

CHAPTER V.

FROM THE PURCHASE OF THE SECOND BUILDING, TO THE CLOSE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR.

JUNE 9. I have this day paid for the house No. 6 Vernon Street,—that is the amount over and above the mortgage. I thank the Lord for being able to pay nearly all of this with my own money, trusting and knowing that He will send me what I need for the alterations. O, I am so happy in giving something of my own, and only wish I had thousands to use for Christ. And yet, what a poor offering is gold to Him who gave His life for us. May the Lord bless it to His own glory.

To night the *Traveller* contained the following notice of the work :

FREE HOSPITAL FOR INDIGENT CONSUMPTIVES.— There must be many anxious hearts in this community to which those words will bring a merciful relief, and from which they will lift a heavy load of care. Less than one year ago this Hospital was opened. The plan was conceived by a Christian physician whose practice had made him acquainted with the urgent need of such a charity. He had no funds to found it with. He had, however, a *faith* that God would help him to perform this good design, and that friends would be found to support it.

Strong in this faith, he mentioned his purpose to a few personal acquaintances. He procured a suitable building, Funds began to come in. The house was soon furnished. Provisions were supplied. Nurses were obtained. Patients applied for admission. The beds are now all occupied. More room being needed, the doctor has bought under mortgage the adjoining house, and will throw it open into the other and fit it up as soon as money enough is put into his hands.

We learn from him that *not one day has ever passed* since this work of pure, simple primitive faith was begun, without some donation. "Day by day the manna falls." The founder seems not to feel the slightest anxiety as to the event, — though if these free-will offerings should stop, the enterprise would soon absorb every cent of his income. He has received gifts from across the ocean, from California, from the death-beds of victims of consumption. A delightful religious atmosphere pervades the house. Prayers are offered daily, and there is a special service every Sunday. Christ is the Lord of the place. Surely here is something refreshing; something for our calculating times to think of; something for those more or less rich, to remember, who have known what consumption is, what bitterness utter poverty adds to it, what the comfort is of being transferred from a wretched hovel or cellar, in that wearying disease, to such a cheerful and blessed retreat as this, and who have much or little to give away, or to leave behind them, for a cause which casts its daily burden on the Lord, and is not afraid to trust in Him. The Hospital is at No. 4 Vernon Street, out of Leverett Street, and is always open to visitors.

JUNE 23. The Lord is gracious, and daily sends a token of His love, but of late there have been no gifts of

money. Thus, perhaps, the Lord is trying my faith, for I need large amounts to carry on the work. I have received a notice from the Savings Bank in Charlestown, where the mortgage on No. 6 is held, that they wish the amount — twenty-five hundred dollars — paid. I presume, however, it can be renewed by giving a note for the extra interest — 7 3-10 — which is now the legal rate. Hitherto the Lord has helped; “Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.”

JULY 5. This morning the carpenters and masons commenced work on house No. 6, preparatory to cutting through. May the Lord guide them in all their labors. I presume many will call me unwise to commence this at so great expense. Yet my faith is strong. I am therefore praying for large means. “God can make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.” In Him is my trust, “For the Lord God will help me, therefore I shall not be confounded. Therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.” For the promise is sure. He is faithful. “Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee.” Were it not that He takes the burden from me, I could not bear the care, or go on with the work, together with my other business. But the needed grace and strength is given for each day as it comes. O, the comfort of abiding in the rock!

JULY 13. I am now praying about a Report of the work, which it has been my intention to issue at the end of the year, as that time is approaching. I am undecided how it ought to be written, but am asking for light. I desire for the glory of God that the many wonderful answers to prayer may be published; but to write it myself,

and to speak of answers to my prayers might seem to others like boasting. This I would avoid, for my sole desire is that the Lord may be honored. I leave it all in His hands who will make it plain.

JULY 15. This morning I called on the President of the Warren Savings Bank, of Charlestown, where the mortgage on house No. 6 is held, and paid him nine hundred dollars on the mortgage; having sold the United States bonds, which money had been invested as a building fund. I asked the President if he could not favor the institution, and not charge the extra interest. He said they were thus favoring a few churches, and he would do the same for us, and only charge us six per cent. I thank the Lord for another proof of His Love.

JULY 17. I praise God for the peace that reigns within to-night. The Lord will provide.

"The birds without barn or storehouse are fed,
From them let us learn to trust for our bread;
His saints, what is fitting, shall ne'er be denied,
So long as 'tis written, the Lord will provide."

I am still praying about the Report; but thus far I have received no light. It seems to me that the best way would be for a third party to take my journal and edit it. This would avoid all personalities, and I think would have a better effect than if written by myself. But who shall that person be? I have placed my mind upon one person who can understand the Lord's dealing in the work. I have not mentioned it to her, but my prayer is, that if it is the Lord's will that she should edit it, in my calling upon her and telling her of my plan that she may offer. To God be all the glory. For this I pray.

JULY 19. The Lord's name be praised. On calling on the person referred to day before yesterday, and telling

her the plan of the Report, she thought well of it, and offered to edit it. Thus my prayer was answered. May the Lord bless her and guide her, that all may be to His glory.

JULY 21. This noon I found myself short of money, and knowing that I should need some for the work this afternoon, I asked the Lord either to send me a donation, or to put it into the hearts of some of my people who are indebted to me to call and pay their bills. Before tea four bills were paid, and a donation of four dollars given to the work. Thus the Lord gave me more than I needed for the anticipated expenses of the day. To His name be the praise.

JULY 24. During the month, carpenters, masons, plumbers and plasterers have been at work in the new house, while as yet nothing has come in towards paying the expenses. The masons have nearly finished, and their bills will soon be presented. My faith is not in the least shaken, for I know in whom I trust. I know the Lord will furnish the means when needed. Thus far this month, the current expenses of the Hospital exceed the receipts. My prayer is, that to-day God will give me a proof that He will take care of all the bills as they come in,—furnishing the means. I ask this, not that I doubt for a moment, but that, to the glory of God, I may record His answer, proving that He is faithful who has said "ask and ye shall receive." It is now half past eight o'clock, A. M. May the Lord hear and answer.

EVENING. A poor widow, who is herself supported by charity, sent me this afternoon, fifty cents. The Lord is gracious and will not forget her "labor of love." I cannot but feel that in the widow's offering I received an answer to my prayer.

JULY 28. In the *Tract Journal* for August, appears a communication in relation to our work.

HEART OFFERINGS. — Our readers may remember an article, published in this paper some months since, giving an account of the “Home for Indigent Consumptives,” opened at No. 4 Vernon Street, Boston, by Dr. Charles Cullis. The following article gives some pleasing instances of interest manifested, and self-denial practised by children in behalf of that Christian enterprise : —

There have been many precious instances of love to the Master among the children, in connection with this work. It is delightful to gather them up, so that nothing be lost, and to know that they remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

One little girl had a gold piece, — precious, because the gift of a friend. When gold increased in value, she felt it was not right to keep it when there was so much suffering and want around her, but could not decide where it would do the most good till she heard of the Hospital. She clapped her hands, and said, “O, I’ll give it to that!” and her little brother was delighted to add to it some silver that he had been keeping. These same dear children decided at once to save all the money that may be given them by their friends; and they come once a month and bring a willing offering. “And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how they cast money into the treasury.”

Another little girl had a favorite hen, which she had reared very tenderly; and when it began to lay eggs, she sold them to her mother, till she had received half a dollar. This she brought with a glad heart to the Hospital;

showing that she would like to renew that beautiful custom of God's chosen people, to "*render to the Lord the first fruits of all thine increase.*"

Still another was accustomed to receive various little sums of money which she spent for candy. It was suggested to her to give it to the Hospital, which she gladly consented to do; and when the week comes round, she comes with a smiling face to deposit her fifteen and twenty cents, "and never buys candy now," as she says, and finds it far sweeter to do so; for she knows that "with such sacrifice God is well pleased."

Three little girls, living in pleasant Christian homes, with loving hearts for the sick and needy, devoted their play-hours to making fancy articles. In a few weeks they had quite a collection. Having heard of the Hospital, they proposed to hold a fair for its benefit, and dispose of these things.

The proceeds of it, which amounted to over sixteen dollars, they sent. "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love which ye have showed toward *His name.*"

A clergyman of our city remarked that "he should think it would be a gloomy place, a sort of charnel house, so many died there." Those who go there most do not think so,—the patients are so grateful, and they seem contented and happy. The influence thrown around them is entirely Christian. Some have found a Saviour there; and there is reason to believe that not one has died there out of Christ. It is the earnest purpose and desire that there the glorious shining of the face of Christ be shed abroad, so that there shall be no gloom; and instead of being a "*House of Death,*" it may be the "*Gate of*

Heaven," where new-born souls shall "awake to everlasting life," and "arise to shine as the stars, forever and ever.

R. C. W.

We copy also the following editorial from the *Friend of Virtue* :

"OF THINE OWN HAVE WE GIVEN THEE."—David had a peculiar meditative and grateful spirit. He loved to thank God for His goodness, and to talk of His glorious and lovely attributes. He also took great delight in serving and worshipping Him.

On one occasion, after he had built him a palace suitable for a king, and while reviewing all the way in which the Lord had led him from his youth up to that period, and doubtless asking himself what he should render to the Lord for all these benefits, he said to his friend Nathan, the prophet, who was present, "Lo, I dwell in a house of cedars, while the ark of God dwelleth between curtains." This remark is all that is recorded of what the king then said, but we have reason to believe that many explanatory words followed, for his friend understood their import, and replied, "Do all that is in thine heart, for God is with thee." But, though the object was a laudable one, and the motive was pure, yet God saw fit to commit that work to other hands, and that night He made known His will to the prophet, approving David's intention, informing him that his son should be the favored individual who should rear a temple for divine service, and promising his willing servant a permanent establishment of the kingdom in his posterity. The heart of David overflowed with gratitude to God for these new testimonials of His favor, and though no intimation had been given that it was his duty to aid in any way in the erection of the temple, yet

love to God constrained him to make ample provision for the undertaking, of gold, silver, brass, iron, wood, and precious stones, and he invited the chief men of the nation to assist by their donations.

When an immense amount was collected, David convoked an assembly, and in the presence of the congregation, he adored and praised the Giver of all good, thanking Him for affording them the privilege of participating in this glorious enterprise. "Who am I," said he, "and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee." Here was no spirit of boasting or pride that they had been so generous, but a spirit of humble thanksgiving that God was willing to accept what was reared by His.

The same spirit pervaded the primitive Christians after the revival at the day of Pentecost, and subsequently. The converts gave themselves, with all they possessed to their Saviour, feeling that nothing they possessed was their own, and entering into the spirit of the Saviour's precept, "Sell that ye have and give alms," and inspired by love to Christ and his children, they sold their possessions, and imparted the proceeds liberally to the needy.

Neither did this heart of love expire with the early saints. Love to God and love to man, which is the sum of the decalogue, has from that time to the present, actuated the true children of God, and many endorse the sentiment of the benevolent Howard: Our luxuries should yield to others' comforts, our comforts must be dispensed with for others' necessities, and our necessities, even, should yield to others' destitution," and thank God that they are permitted to deny themselves of many a luxury

and comfort, not because they are in themselves wrong, but that they may relieve the imperious necessities of the destitute.

These thoughts were suggested by learning that the Hospital established in Vernon Street, for Indigent Consumptives, of which we made mention in our March issue, has been so crowded with inmates, that numbers have been refused admittance for want of room, and that consequently its benevolent founder has deemed it necessary to enlarge its operations. As the building adjoining was for sale, he has thrown himself, by faith, upon God, who has been with him thus far, believing that as the silver and gold are His, He will furnish the means to meet the demands. It has, therefore, become necessary to make an earnest appeal to the warm-hearted to come forward and aid in this matter. Besides the purchase money, the expense of alteration, so as to unite the two buildings, will be considerable; the new rooms are to be furnished, and the daily expenses to be met, which now amount to at least one hundred dollars a week. We believe that donations of larger or smaller value, have been received every day since the Institution was opened, and for months the receipts were equal to the expenditures, but they fail to be so at the present time, and it is necessary to inform the benevolent of these pressing wants. We trust that those who possess the means will thank the Lord for the privilege of giving Him of *His own*, to aid in soothing the pillow of the indigent sufferer in his last days.

JULY 31. I am too tired to write to-night, but my heart is full. Jesus has been near me to-day. His mercies have been so marked that I have stood and wondered. Many prayers have been answered, and I can now rejoice in a living Saviour. I prayed this morning for money to

meet all the bills becoming due to-morrow. In answer to this some debts were paid. Another great blessing, for which I would praise the Hearer of prayer, is, that a young man, for whom I have labored and prayed, and who had devoted his energies to serving Satan, is now seeking Jesus. May he find him precious to his soul. To-night closes the month's account of the Lord's dealings with the Hospital work. I find he permits me to make up a deficiency of sixty-three dollars and eleven cents. I thank Him that He gave me the means to do so. "Oh, give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name; make known his deeds among the people."

AUG. 2. A little girl, whose mother gives her a dollar a month for spending money, brought me the dollar for the work. This she has done for three or four months. To-day fifty-six dollars have been received. I have need of strong faith now. The carpenters have nearly finished; the plumbers are done; the masons have only about an hour's work to do, and all these bills are to be paid. More than this, the painters commence work next week. In my own business, too, I need much money.

"I know not what may soon betide,
Nor how my wants may be supplied;
But Jesus knows, and will provide."

I have not for all these expenses five hundred dollars in the world; yet I do not fear, though at least two thousand dollars will be needed, besides furnishing the house, which must increase the amount several hundred dollars more.

AUG. 3. I have just been informed that some Misses are to hold a fair at Lynn in aid of the work. I had not heard of it, though I am now told that printed circulars

have been sent to the residents of the place. May the Lord's blessing rest upon it.

AUG. 11. This has been a day of mercies, greater than ever before experienced. Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." How faithful is the promise. Truly, I have not walked in darkness, for He has given me light, and I have not been confounded. This morning a note brought me five dollars enclosed. I also received a letter from a friend, a physician at the West. About a month ago he spent a day with me, and visited the Hospital. After prayer, for his visit was in the morning, he said, "Doctor, you must either have a large income, or very influential friends to carry on this Institution." I said I had neither, but that my trust was in a living God, who had promised to give to all who ask in faith. He said he could not appreciate it. I took the opportunity after dinner to talk to this friend of the blessed Saviour who had died for us. He heard me kindly, and then repeated the old story of the inconsistency of Christians. I told him that I should pray for him, and to-day he writes me that he has found Christ precious to his soul. A gentleman called at the Hospital to-day, and left the cause one hundred dollars. He would not give his name. May the blessing of the Lord rest upon him. See the goodness of God! Just at the time when so much is needed, he sends. Never once have I doubted, so I am not surprised at large gifts. His promises are sure and steadfast. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

AUG. 13. The carpenter's bill was presented this afternoon, and paid. The amount was two hundred and ninety-four dollars. I thank the Lord that He gave me

the means to meet this bill. The *Gazette* gives the following notice of the fair held in Lynn :

"A Fair was held in Lynn, on Tuesday, by a number of benevolent young ladies, at the residence of E. H. Derby, Esq., Ocean Street, for the benefit of Dr. Cullis' Hospital for Indigent Consumptives, in Vernon Street. A large attendance was the result, and a generous sum realized for one of the noblest charities existing."

AUG. 14. Yesterday morning a patient left us for a house eternal with God. I said to him a few hours before he died, "You will soon leave us ; you will be with us only a little while longer." His reply was, "It is better to go and be with the Lord." The last of his family, an only sister, followed him to the grave.

AUG. 19. This morning my prayer was for a large donation, that some of the bills for work done might be paid. Although they have not been presented, yet I feel that Paul's teaching is best, "Owe no man anything." It is my practice always to pay bills as soon as the work is done. I had asked for the bills of the mason and plumber, but they have not been sent. Feeling that they might come in at any moment, prayed that the money might be ready. In answer to this prayer, three of the young ladies who conducted the fair at Lynn, called with the proceeds, amounting to four hundred and twenty-eight dollars, fifty cents. How faithful is He that hath promised, "Ask, and ye shall receive." There is no perhaps about this, but *ye shall receive*. To His name be all the glory. Still larger amounts will be needed, but I do not fear.

AUG, 23. I am now praying for means to print the Report. As this is also for the glory of God, I know he

will furnish the funds. I dread the publication of this more than anything connected with the work, since the thought of it was first suggested. No amount of money could tempt me to appear in print. I think it is the greatest cross I ever took up. My only reason for having it published is that God may be glorified. Hoping that it may be blest to the strengthening of the faith of my fellow Christians, helping them to realize more fully the promise, "All things whatsoever ye ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Christ's command to his disciples was, "Take no thought for your life what ye shall eat, nor for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body more than raiment. 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? And which of you, with taking thought, can add to his stature one cubit? If ye be not able to do the thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass which is to-day in the field, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O, ye of little faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth

not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

AUG. 24. Another patient entered to-day, and there were three other applications. Feeling sure that all the money necessary to pay the bills for the alterations will be sent in season, I have commenced to pray for means to repair the house we now occupy. It is sadly in need of extensive repairs. They were demanded when the house was bought, but I did not think at that time that the expense ought to be incurred.

3:30, P. M. The Lord's name be praised. I have just received a letter announcing another Fair for the work. How can I adore the Lord enough for this shower of mercy. I thank the Lord that I was enabled to pay the mason's bill of ninety dollars; he kindly deducting ten dollars and twenty-five cents from the full amount.

AUG. 26. I have been to-day to the Fair at Swampscott, and should think it very successful. This is another proof of the variety of ways in which the Lord provides means to supply our need.

SUNDAY, AUG. 27. Enjoyed service at the Home this afternoon. We very much want a musical instrument as an aid to our worship. I have prayed for it occasionally for several weeks. This afternoon, seeing our need of one more than ever, I will now begin to pray regularly to the Lord to give us one.

AUG. 28. My heart is full. I cannot express the deep gratitude that fills my very soul. How numberless the Lord's mercies. Such a day's blessings with the accompanying peace in Jesus, has seldom been surpassed. My prayer this morning was for large gifts. Before nine o'clock, twenty-six dollars were given. One dollar

was from a young miss whose mother had given the money to use for her own pleasure. The Lord inclined her heart to give it to Him. This afternoon two beautiful framed engravings were sent in, "The Believer's Vision," and "The Mother's Dream," besides bouquets and flowers from the same donor. From another person, a bedstead, mattress and rocking chair. These prove the goodness of God. They were promised six or eight months ago, when we did not need them, and now the Lord has put it into the heart of our friend to send them. "O, praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye people, for His merciful kindness is great towards us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord."

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SEPT. 1. How carefully the Lord leads. This morning a request was made for a hundred dollars in advance of the work. I thank the Lord that through Him I was able to meet the demand. In ten minutes from the time it was presented, a parcel was handed me containing the proceeds of the fair held by the children of the "Beach House," together with the following note:

"DR. CULLIS, DEAR SIR: — In behalf of the children of the 'Beach House,' I beg you to accept the accompanying sum, the result of their little fair, hoping it may benefit some little sufferer.

I am for the children, yours sincerely.

F. L.

Swampscott, Sept. 1, 1865.

The amount was two hundred and fifty-six dollars, forty-six cents, — far more than I anticipated. I requested the painter to bring in his bill this week, as his work will then be done. I am looking to the Lord for means to pay it; also the plumber's and the plasterer's. Besides this, I am praying for the means to furnish the new house, for some of the rooms must be occupied as soon as they are ready. I desire that the new building may be dedicated to Almighty God on the 27th of the present month, that being the anniversary of the dedication of the first house. I am also asking God for means to purchase the fuel for the winter. Large amounts will be needed for this month. I have not the shadow of a doubt, but that each bill will be met when presented, and that all our wants will be supplied, although I have not now the means to pay half these expenses. It is good to watch carefully the dealings of the Lord, and trust in Him fully.

SEPT. 4. In answer to the prayer for an organ, ten dollars have just been given me; and as now we are in need of two nurses, I pray the Lord to send them. The plasterer's bill of sixty dollars has been paid. "They that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee; for Thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek Thee."

SEPT. 9. The plumber was requested to bring in his bill, but for good reasons he delayed to do so. To-day the painter's bill, of three hundred and sixty-one dollars, came in and has been paid. How wonderfully God orders all things. Had the plumber been paid this week, there would not have been sufficient to cancel this bill. Who ever trusted in God and was confounded? "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." Five dollars were given to-day for the organ, and five more have been promised.

SEPT. 15. A large quantity of crockery, glass, hard ware and other articles have been sent in. How wonderful are God's mercies! Truly His name is love. When the house is ready, He sends the supply. Never yet has He failed in His precious promises. I am needing a large amount of money, and have been praying for it, and daily looking for answers. As yet, but little has come in this month, but I am casting all my care upon Him who careth for me. The above was written about eight o'clock this morning. At noon, as I needed some money to pay a bill, I asked the Lord to send me twenty dollars for that purpose. In less than ten minutes a letter was delivered at the door, which on opening, I found to contain fifty dollars, with the following written on a card: "For the new building, and may the Lord reward thee." How my heart swelled with gratitude to God for His blessings. I was not surprised, for I expected an answer to my prayer. I would here say that one reason for enlarging the work by the addition of another building, was, that God might be glorified. I desired that His promise be verified, that if we ask in faith, our prayer shall be answered. But we have no right to ask for anything that is not for His glory, for if our prayers are selfish, we must not expect they will be answered. During the month of April, the first house, which could only accommodate ten patients besides the nurses and others employed, contained eleven, one sleeping on a lounge, while there were ten poor sufferers waiting for admission. These are my reasons for asking for another building. And now that it has been given, I have no doubt that the expenses will be met, though they will be more than doubled. "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day and forever." Yesterday a basket of beautiful grapes were left at the door of the Home. To-day, when the basket was called for, the Matron inquired whom

they were from. "It is no matter about the name," was the reply, "it is a small gift, but it is the first time our vine has borne, and these were all, so we thought we would send them here." May the Lord bless her for sending the first fruits to the suffering ones.

SEPT. 22. I have this morning, in prayer, told the Lord of my need for the work—of the large amount required, and the small funds on hand, with the expenses nearly three hundred dollars above the gifts, and my own funds very low. I besought Him who both hears and answers prayer, that He would send the means as needed, that I may record the loving kindness of the living God.

EVENING. I found on calling at the house, that the young ladies connected with the fair held at Lynn had called and left twelve dollars, the further proceeds of that enterprise, and that four little girls of the ages of four, six, seven and eight, had got up a penny fair, resulting in the sum of four dollars and seventy-six cents. With one exception, this is the largest gift in money since the first day of the month. The Lord is trying my faith more than ever before. Never since the work commenced has the need been greater, and never have I had so little money. In the living God I trust, and I know I shall not be confounded. Six dollars and fifty cents have been given for the organ.

SEPT. 23. Eighteen dollars have been given to-day by several friends for the organ, which has been sent this afternoon on trial. May it ever be used for the glory of God.

SEPT. 25. This morning I received the following note from a little girl about eight years of age. "Will dear Dr. Cullis please accept this small gift from a little friend. L. E. N." The donation was a gold dollar. May the Lord take her in His arms and bless her.

SEPT. 27. God's great and holy name be praised for all His blessings. I thank Him, that in His infinite wisdom and goodness, He has spared my life and health to the beginning of this day. One year ago this evening, the first building of the Home was dedicated to God. I little thought then, that when its first anniversary occurred, a second would be offered to Him. But all things are possible with God. Never has He failed to hear and answer prayer. Our wants have all been supplied. And though at this time we are in greater need than ever before, I know He will help us. May the Holy Spirit be with me to give me sufficient grace for the day, and may He abide with us all the evening, that not only the building, but the heart of each one present may be dedicated to the living God.

MIDNIGHT. The second building has been dedicated to Almighty God. The services commenced by singing the chant, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills," by the choir of Emmanuel church, S. A. Bancroft, organist. After which Rev. Dr. Huntington gave a brief history of the institution. Then followed prayer and another chant, reading the Scripture, by Rev. J. M. Manning, dedicatory prayer, by Rev. Dr. Huntington, and another chant, Remarks were made Dr. Chickering, Dr. Bolles, Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge and J. M. Manning. A hymn was sung, and a poem delivered by B. P. Shillaber, followed by singing of the Doxology. After the benediction, the company were invited to the rooms below, where the ladies had prepared a feast for the body. The tables were loaded with good things, and all seemed to enjoy themselves. A friend, on shaking hands with me, left twenty-five dollars in my hand. Others gave smaller sums, amounting in all to fifty-five dollars. To the Lord I return thanks for all His blessings.

POEM.

BY B. F. SHILLABER.

Though dark the way, and evil-starred
Is life to some, and selfishness
Seems all in all, and hope debarred,
With scarce a gleam the soul to bless—

There breaks upon the gloom a ray,
It: dismal cheerlessness to warm,
As grateful as a bird's sweet lay
Amid the pauses of a storm.

That ray is Pity's gentle beam,
That seeks the darkened places, where
Want, in its bitterness supreme,
Sits brooding with a gaunt despair;

Or, looking up to the sweet heaven,
Utters the misery-burdened cry,
Feeling no good that God has given—
No privilege except to die!

Blest Pity, from its home on high,
Becomes incarnate in our need;
To wipe the tear from sorrow's eye,
To soothe the hearts that hopeless bleed..

It lifts the ones who chance to fall
Upon the long and weary way;
It heeds the ones who, sinking, call,
And guides the feet that erring stray.

When hope expires in *solitary* gloom,
 And in its sepulchre is *laid*,
 It rolls the stone from off *the* tomb,
 And hope, renewing, *lives* again.

And then, so sweetly *pleads* its voice,
 When trouble's clouds *around* may roll,
 And its glad echoes *make* *rejoice*
 The darkened chambers *of* the soul!

When sickness dims the *radiant* eye,
 And failing *pulses* *feebly* beat,
 There is a solace in the *sign*
 That Pity lends, the ear *it* greet;

And 'mid the feebleness and *woe*
 Disease and wretchedness *apart*,
 It speaks, in accents *soft* and low,
 Sweet words that *vivify* the heart.

And thus embodied *doth it* move—
 A trinity—LIGHT, *Deed* and Word—
 To bless the world with *tender* love,
 And joy, 'mid saddened *scenes* afford;

Moving in silence 'mong the *homes*
 Where poverty and ruin *reign*,
 And, like a benediction, *come*
 To make God's presence *manifest*.

Out in the great world's *best* round,
 Where men are waging *ceaseless* strife,
 Its ministers of love *abound*,
 That give a sanctify to *life*.

The widow's and the orphan's prayer
 Find ready ears their claims to keep,
 For Pity ne'er o'erlooks Despair,
 Nor holds relief from meagre need;

Redeeming much of sin and shame
 That rests on man degenerate,
 And kindling a supernal flame
 To purify and elevate.

Again we here delighted stand
 In Pity's courts where Sorrow waits—
 But just beyond the better land,
 And ope'd the intervening gates,—

Another shrine to consecrate
 To that blest principle divine;
 A votive wreath of love to plait,
 Around its altar stone to twine.

Our gift may add but little grace
 To beauties that bedeck the fane,
 But ~~we~~ we may gather from the place
 Immortal flowers to bloom again,

When, to the world again returned,
 Their blossoms, to our willing eyes,
 Will mind us of the lesson learned,
 To-night, of love and sacrifice.

SEPT. 28. A day long to be remembered. How shall I render sufficient thanks to my Heavenly Father for the great blessings He has this day bestowed upon me. This forenoon two ladies called and informed me that a friend

had authorized them to furnish the new house with every thing needed at his expense. They declined to give his name. But the name of God is always known. His be the praise, and may His blessing rest upon the kind friend. This is a great help, and another proof that God hears and answers prayer. For several weeks I have been asking for means to furnish the house, and the Lord, in His goodness, instead of sending the money to purchase all these things, puts it into the heart of this friend to do it all, with the exception of the articles previously mentioned, thus saving me much trouble and care. What a faithful Promiser!

The mail brought a letter which gave me great comfort. I insert it:

DOCTOR CULLIS, Dear Sir: — Pardon me for addressing you. I have just heard for the first time of your having opened a house at the entrance of the valley of the shadow of death, for the accommodation of a certain class of sufferers. *I have long seen the need of such a house for the poor homeless consumptive, where instead of the confusion of the alms-house, kind and loving hands would administer to their necessities, and as life was going out, and heart and flesh failing them, they would be told the story of the cross, and the never-failing promises of God. Never has there been a more noble deed than you have done in this. May God bless you a thousand fold. May He give you (He will) all the prosperity he has the noble Müller.*

I wish I could aid you in your sublime work. I am not sure that I have your address. When I am I will send you a dollar now and then. It is very little I have to give. I hope it will be as much as a cup of cold water

given to the Master. Some few years since I had a competency. While too ill to care for it, others cared for it, and when I came back to life and its duties I had nothing but the promises of my God. They have never failed me. It is true I cannot do for others as I wish, but the silver and gold belong to my Father, and He giveth them to whom He will. I am learning to say, "Thy will be done," whether it be to serve, or stand and wait.

Doctor, I feel I am asking much. I know that your time is all taken up, but if this reaches you, will you please send me your report, as I have no information on the subject, only by existence of the house, and do not scorn the small sum I may send you. I will pray the Master to increase it. Very Respectfully.

Bellows Falls, Vermont.

SEPT. 30. Upon this, the closing day of the year of the work, I lift up my heart in gratitude to the Giver of all good gifts, and would praise His great and holy name for His tender care, having supplied all our need so that we have lacked nothing. To all our kind friends into whose hearts He hath given the grace to help us, I would say in the language of Paul, "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and the patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of God and our Father."

In answer to prayer the Lord has given in cash, five thousand, nine hundred and sixteen dollars, twenty-eight cents. Expenses, five thousand, nine hundred and sixteen dollars twenty-eight cents. Leaving no balance in the treasury. But there is the never failing bank on which to draw, where the drafts are never dishonored. The

work was commenced with only a little over three hundred dollars in money, but with strong faith in God's promises, and never has the promise failed. Not a day since the work was dedicated to the Lord has He failed to send His daily gift of some kind.

"O, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good ; for His mercy endureth forever. O, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men !"

"Unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

CHAPTER. VI.

CONCLUSION.

We have now followed the Hospital work from the time the original thought concerning it was suggested to the founder, to the close of the first year, September 30, 1865.

During this time the number of patients admitted has been 34

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| Discharged by being provided for by friends | |
| or other causes, | 8 |
| Relieved, as able to attend to their employment, | 2 |
| Cured, | 2 |
| Died, each with a hope in Christ, | 13 |
| Now remaining in the Home, | 9 |

The number of deaths may seem large, but it must be remembered that most of the cases admitted have been in the last stages of the disease.

This Hospital well deserves the name of Home, on account of the home-like appearance which pervades the house. No one can visit the institution without being convinced that the patients are well cared for, and surrounded with every comfort their feeble condition requires. Good nurses are provided, both for day and night ; kind

friends visit them and bestow little pleasant attentions; and those little delicacies and luxuries are supplied, so congenial to the fickle appetite of the sick. A worthy matron superintends the whole with the utmost propriety, imparting an air of neatness and grace in every apartment. Dr. Cullis visits the patients professionally, every day, and oversees the management of the entire work.

But while the bodies are thus cared for, the souls have not been neglected. The sufferers are tenderly pointed to Jesus, the Great Physician, as One able to relieve all their spiritual maladies, and those who entered the Home without a good hope, have there looked to the Atoning Sacrifice, and found pardon and peace through his precious blood. Family worship is conducted every morning, and their spiritual necessities are spread before the Hearer of prayer. Religious services are held every Sabbath at five o'clock, P. M., conducted by various clergymen in the city, furnished by Dr. Huntington, when he does not personally officiate. Thus those who are deprived of meeting with the people of God in His more public sanctuary, enjoy the privilege of engaging in social worship, as most generally some interested in the cause, come in and join in the exercises on these occasions.

Those who have carefully perused this Report, must have observed that this work has been carried on in such a manner as to well deserve the name given to it: "A Work of Faith." The founder's journal evidently proves that an unwavering trust in God alone has enabled him to go on in hope, in peace, in the comfort and joy of the Holy Ghost, proving that it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man, for the hearts of all are in

His hands, and He can dispose the benevolent to turn their charities in just the channel He pleases.

We may learn, also, that those who give themselves *wholly* to the Lord, making a full surrender of all they possess to Him, are the only persons who enjoy true peace of mind. Such can rest all their earthly possessions with Him who owns them. They are delivered from the goading fear felt by many, lest some disaster will deprive them of their property, for they are confident that He knows how to dispose of all in the best manner possible. As they have given all to Him, they use it in whatever way He directs, either for their own wants, or for that of others. Thus in the case before us, when there has been a deficit in donations, his own purse has been freely drawn upon, often, even to entire depletion, so that during the year, the sum of one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three dollars, ninety-seven cents, have been given by him for this object, which will *account for the fact that the receipts and expenditures exactly balance each other.* Neither has the whole of his benevolence been expended in this direction. Many an act of charity has come to the knowledge of the writer, which had no connection with this Institution.

A question may arise in the minds of some, why this Report was not presented like that of other charitable enterprise, rather than in the form of a journal. To this we reply, that one reason for its present appearance is, that by so doing, the donors can *understand more definitely the operations of the work, and how their money has been expended.* But another, and by far the strongest motive for pursuing this method, is to prove that God answers prayer; that He does for us more than

we ask ; that He has resources at His command unknown to the petitioner, and that we have but to offer our requests, and leave it to Him to devise the way they shall be granted. Many such instances have been recorded in the dealings of God with his servant. The funds fail, and he calls upon God for a supply, not knowing from whence it will come. God hears, and puts it into the heart of a dying lady to prefer this Institution to any other, on which to bestow her last gift. Again he prays, and the hearts of young people, in different localities, and at different times, have improvised fairs for this object, thus bringing aid from unlooked for sources. The new building is to be furnished, and prayer ascends to the bountiful Father to supply the need. But little is given. Yet the petitioner waits with unwavering faith, though the promise is delayed, and the house is dedicated to God. Still no money comes for this object. But the suppliant knows whom he has trusted, and is not troubled with that unrest so often connected with suspense, for he believes it will come in the right time from the treasure-house of the rich Owner. When lo ! He inspires one who refuses to let his right hand know what his left hand doeth, not to give money to purchase the goods, but he gives directions to have the rooms thoroughly furnished at his expense, without the care or payment of the petitioner. Is not this doing more than he asked ?

By the perusal of this journal, it can readily be perceived that the faith of its author is not of the cold speculative nature, like that described by the apostle, which can remove mountains though it lacks charity ; but that it is the faith which works by love, which purifies the heart, which overcomes the world, which depends

upon Jesus for life, light and joy, *and receives good measure, pressed down and running over.*

. And now, dear reader, permit *us to ask,* Have you like precious faith? Is the Lord *your portion?* Is Jesus your only hope and joy? and have you so much confidence in Him that you can approach Him with filial love, expecting that He will supply all your need, temporal and spiritual, according to His riches in Christ Jesus? If so, may your faith grow exceedingly, and your love abound yet more and more. But if you are conscious that unbelief still predominates in your heart, will you look at the fulness there is in Jesus, remembering that there is bread enough and to spare in our Father's house, and cry with earnestness, "Lord, I believe, help Thou my unbelief." "Lord, increase my faith." Will you exercise what you already have, and go on from strength to strength, till you become strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might, till you can grasp and partake of large and abundant supplies adequate to every want.

DONATIONS OF CASH CONTRIBUTED FOR THE CONSUMPTIVES' HOME.

| CASH. | Dr. | CASH. | Cr. |
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| To Amount of donations in Cash | | By Carpenter's Bill, | \$298 70 |
| to October 1, 1865, | \$5,916 28 | " Carpet for Halls, | 19 00 |
| | | " Cash paid on House No.6, | 2,300 00 |
| | | " Burials, | 85 00 |
| | | " Dry Goods, | 109 62 |
| | | " Furniture, | 234 77 |
| | | " Fuel, | 215 85 |
| | | " Groceries and Provisions, | 744 76 |
| | | " Gas, | 83 23 |
| | | " Interest on Mortgage, | 407 50 |
| | | " Insurance, | 17 28 |
| | | " Incidental Expenses, | 295 19 |
| | | " Mason Work, | 172 00 |
| | | " Milk, | 96 77 |
| | | " Painting, | 361 00 |
| | | " Plumbing, | 19 57 |
| | | " Salaries, | 541 04 |
| | | " Water Tax, | 15 00 |
| | | | \$5,916 28 |