of a lecture to be delivered on Monday evening, Dec. 21st, in Park Street Church, by Rev. W. C. Van Meter, of New York, after which a collection is to be taken for the benefit of the Consumptives' Home.

Dec. 22. On the 19th, I received from Weston twenty dollars; on the 20th two dollars were given; yesterday, five dollars from New York; from a lady of this city, eight dollars as a "thank-offering." This morning I received the proceeds of the collection taken at Park Street Church last evening, one hundred and forty dollars. I have learned that Mr. Van Meter delivered this lecture at the request of a gentleman who has substantially remembered us at different times. Anonymously, five dollars. This afternoon a gentleman met me at my door, handed me a note containing thirty dollars and fifty cents, with a list of contributors, headed, "Sick, and ye visited me."

Dec. 23. A gentleman called with five dollars; afterwards two ladies brought one hundred and six dollars and ten cents, proceeds of tableaux held in W. Newton; a gentleman stopped me in the street, and gave ten dollars. From a friend, ten dollars.

Dec. 25. Christmas. One of the laborers gave two dollars; from Orange, N. Y., one hundred dollars, from a lady friend who annually remembers us at this season. This evening, a gentleman called, with twenty-five dollars, a gift from his wife.

Dec. 26. Anonymously, by mail two dollars; from members of a family, five dollars.

By God's goodness, I have been enabled to pay, to-day, for five furnaces, recently put into the different buildings ; this left me with but three dollars. At noon I asked the Lord for more means, that we might purchase coal ; soon after, I received from St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, Mass., fifty dollars ; from a lady of this city, twenty ; from Goffstown, N. H., fifteen ; from Warner, N. H., one dollar and thirty-two cents. While at dinner, a check for one hundred and thirty-five dollars was handed me, the gift of a lady in South America. Now then, with David I can say, "Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our Father, forever and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty ; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine ; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all." 1 Chron. xxix. 10, 11.

Dec. 30. On the 27th, one dollar was given ; on the 29th, from Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., two dollars ; from two friends, ten dollars ; to-day, from Brookline, twenty dollars ; from Charlestown, twenty-five ; from Natick, five ; from Colchester, Ct., ten.

Dec. 31. From Springfield, "a cup of cold water," five dollars ; a gentleman of this city, five dollars ; a friend, one ; a visitor at the Home twenty-five dollars.

Jan 4. On the 2^d, from Springfield, Illinois, one dollar ; from a gentleman of this city, fifty dollars ; a lady, ten dollars, a friend, one dollar ; a lady meeting me in the street yesterday gave two dollars and fifty cents ; this morning, a visitor at the Home gave

a silver dollar; by mail, from Peoria, Ill., ten cents; from Philadelphia, one dollar; from Williamsport, Pa., five dollars, for my personal use; a friend called this noon with five dollars; another, with one; a clergyman with twenty dollars from a lady in W Newton.

Jan. 5. A note from Cambridge brings five dollars, the donor, an aged Christian lady of Saxonville. After paying the bills of the day, I am to-night without a dollar. The Home has forty-two inmates. This morning I was again obliged to turn a poor man from our doors. Next week, God willing, I hope to dedicate the new house.

Jan. 6. Just before leaving for the Home this morning a small bill was paid of three dollars and fifty cents; on arriving there I found the following note:—

NEWPORT, 1st Mo., 5th, 1869.

ESTEEMED FRIEND: I sent off thy Reports to a married daughter of mine in Ohio, and she was quite interested in the reading thereof, and authorized me to send thee ten dollars for the Home out of a bank dividend I was about to send her; and I add ten dollars as a New Year's token for thy own use, with my best wishes for thy health, and prosperity in every good word and work, and that the "still dews of peace may rest on all thy actions, and thy sun rise cloudless in the immortal world."

I conclude, thy assured friend.

The whole of this amount I was obliged to use for provisions and groceries. At noon I called upon God, asking Him to come to my help, when I felt moved to open the little contribution box, standing on my

office table. Quite to my surprise, I found its contents to be twenty-seven dollars and seventy-five cents. When given I have not the remotest idea, or by whom. I thank God who moved the heart. His be the praise ! This is but a drop to what is needed at this moment.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof," and remembering the promise, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you" (John xvi. 23), I have again asked for large gifts this afternoon. 9½ P. M. With grateful heart I record the following gifts : From a visitor at the Home, five dollars ; from Fall River, two ; from So. Berwick, Me., five ; from Westminster, six dollars and twenty-five cents ; from Brookline, one hundred dollars. Does not the dear Lord fulfil His word, "Ask and it shall be given you" ? Luke xi. 9.

Jan 7. God's precious word has been such a comfort to me to-day. This came to mind while in prayer : "Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy." Psalm xxxiii. 18.

A gentleman from Marlboro' called at the Home and left ten dollars ; from the Widow's Society, ten ; from another visitor, twenty-five cents and a piece of silver ; from ten more visitors, five dollars and one dollar ; from Wakefield, fifty cents ; from a Sabbath School class in Dr. Thompson's Church, four dollars ; a gentleman from Dorchester, five dollars ; from a frequent donor, two hundred dollars ; from another gentleman of this city, fifty dollars. Now, "our heart

shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name." Psalm xxxiii. 21.

Jan. 8. A visitor at the Home left five dollars; a friend, during the forenoon, gave me twenty; by mail from Belfast, Me., one dollar, and a gold dollar; from Cincinnati, Ohio, five dollars; from Kennebunk, Me., two; from New Haven, Conn., "a cup of cold water," two dollars. With the gifts of yesterday I was able to pay the plumber two hundred dollars for work just completed in the new house.

Jan. 11. On the 9th, a visitor at the Home left two dollars. What could be more encouraging than a communication like the following, in a Work beset with many trials and discouragements! We cannot insert the many letters that come to us, breathing the same spirit, but can only utter a prayer of gratitude to Him who fulfils in so many hearts His own benediction, "That they all may be one, as thou Father art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us."

Jan. 9, 1869.

DEAR BROTHER IN JESUS: I have read your Reports with intense interest, and have felt my heart drawn out in love to you, as a dear follower of our blessed Jesus. May our God use you more and more for the conversion of souls, which will add jewels to our Redeemer's crown of glory. The same Saviour who is so precious to your soul, has called me to preach His gospel among the heathen in Africa, and although I have never seen you, yet we are united to one another by the strongest of all ties, the love of Jesus. I enclose one dollar.

We may never meet on earth, but through grace
 we shall meet above. I remain,
 Yours in Jesus.

From Exeter, N. H., two dollars, with 2 Cor. viii. 12.

The fact that the city taxes are unpaid, has been called to my attention again to-day. "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but *abideth* forever." Psalm. cxxv. 1. Herein is my stronghold.

Jan. 12. Received the following letter:—

FALL RIVER, Jan. 9, 1869.

DR. CULLIS.

DEAR SIR: Please accept this small sum, three dollars, for the last object you prayed for. From one who loves to honor the Master. 1 Phil. 1, 9-11.

This I place to the Home, as I am praying earnestly for the means to pay the taxes.

Anonymously, left at my door, ten dollars, and a little box containing a seal ring, a sleeve button, and pair of gold studs. From Warwick, R. I., one dollar; from a gentleman of this city, ten dollars.

Jan. 13. 8 A. M. I just called upon the Lord earnestly, for the needful means for the Work, to pay the water, gas and tax bills, all of which are now due. I opened my Bible, and my eyes fell upon these words: "Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which neither have storehouse nor barn, and God feedeth them; how much more are ye better than the fowls." Luke, xii. 24. The Lord who feed-

eth the ravens, will certainly take care of these poor sick ones, and will this day set His seal upon the Work, and own it as His. 8 P. M. God's name be praised! This morning's mail brought from Norton, two dollars; from Groton, three; from Dorchester, fifty dollars; from a lady of this city, twenty-five; another lady, ten dollars; a clergyman from R. I. visited the Home this morning, and gave one hundred dollars; a friend five dollars; and from Haverhill, five. "As for God, His way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: He is a buckler to all those that trust in Him. Psalm xviii. 30.

Jan. 14. The dear Lord bless us to-day, the day we have set apart to dedicate the whole Work, with its new building, to God! May the Holy Spirit be with us!

The first gift of the morning, was twenty-five dollars, a "Thanksgiving for a safe return from sea." By mail from Salisbury, Ct., two dollars; from Richmond, Va., thirty-five; from Roxbury, fifteen.

This evening the Chapel, which has been much enlarged by the addition of the fourth building, was crowded to its utmost capacity by friends invited to engage in the dedicatory services.

A kind friend who has favored us on similar occasions, with phonographic reports, enables us to insert the following:—

DEDICATION OF THE FOURTH BUILDING OF THE CONSUMPTIVES' HOME.

The services were held in the Chapel of the Home, under the direction of Rev. F. D. Huntington, D. D.

and were begun with the singing, by the congregation, of the hymn,

To our Redeemer's glorious name
Awake the sacred song;
O may his love (immortal flame)
Tune every heart and tongue.

After the reading of portions of the holy word by Dr. Huntington, the prayer of consecration was offered by Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D. Miss J. E. Houston, a good friend of the Home, then sang the sentences, "O rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desires; commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him and fret not thyself because of evil doers," Mr. S. A. Bancroft, organist of Emmanuel Church, accompanying her with the organ.

Dr. Huntington in a few words welcomed those who had assembled in the beautiful Chapel, and referred to the occasion as one that called for the gratitude of every friend of the Work for this increased means of usefulness provided by the beneficence of its patrons.

He then introduced Rev. Dr. W. R. Nicholson, of St. Paul's Church, who said he esteemed it a privilege to be present and to take part in the services: that although he had nothing prominent to present, having come from the midst of pressing work, he felt that words would not be wanting to express his interest in the continuance and prosperity of this institution. We had met on an eminently Christian occasion, for the work is eminently Christian. It belongs to the gospel of Christ to have provided in the world insti-

tutions like these. The various institutions which ornament and benefit our civilization are Christian institutions; but although Christendom is filled with them, it is not always the case that they are begun, carried on, and sustained, and increasingly sustained, in the very spirit of the gospel of Christ. So that for these reasons we are here on an eminently Christian occasion, and if we do honor to it, we shall feel in our hearts the spirit of the occasion. We can all appreciate such institutions. We can readily see how the gospel of Christ necessarily begets them. But there is one thing especially connected with this Work which commands our attention. It is that those confined here by sickness, not only *may* receive the visits of ministers and have the benefits of religious privileges, but that the very atmosphere itself, is the atmosphere of the gospel of Christ: that it is impossible for a patient to be here and not feel that he is surrounded with the good news of salvation in Christ. This, he said, was to him the most excellent feature of the institution. In every institution in the land religious advantage may be had, but it is not in everyone that they meet him at the threshold and stay by him, as is the case here. Here the gospel is preached although the minister be not present, and as followers of the gospel of Christ, we are bound to be thankful for such a work. What has been the result? That conversions to God have taken place here, and the patient has been led to rejoice in the love of Christ and the hope of God's glory. He also referred to the spread of the Work in its branches of the "Children's Home" and "Willard Street Chapel," mention-

ing the fact of there having been between twenty and thirty converted at the latter, since it was opened last autumn. He then remarked that such was the character of the Work being carried on here; it was not mere sentiment. Something far deeper than that is relied upon for its success, and how glorious and sublime the principle, — simple faith in God's providence. He who began this Work has not the means to carry it out, but his heart being stirred he went forward believing that God would supply the means. Shall they not be supplied as long as this principle is adhered to? God bless the Work and him who is at the head; and God bless the patients, bodily, but above all with His own saving grace.

Rev. D. R. Cady, of Arlington, was next called upon. He said that he did not desire to occupy the time, but that while sitting there his memory went back some years, and recalled a little incident which he would relate. He was addressed one day by a parishioner, who asked him if he knew that a certain young man was at the house of a relative of his, and very low. He called at the house and found the young man unable to speak aloud, his voice having entirely left him, and apparently very ill. That young man was the founder of this "Home," and the speaker could only look upon the Work and say "What hath God wrought?" He concluded by saying that he should be doing violence to his feelings, if he did not here express his most entire confidence in the Work. He was followed by Rev. J. P. Hubbard, of Westery, R. I., who said that he could only speak out the impressions that were made on his mind on coming here;

he came unprepared to speak, being drawn nither by sympathy with the Work. It would be impossible for him to tell the feelings of his heart as he was taken over the "Home" the day before. It was with great difficulty several times that he could keep back the choking feeling in his throat and the tears from his eyes as he looked upon the patients, taken from the midst of the poverty which he had beheld in this city, and contrasted their former condition with this pleasant home, and especially that atmosphere which has been referred to, not only the outward sunshine, but the sunshine of Christ's love. After alluding to his visit to the Children's Home, he went on to say that this is a Christ-like work. There are oftentimes doubts which will arise in the hearts of Christians. We are perplexed with them, and doubtless we have often asked ourselves, if our blessed Master were to come here to the earth what Church would He recognize as His? And if we could feel confident it would be the one to which we belong, how far would He recognize our practice and doctrines? But in regard to such an institution as this there can be no questions. We know that Jesus is here; that He has richly vouchsafed His blessing, and that it is one of the institutions which He would bless if here on the earth. What was the work of Christ? Going about doing good, healing the sick and ministering to the needs of body and soul. How prominently does such a Work as this show that, "the just live by faith!" Let us praise God that He has raised up this institution. This is one of the places where all who love Jesus can meet together in the name of Jesus. I

I love my own Church, he continued, but I love the Church of Christ more : and I love to meet those who love Jesus. "All ye are brethren, and one is your Master, even Christ." We are here in this way to-night all brethren in Jesus, and one blessed Master, vouchsafing His blessing. The congregation then joined in singing :—

"Rich are the joys that cannot die,
With God laid up in store ;
Treasures beyond the changing sky,
Brighter than golden ore."

Rev. George Washburn, of Constantinople, was next introduced. He said it gave him very great pleasure to express his most sincere sympathy with this Work. He had spent a year in visiting and examining the various charitable institutions of Europe and America. Certain things had struck him painfully, respecting the charities of our own country. He felt that a larger proportion of those he had seen were not to the extent they ought to be *Christian* institutions. This is a Christian land, and a land where, if anywhere in the world, it should be possible to carry the religion of Christ into charitable institutions ; and yet he had visited large cities where he could find no religious privileges in any of the public institutions of charity. Why should not all our public institutions be pervaded with the religion of Christ ? He believed it was time for the Church to arise and say something upon the subject. He had not time to enter into particulars, but we would be astonished, he said, if he were to tell what he had seen of non-Christian charities.

One feature of the Consumptives' Home that struck him pleasantly he illustrated by describing a visit which he paid last summer to the "Consumptives' Hospital," an institution looking out upon beautiful grounds, in London. On making inquiries, he was utterly astonished to learn that the object of the charity was to take only such cases as could probably be cured. He found that the poor had every attention: but the result was, that when thrown back into their homes, they sunk away at once. On coming in here his first inquiry was, whether incurables were received, as well as those for whom there was some hope of recovery; and he was delighted to find that this is a place where Christian charity is limited only by the lives of those upon whom it is bestowed. Among all the institutions he had seen in Europe, he could think of none which bore a stronger resemblance to this, than one which has grown up on the banks of the Rhine, through the efforts of Pastor Fliedner. Had its founder had the least idea of what it would become, he would probably have shrunk back in fear. It is now one of the largest charities in Europe. As he went on with his work, in order that a Christian influence might pervade it, he found it necessary to call in the aid of Christian women. And so there has grown up an immense institution for the training of Christian nurses and missionaries, who are now scattered over the world, engaged in their service for the Master. He had seen them in their work, and it was well done. There is already much work to be done here, and he had little doubt Dr. Cullis would be obliged to follow the example of Pastor Fliedner,

and call upon the Christian women of Boston to labor in these institutions, receiving the same pay : that is, trusting in the Lord. To do such a work, training for it is necessary. He had wondered, when the women of Boston are called upon to labor here and in this neighborhood, what answer would be given. Whether there are those here who would be ready, like those noble women of Germany, to labor for Christ. He believed that there were such, and that those who answered the call would find it more blessed than any other work in which they had ever engaged.

Dr. Huntington then spoke of the labors and assistance which have been rendered here by Christian women, in various ways. This kind of ministration has been going on ever since the opening of the first house. But this is not all that is needed. Dr. Cullis, in conversation with him months ago, expressed the hope that sometime there might be connected with the work a training school for Christian nurses. It would not be strange, if some hands were stretched out to aid such a work, and that at no distant day another house might be added, which should be devoted solely to the education of nurses.

He alluded pleasantly to the fear that had been expressed by Dr. Cullis, lest some of the patrons of the "Home," on seeing the objects which ornament the Chapel, the stained glass windows, and the gilded stars that stud the ceiling, might apprehend that their benefactions had been misappropriated ; and he therefore took this occasion to say that they were gifts from friends, who took this method of testifying their love for the Work.

Rev. E. M. P. Wells, of St. Stephen's Chapel, was then invited to address us, but he requested to be excused.

"Come unto Him all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and He will give you rest," was sung by Miss Houston.

The Right Rev. Bishop Eastburn was the last speaker. He said his only motive for saying anything, was to express, as he did ten months ago, his great interest in this work. He had thought, since coming in, that it was only last March that we assembled here to dedicate the third building; and now, before we have hardly time to consider, we are invited here again for a similar purpose. One thought had struck him, which we could not too deeply ponder: that whenever we undertake any work, grounded upon love to the blessed Redeemer, God is sure to prosper it. This institution, of small beginning, God has crowned with His favor; and has not only raised up friends to sustain it, but, as Dr. Nicholson has said, increasingly to sustain it. Labor for God's glory is sure to receive His blessing.

The exercises of the evening were concluded with the doxology and the benediction, after which the audience was invited to partake of a collation, which had been prepared in the rooms below by friends of the Work. During the evening several friends handed me different sums, amounting in all to ninety-eight dollars and fifty cents. Thirty-five dollars of this were given by friends in Wellesley, towards furnishing a room in the new building, to be called "The Wellesley Room." Another room is also to be fur-

nished by the young ladies of Wheaton Seminary, Norton.

Jan. 15. From Philadelphia, five dollars; from Brookline, ten; from a class in Chambers St. Chapel, five; from a visitor, one dollar.

Jan. 16. From Newburyport, ten dollars; from Minneapolis, one; from a gentleman of this city, fifty; from an anonymous donor, who was present at the dedication, ten. To be used either for books, or according to my judgment. As we are in greater need of coal, I shall use it for that purpose. A gentleman called this afternoon with several small pieces of silver.

Jan. 19. Yesterday, two dollars were given by visitors at the Home; from a gentleman of this city, ten dollars; in the afternoon, two dollars. This morning a visitor at the Home put into the box twenty-five dollars in gold; another visitor left five dollars; from Williamsport, Pa., ten.

Jan. 20. The Lord's name be praised. Another soul at peace with Jesus, at the Home, and he a poor colored boy, who entered one week ago. From East Tennessee, five dollars; from Newburyport, twenty-five; from Norton, one dollar and ten cents; from North Andover, ten dollars; a lady, one.

Jan. 22. Yesterday, from St. Louis, Mo., five dollars, for my "personal use;" a lady called this afternoon with twenty-five dollars; and ten more, the gift of her friend; one dollar, "from a seamstress;" from South Boston, one dollar, with the following note: