

# A WORK OF FAITH.

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By the grace of God I am once more permitted to confess Christ before men, to tell of His goodness, of His abiding care, and that "He is faithful, who hath promised."

In presenting this, the third Annual Report, I know of no reason why it should not be issued in the same manner as the two previous, from the evidence that God has set His seal upon them by blessing them to the spiritual awakening of many souls.

It will be remembered, by those who read the last Report, that at the close of the year, the Lord permitted us to be in great straits for funds, not a dollar being in the treasury or in my possession, while the Home contained fifteen patients, besides ten laborers to be cared for.

The following extracts, taken from my diary, are given to the reader, with the prayer that they may redound to God's glory.

**OCT. 1.** The year opens without a dollar in the

treasury, and for the first time since the work commenced I was this morning unable to pay the laborers their monthly wages. I know the Lord will hear my prayer and will supply all our need. One of the patients came to me as I was leaving the Home and said she had had eight dollars given her, also clothing enough for her winter use, she wished to keep one dollar of this, pay two to a person from whom she borrowed that amount, and five she desired to give to the Home. I asked her if she had prayed about it; she replied that she had, and that she had found Jesus since she came in and had been so kindly cared for, she felt that she wanted to give this five dollars to the Lord. I accepted it and prayed God to bless her. A lady from New York gave me one dollar.

Oct. 2. This morning I was enabled to pay all the assistants' but one. One dollar was given to day.

Oct. 4. The day closes with my having but one dollar and forty-eight cents in the world. The Lord is trying my faith as it never has been tried before, yet He keeps us in the hollow of His hand and we are safe. There have been two applications but no room for them. Our winter's fuel is not in, and last year's Reports are to be printed, yet I have no fear.

Nine P. M. A friend has just been in to pay ten dollars on his account. I am as thankful for this as if it had been a donation to the work, for it is all the Lord's.

Oct. 5. This morning five dollars were paid me; on going to the Home fifteen dollars were required for provisions, this with a demand for one of the domestic's weekly pay took all I had in the world except ten cents; afterwards there was another call for some

necessary articles. To meet this demand, when I returned to my home, I sent some keepsakes to be sold which had been *treasures* for many years. I had to pray for the needed grace to do this and the Lord gave it; knowing that all I had was His, could I withhold anything from him? With my dear wife I have called upon the Lord to come to our help, for He only knows that we have never been in such straits before. Our need at my own house is even greater than at the Home, for everything is supplied for the poor sick ones, while we deny ourselves. This afternoon two dollars were received from Providence.

OCT. 6. After paying for necessary articles this morning my funds were entirely exhausted. At the Home the matron asked for money to pay the domestics, when I had to tell her I had "not a dollar in the world." On reaching my house I found a lady waiting to pay a bill for professional services, so that I was able to send the amount needed to the Home. Thus the Lord cares for us. With all the trials, yet I can praise Him that He keeps me in perfect peace and brings home to my heart the preciousness of his promise, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord and he shall sustain thee." Ps. 55 : 22.

OCT. 8. This morning after paying the amount required for the daily expenses my purse contained less than ten cents. Among the demands for money, was the sum of eight dollars for domestics. I gave the matron all I had, viz., seven dollars; in less than an hour two dollars were paid me, thus making up the deficiency.

OCT. 9. In answer to prayer five dollars were sent

from Charlestown. And how *wonderful* the answer! Ten more from Vienna from the Continent of Europe, verifying the promise, "Ask and ye shall receive."

There have been three applications to-day, which on account of our crowded condition we were obliged to reject.

Oct. 10. One dollar has been given to-day. The tax and gas bills have come in. I am looking to the Lord for means to meet them; our winter's fuel is not yet in, and I have no money to pay for printing last year's Report, which is partially in the hands of the printer.

The expenses of the day have been met, all articles being purchased in small quantities.

Oct. 12. Yesterday ten dollars were given. To-day no money, but some little delicacies were sent to the Home. This afternoon, a little boy eleven years of age was brought to me by his father asking that he might be received at the Home. Within a month his mother had died of consumption; the father from intemperate habits, is unable to take care of the child. Although our beds are all filled, yet we cannot turn him away.

Oct. 13. This evening three friends met with us to pray for the work remembering the promise, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." During the meeting a friend whom we had expected to join us, sent a note *with twelve dollars enclosed*.

Oct. 15. In answer to prayer, the Lord gave yesterday ten dollars, this morning by mail from Wellesley, ten dollars, and from New York twenty dollars.

This afternoon a gentleman called on me and after inquiring about the work, gave fifty dollars.

Thus the Lord, in answer to the prayers of Saturday evening, has sent one hundred and two dollars.

"They that trust in the Lord shall not be confounded." Fifty cents were given towards the publishing and gratuitous circulation of Tracts.

OCT. 16. This morning and this noon I called upon the Lord in prayer for the means to pay a bill of one hundred dollars for the work. At two P. M. a friend called and gave five dollars, and in less than an hour, a check was sent me for two hundred dollars. How faithful is He who hath promised! O that we could *always* "ask in faith, nothing wavering," for "without faith it is *impossible to please God!*"

OCT. 17. I am daily praying for the means to build, the Lord only knows how much we need more room. Yesterday there was an application from a poor man, living in a most wretched place, with scarcely a single comfort. We can do nothing for him. Two hundred pounds of salt fish and a keg of mackerel have been given to-day.

OCT. 18. This morning a lady called requesting me to go and see a poor woman, sick with consumption, she wished her to go to the Home, but the sick woman felt that she could not part with her two children. I pray for the speedy establishment of a home for these needy little ones. The gifts have been, from Groton ten dollars; from a clergyman of this city, fifteen dollars.

OCT. 23. At the close of yesterday, the funds were reduced to thirteen dollars and fifty cents. To-day a clergyman of this city sent two dollars; a lady from

Cambridge, five dollars; the Young Men's Prayer-meeting of Plymouth, six dollars; and, best of all, one of the patients tells me that she has given her heart to Jesus.

Oct. 24. I commenced the day with sixteen dollars, twenty-five cents. Knowing that more than this would be needed for the daily expenses, yet God's promise, "Whosoever *asketh, receiveth*," kept me in perfect peace. Noon, all is gone not even five cents left. — Evening, a new patient applied this afternoon and was received, although I had not money enough in the world, to pay the postage on a letter to England, which I desired to send. I am looking to the Lord, and He will not disappoint. "Thou shalt know that I am the Lord, for they shall not be ashamed that wait on Thee." Isa. 49: 23.

"Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you." Jer. 29: 12.

"Bread shall be given him, his water shall be sure." Isa. 33: 16.

"I will never leave thee, nor forsake Thee." Heb. 13: 5. How can I doubt *God's word*! I pray that this long trial of faith may be blessed to my soul's good, and that God may be glorified.

Oct. 25. During my visit at the Home, this morning, the matron asked for four dollars and a half to pay two of the domestics; as I had not the money, I told her I would send it at noon. I came home, and sent to be sold, some more keepsakes which no money would have tempted me to part with, under any other circumstances. It is now noon, the money has been sent

to the Home, and I have a little left. To-morrow nearly twenty dollars will be needed for provisions. The blessed words of our Saviour have come to mind, bringing a sweet consolation, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Nine p. m. Six dollars have come in this evening. The Lord's name be praised for the mercies and trials of this day!

Oct. 26. A little money having come in for professional service, I commenced the day with thirteen dollars, this was spent for provisions for the Home.

This afternoon one dollar was received. Thus far every want has been supplied at the Home. An intimate friend knowing my great personal pecuniary trials has repeatedly urged me of late to give up the work, saying, "It is not your duty to suffer, to take care of other people," I have only replied, "wait and see the salvation of God." I know I am ready to do the Lord's will, and am daily praying to be shown therein; if He *desires* the work to cease, *well*, my sole and only aim is, that God may be glorified. What says His word? "Trust in the Lord, and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." Ps. 37: 3.

"The Lord my shepherd is,  
My wants He will supply,  
Through pastures green He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by."

Oct. 27. This morning money was needed for groceries, one dollar and a quarter was all I had. The



matron asked me for some money, which I could not give her. In answer to prayer, twelve dollars were received this afternoon. The donations to the Home were grapes and flowers. A new patient entered yesterday, and one was refused for want of room.

It was refreshing this morning to hear one of the poor sick ones say, that he felt his sins were forgiven. For two months I have earnestly prayed for this young man. Thanks be to God we can now rejoice together.

Oct. 29. Yesterday a friend from New York gave me twenty dollars for the work. This morning a gentleman of this city, seventy-five dollars; a lady in Dedham, sent twenty, and a friend twenty-five more.

"He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him."  
Ps. 145 : 19.

We have looked to the Lord; His word hath not failed us. It has been many weeks since He has sent such large gifts, yet I, by His grace, have not for a moment doubted. "Whoso is wise and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord." Ps. 107: 43.

Oct. 31. Yesterday ten cents were given; to-day no money, but useful articles were sent to the Home. To-morrow, being the first day of the month, upwards of one hundred dollars will be needed; I have not one-half of this amount. There have been two applications to day, one of which was rejected there being no vacancy. To the glory of God I would record His loving-kindness. The month opened with not a dollar in the world. The expenses of the month have been seven hundred and twenty-one dollars and fifty cents, all of which has been paid. Truly "they that trust in the Lord shall not be confounded."



Nov. 1. The assistants at the Home were paid this morning, with two exceptions, leaving me again without a dollar. There have been three applications from men, none of whom could be received. I am daily praying for increased accommodations, so that none who ought to be admitted need be turned from our door. One of the assistants gave one dollar.

This morning the Second Annual Report came from the printer. May God's blessing go with it, and may it "tell of His goodness and His wonderful works to the children of men!"

To-day I was enabled to pay the two assistants omitted yesterday; one of them gave five dollars to the work. This afternoon a lady left five dollars towards paying for printing of Reports.

This morning one of the patients asked me if I thought he could get well; to which I replied in the negative. His great anxiety seemed to be for his children; who would care for them, his wife being dead. This has led me more earnestly to pray for the establishment of a children's Home.

Nov. 3. The Lord's name be praised! This evening I received a note from a friend with ten dollars enclosed, "for whatever you may have been praying for to-day." My earnest prayer has been for the Children's Home, therefore I carry it to that object.

Nov. 4. "O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever!" Ps. 106: 1.

This morning a patient near unto death told me that Jesus was her "all in all." O, the joy that filled my heart to know that another soul was rejoicing. Blessed Jesus! His blood cleanseth from all sin. Dear

reader, if you are yet out of Christ, let me urge you to give your heart to Him *now*. He is waiting to say, my blood cleanseth *you*.

“Lord thou dost *this moment* save  
And full salvation bless;  
Redemption through thy blood I have  
And perfect righteousness.”

At noon a gentleman called on me saying he wished to talk over the plan of a Children's Home. Giving him all the required information, he offered, if a building could be procured, to pay the rent for one year. He also gave one hundred dollars towards the daily expenses of the Home. May the Lord bless him!

Nov. 5. We were thrown into great consternation this morning on finding that the roof of house No. 6 was burning over the heads of the poor sufferers. It took from a neighbor's chimney, a spark lodging in the gutter and burning underneath the slates for some time before it was discovered. The roof was mostly destroyed, some of the furniture, and the whole house badly damaged by water. The patients retreated to house No. 4, and were subsequently removed to a house below us, that was vacated a few days previous. Stoves were soon put up, the rooms warmed, and although not as comfortable as our own, we are thankful to be able to rent them until ours is repaired. We have great reason to thank God that the fire did not occur in the night, and that all the patients were able to walk. Our sickest patient was taken to her rest yesterday. After quiet was restored we knelt together, and lifted up our hearts in gratitude for this sig-

nal mercy, thankful for the assurance that "all things work together for good to them that love God." One of the neighbors kindly came to me during the fire offering to take some of the patients, also handing me five dollars. In the midst of our calamity, blessings surround us. An unknown donor sends us twenty tons of coal. For weeks I have been praying for the means to purchase our winter's fuel, and the Lord in answer inclines the heart of an unknown friend to supply our need. Eleven dollars were sent from Newburyport; a gentleman called and gave me ten more.

Nov. 6. The day commenced with hardly a dollar, and one house open to the sky. The carpenters are at work, and will get the roof on as quickly as possible. The Lord has proved His nearness to-day; one lady called at my house and left forty dollars; another having heard of our calamity, left twenty-five at the Home; two friends, each gave me a dollar, and another five dollars and twenty cents. "They helped every one his neighbor, and every one said to his brother, be of good courage." Isa. 41: 6.

Nov. 7. "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not discouraged, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea I will help thee, yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Is. 41: 10.

How *can* I fear when God says "I AM WITH THEE," "I WILL help thee," and "I WILL uphold thee"? I pray the reader to notice that all through God's holy word it is always "*I will*." This thought has been suggested on account of the anxiety frequently expressed by friends, concerning the additional work in contem-

plation, viz., the Home for the Children, they fearing, that the contributions will fail to support both institutions. My reply is, the Lord hath commanded us, "Open thy mouth wide, and I *will* fill it." Ps. 81: 10. Shall I limit *His* power? are "not all things possible with God?" When He says, "ask and ye shall receive," shall I question whether this means little or much? When the promise is, "all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, *believing*, ye shall receive," shall I doubt? God forbid!

"Defend the poor and fatherless." Ps. 82: 3.

Has not the Lord ordered me to do this, at the same time telling me to "have faith in God"? Mark 11: 22. Believing this desire to serve Him in accordance with His word, is from the Holy Spirit, I *know* He "will provide."

This morning a gentleman handed me twenty dollars; a lady five more.

Nov. 7. The lady in Newburyport who sent a donation a few days since, on hearing of the fire sent ten dollars more, accompanied by one dollar and fifty cents from another friend. From a lady in this city, twenty dollars.

Nov. 10. Yesterday two visitors at the Home, left, one, ten dollars, and the other five. To-day a lady sent me ten dollars to use as I thought best, I therefore apply one-half to the daily expenses of the Home — the other to the Children's Home. This afternoon, a little girl, denying herself candy, sent me eleven cents. From Bridgewater, twenty dollars. The following was left at my door, with two dollars enclosed.

" He prayeth best, who loveth best,  
 All things both great and small,  
 For the dear God that loveth us,  
 He made and loveth all."

*For the New Hospital.* — A clergyman called this evening and gave ten dollars. A quantity of groceries was sent from Lynn ; may the Lord reward all those who have so kindly remembered us !

Nov. 11. Twenty-five dollars were sent through Dr. Huntington. A stranger called this evening, leaving one gold dollar, two silver half dollars, and three dollars in bills ; the gold and silver had been keepsakes for years, but she felt constrained by the Spirit to "*lay them up*" for the Lord's glory.

Nov. 12. In answer to prayer for the means to pay for printing the Report, a check for one hundred dollars, came in ; from another donor one dollar. There have been two applications to-day ; may the Lord soon give us room to take all who apply !

" Produce your cause saith the Lord ; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the Kings of Jacob." Isa. 41 : 21.

Nov. 13. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *who only doeth wondrous things.*" Ps. 72 : 18.

This morning my earnest prayer was for means to pay for printing. The answer came thus :

From Dorchester, five dollars ; from South Boston, five. On my return to my house at noon, I found, one hundred and fifty dollars. In the afternoon ten dollars were sent anonymously ; twenty from a frequent donor, and later in the afternoon, a check for five hundred dollars, from the Broker's Board of Boston, with a kind note from its President saying, at

their session this morning, it was voted unanimously to present us with this sum. This evening five dollars were given. With one exception, the gifts of to-day have been larger than on any other day since the commencement of the work.

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for His mercy endureth forever. Ps. 106 : 1.

Nov. 14. By mail this morning, I received from a lady of this city, a check for one hundred dollars. This is the first day for many weeks, that I could purchase a barrel of flour, our funds being so low that we bought only a few pounds at a time. A friend gave ten dollars for the Children's Home and five to help pay for damages by fire. A gentleman visited the Home this afternoon and left twenty-five dollars. A young man instead of going to the opera, gave me the price of his ticket.

Nov. 15. By God's goodness I have been enabled to pay for printing the Reports, the bill of which has just come in.

This morning ten dollars were left at my door. By mail the following note :

Temporary Asylum, Dedham, Mass.

DR. CULLIS,

Dear Sir : — Enclosed please find \$5.00, a small sum indeed but made up in part by the poor girls of our Asylum, who with ourselves, have been deeply interested in your Reports.

Yours truly,

May the Lord bless them

Twenty-five dollars were received from a lady in Roxbury, five from a lady in Europe, ten from Haverhill, towards repairing damages by fire.

This afternoon three dollars "from an interested friend in Cambridge." A little boy gave ten cents towards the Children's Home.

Nov. 16. This morning a lady sent five dollars; soon after six dollars and a gold dollar were left at my door, to be used as I deemed best. This amount I shall add to the fund for the Children's Home. Thirty dollars have just come in, and from a lady in Roxbury twenty-five dollars towards the building fund; also a little girl has given two gold dollars, long held as keepsakes.

Eight p. m. Eight dollars were given towards the building fund. Little by little, in answer to prayer, the fund for building is increasing. I have been permitted this day to pay five hundred dollars on house No. 4. It has been my prayer for many months to be able to pay the amount due on this house. The balance on house No. 6 was paid last year; I hope before the year close I may be permitted to thank God that No. 4 is paid for. "The silver and gold are His," and "He will provide."

Nov. 17. "The Lord will provide," is the subject of an illuminated text sent in to-day. How true this promise has been to us! O, that all would believe, that every promise of God is yea and amen.

Two friends in Europe send respectively twenty dollars and five dollars and fifty cents. A lady in Weston sends twenty dollars for daily expenses, and ten, towards the payment of house No. 4. This kind donor



knew nothing of my desire and prayer for the means to pay for the house, but the Lord in his faithfulness inclines her heart in answer to prayer to send for this object. We have been able to-day to move back into the building damaged by the fire, although the house is not wholly repaired yet, we can occupy the lower rooms, and are thankful, twenty-five cents were given towards printing Tracts.

Nov. 18. This morning I prayed earnestly about the Children's Home. After this evening's Sabbath service the following note was placed in my hand:

Boston, Nov. 18th, 1866.

DR. CULLIS,

Dear Sir:—I present you with the enclosed \$50, which has been laid by for you for some time.

I wish you to use it for the purpose you have most earnestly prayed for this day; I always feel strengthened in my *faith* and *trust* (both of which I daily need) by the perusal of your Reports.

That God may continue to bless and prosper you in your *blessed* work, is the wish and the prayer of

Yours truly.

"I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice, and He gave ear unto me." Ps. 77: 1.

Another lady placed ten dollars in my hand.

Nov. 19. My prayer this morning was, that God might be glorified in the work; that means might be given for the Children's Home, also for the new building—that all our needs might be supplied. On returning to my house in the forenoon, I found a clergyman waiting, he having brought a gift of one

hundred dollars from an invalid lady, for the Children's Home, another gentleman was also waiting and gave five dollars. At noon, I received a check for one hundred dollars, from a firm in this city, "for the daily requirements of the Home, or for the new building, as you may determine." As my prayer this morning was more particularly for the new building, I placed it to that object.

An envelope containing fourteen dollars, seventy-seven cents, and a quantity of pins, the latter the proceeds of a children's pin Fair, were left at my door. God bless the little ones!

"A friend" who writes, he has known what poverty and destitution is, having lost both parents, of consumption, before he was seven years old, encloses fifty dollars.

Nov. 20. Twenty dollars were sent from New York, and five from Dorchester, besides this, thirty-five dollars from other friends. Will those who read this simple narrative permit me to say a few words, which I pray may be blessed to the strengthening of their faith. It will be remembered that three weeks ago, and for several weeks previous, the Lord tried our faith most keenly -- so that friends began to say, it was not my duty to attempt the continuance of the work, -- yet the good Lord gave me strength to trust Him, and our poverty was not a burden. Since that time, how richly has the promise been verified, "My God shall supply *all your need*, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4: 19.

I would have it remembered that all these gifts have been sent, without personal solicitation on my part or those employed by me. I make this statement because the ques-

tion is so frequently asked, and that it may be seen what may be accomplished by simple prayer and faith in God's living word.

A clergyman lately called on me and expressed his doubts, as to whether all charitable institutions could be carried on in the same way. My reply was that if the charity was solely to the glory of God, and its representatives were truly his stewards, it would accomplish more good and receive a much larger amount of money, than by personal solicitation. Let me ask, what is the meaning of the repeated assurances, that if we *trust* in Him, He will help us, and that if we "ask," we "shall receive"? — Shall we not take Him at His word? But, one thing must be understood; to receive the blessing, to have the answer to our prayer, we must be *wholly* the Lord's — there must be an *entire consecration* of time, energies, talents and money to the service of Him, who hath "bought" us with a price. I would not have it understood by this that a man must forsake his *business* to devote himself to works of charity, but so *conduct* that business or calling that he may expect God's blessing; literally obeying the command, "Do all to the glory of God." 1st Cor. 10:31. Then will the Lord also lead him into that labor in his vineyard, which will be accepted of Him, and *to* which, all His promises ensure a blessing.

I can but "beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a *living sacrifice*, holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

My dear friends I again earnestly urge you to "*seek first the kingdom of God,*" to accept Christ as a living Saviour, then, as a child is tenderly cared for by its parents, so will you be cared for by a loving Father.

Nov. 21. This morning the following note was left at my door, with several pieces of English silver enclosed, which, being sold, brought one dollar and thirty cents.

MY DEAR DR. :— I have just finished reading your second Report. It has renewed my faith in special prayer. I look back upon my own past life, and everywhere is written the testimony of the Lord's faithfulness to His own gracious promises.

Let me tell you privately the effect the record of your Report had upon me. I have been anxious, impatiently anxious, for what has seemed to me most important towards carrying forward God's work in the place where I live.— My desire has been defeated in many ways, and I have been very near to an irritated feeling of discouragement.— I have just risen from my knees with a sweet feeling of quiet trust, having prayed simply for confidence to wait the Lord's time.

I wish, as a thank offering, to send the enclosed for the "*Home*."

Yours in true Christian fellowship,

A GRATFUL SERVANT OF THE LORD.

Nov. 19, 1866.

This afternoon's mail brought ten dollars from a member of Congress, who writes:

I have just read with tearful interest the history of the Consumptives' Home, and Second Annual Report. ° ° °

I cannot go to my pillow to-night without sending you my mite, to aid your noble efforts for humanity. That

Attleboro, a five dollar gold piece, "From an invalid." To-day, a lady sent me her check for fifty dollars, from Roxbury ten, and from New York ten.

DEC. 4. On the 2d five, and on the 3d, one dollar were sent. This noon, a package was handed me, "Please find enclosed eight hundred dollars, to help you bear the expenses of the Consumptive's Home." I can only thank the Lord, for the donor's name was withheld. This large gift caused no surprise, for God says, "Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it." "Be glad and rejoice, for the Lord will do great things." Just as the above was written, a "thanksgiving offering of one hundred dollars, twenty five cents was received, from members of Emmanuel Church."

"Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God." Joel 2: 23.

DEC. 5. A gentleman called at the Home, bringing three barrels of potatoes, the product of a piece of ground set apart for the Home, leaving no name, by which to identify a gift at once so considerate and generous.

Three dollars were sent from Petersburg, Va.

DEC. 6. "I will mention the loving-kindness of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us." Isa. 43: 7.

This morning, while at the Home, a gentleman called; said he was authorized to give me some money "from a Bostonian in London," at the same time handing me a check for one thousand dollars. He declined giving me the donor's name, but wished me to acknowledge it in the Transcript. Five dollars were also sent from Wellesly.

DEC. 7. "A Friend" sends twenty dollars, with these

words "For our blessed Saviour's sake." By the goodness of God I have had money enough to take up the mortgage held by the former owner of house No 4; there now remains thirty-five hundred to pay to the Five Cent Savings Bank.

Dec. 10. The gift on the 8th was twenty dollars; yesterday (Sunday) a gentleman who attended service at the Home gave me twenty dollars, the clergyman who officiated to me. This morning's mail brought from a dear friend in England, one hundred dollars. This noon a check was sent for twenty-five dollars, also twenty-one for the new building. This eve a gentleman called and gave me twenty-five dollars from "a friend." I was much pleased to learn that twelve dollars, which I found in the box at the Home, a few days ago, were put there by one of the patients, it was all the money he had; he told his nurse that "it ought to be given to the institution, for if he got well he could earn more, if he should not recover, he would not need it."

Dec. 11. The Lord sent to-day from Amherst, ten dollars for the new building, from a friend fifty. A young man who has been employed at the Home for several months told me this morning he had given his heart to Christ. "Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul." Ps. 35: 1.

Dec. 12. Yesterday's mail brought from New York, two dollars and five from Germantown, Pa. This noon I earnestly called upon God about the "Children's Home." In less than half an hour the following note was left at my door, with thirty-eight cents, - Dr Collis: - Please accept this small offering as a poor sick widow's mite, it is little piece I have had for twenty years, I know it is a small gift, but the Lord will not despise it. I have great reason to bless His Holy name that he has not cast me off forever.

• • • Use this for the Children's Home."

DEC. 15. Yesterday I received two dollars from Hallowell, to be used as I thought best; I placed it at the Children's Home.

To day a visitor at the Home, gave me five dollars; anonymously by mail seventy-six cents.

DEC. 17. Yesterday (Sunday) after the service at the Home, the clergyman's little daughter came to me with two gold dollars, one from her sister and the other from herself. May the Lord bless them both! This morning's mail, brought twenty dollars, from Providence, R. I., one dollar, A gentleman called this afternoon, and left ten dollars, and two boxes of fancy Soap. I am daily looking to the Lord for the means for the Children's Home; as yet no way seems open, no building can be obtained, where it seems desirable it should be located, in the vicinity of the Home, yet the Lord can give us a building any day, therefore I am looking to Him, for "we have known and believed the love that *God hath toward us.*" 1 John. 4: 16.

DEC. 18. To God be all the glory for the mercies of this day! A lady called at the Home, and left one hundred dollars, a physician in a neighboring town, called and left three dollars, with the following: "Reading your report I felt impressed to make a contribution to the Home, being a part of my Sabbath practice, all of which goes into the Treasury of the Lord." This afternoon a lady called, and gave me a plain gold ring, for the work.

DEC. 21. On the 19th, a lady sent me a beautiful painting of an autumn leaf, to be sold for the benefit of the Home. Yesterday the gift was one dollar. This morning the burden of my prayer was for the establishment of the Children's Home. At nine o'clock a gentleman, sent me



fifty dollars to be appropriated as I thought best. Feeling this to be an answer to my prayer, I placed the amount to that object.

DEC. 22. The Lord's name be praised! A little girl held a Fair at Dorchester a week ago, for the benefit of the work, and to day sent me the proceeds, one hundred and fifty-seven dollars, and seventy-five cents. A lady sent me this morning twenty-five dollars as a Christmas gift. Another, fifty dollars. We were obliged to refuse a poor man admittance to day, as our male wards are full and the attics also. This afternoon little Eddie, who had a dollar given to him for Christmas, sent it to me. God bless him.

DEC. 24. Yesterday five dollars were given. This morning five from Cambridge, and a quantity of good things for Christmas, and anonymously post-marked Cambridge two dollars, from Orange N. Y., one hundred dollars, for the Children's Home, and a bundle of clothing and bedding, from several friends in the city sixty-one dollars; again this evening five dollars left at my door.

Dec. 25. The Lord has been very precious to us upon this His Day. From Wellesley, a young man sent one dollar. Five were sent from Brookfield. A friend sent me eighteen dollars, being the amount realized from a box which she had kept on her table for visitors, to drop their contributions for the work. Three dollars were also sent to be divided between the Home, Building Fund and "Children's Home." Besides these gifts, a turkey, flowers, fruit, and other luxuries were sent in.

DEC. 28. The gifts for the last two days have been from Hanover from six different persons twenty dollars toward the Building Fund. Five dollars from New York, anonymously five dollars, and to-day one dollar.

DEC. 29. The good Lord continues to bless us. A gentleman sent me word to-day, that he had subscribed for Godey's Ladies' Book, and Harper's Magazine to be sent to the Home. From Jamaica Plain five dollars, and from Chelsea ten dollars.

DEC. 31. A gentleman sent to-day, a large tub of butter. I would here mention that reference is seldom made in the daily record of any gifts, except of money, as it seems best to collect them in one list, at the end of the volume. This evening a lady sent me twenty-five dollars, with these words "In memory of one who would have done so much in life for the sick, had that life been prolonged." From a lady who called but declined giving her name, ten dollars.

The month closes with donations amounting in cash to \$4326.19

Expenses including (\$1750) paid on the Mortgage, 2426.48

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Leaving a balance on hand, \$1899.71

Beside this, upward of two hundred dollars have been given to the "Children's Home." This month we have received the largest gifts we have ever had.

JAN. 1. Once more by God's love I take my pen to record His goodness in sparing my life to the beginning of a new year. The past is crowned with mercies; may this thought increase my devotedness, making it my sole desire in all things to glorify His great and holy name. O, to remember, "ye are temples of the living God," and thus ever to live that He may be honored in me, and that my every undertaking may be begun, continued and ended in Him!

The New Year's gifts were twenty-five dollars from one gentleman, and twenty from another. A poor woman who sent me a dollar at Christmas sends one to-day, saying "The Lord returned the dollar I gave you with interest, so I can afford to send another."

JAN. 2. A colored man applied this morning but we were obliged to refuse him for want of room. Ten dollars were sent by a Boston lady, now in Europe, towards printing Reports.

JAN. 3. A little boy sent his Christmas money, ten cents, asking me to pray for him, because "Father doesn't pray." Surely, our Heavenly Father will not turn from such an appeal!

Two more applicants were refused to-day. A quantity of toilet soap, fruit and books were received. From Leominster five dollars; from Roxbury ten.

JAN. 4. The Lord sent three dollars from Dorchester, two for the "Children's Home," and one for printing Tracts. From Milford two dollars, with a note expressing deep interest in the plan of a "Children's Home." A lady called and gave thirty dollars for the work. A Sabbath School class in Chamber St. Chapel, sent two dollars.

JAN. 5. How wonderfully the Lord cares for each day! This day forms no exception to the rule, for not one has passed since the opening of the Home without the daily gift. The severe storm of this morning seemed to preclude all hope of outward help. A stranger sent for me professionally, also gave me ten dollars for the work. In the box at the Home I found a twenty dollar gold piece, left by some friend yesterday.

JAN. 7. A New Year's gift of a barrel of flour was re-

ceived this morning, with words of good cheer. The following note was also received :

City Missionary Rooms,  
16 Tremont Temple, Jan. 7, 1867.

DEAR DR. CULLIS :—The band of missionaries with which I have the privilege of being connected, have read with interest the second Report of the "Consumptive's Home," which you were kind enough to send us. Deeply impressed, by our constant intercourse with the poor, of the necessity of such an institution, and admiring the unwavering faith by which it was founded and has been sustained, we desire to make the enclosed small contribution (\$15.05) towards defraying its current expenses.

Truly yours in behalf of the Missionaries.

JAN. 8. A friend left two dollars at the Home. From Albany were received three dollars for the new building.—A gentleman sent twenty-five dollars; another his check for the same amount.

It is with sorrow I am daily turning from our doors the sick who apply for admittance. God knows this, and will, I am sure, in His own good time supply a building.

JAN, 10. Yesterday ten dollars were received from Charlestown. To-day five dollars from a clergyman of this city; from two other donors twenty each, from another fifty. One dollar was also given for the free distribution of Tracts.

JAN. 11. This morning's mail brought from two donors fifteen dollars from New York, one of whom asks for copies of "A Saviour for you." In this connection I would mention that this little book is constantly called for; a

gentleman this morning wished some to circulate in his neighborhood. where he said, they were accomplishing much good. May the Lord send the means to print more, as my stock is fast diminishing.

From Kingston I received two dollars, with these words: "You will use for the object you have most earnestly prayed for this week." As that has been for the "Children's Home," I carry it to that object.

Several persons have chosen to pay for Reports to circulate among their friends. I thank the Lord for this, as I am now praying for the means to print another edition, the first being rapidly exhausted. A lady has subscribed for the "Congregationalist," for the Home, for the year 1867. The young man in our employ, who was mentioned a few days since as having been converted, has left us to study for the ministry. Thus the Lord blesses us on every side.

JAN. 12. This has been a day of large mercies. After my record of yesterday, fifty dollars were received from a lady of this city. From New York State fifty cents for the Tract cause. A lady sent fifty cents from her Sabbath School class, and ten cents from her "little brother, who wanted to do something for the sick folks." From Pennsylvania one dollar. A lady called with the proceeds of a "Children's Fair" held in Dorchester two or three weeks ago, the amount two hundred and thirty-seven dollars.

The following note was sent from Framingham, with a gold dollar, a dollar and fifty-five cents in silver and several three cent pieces.

"Jan. 7, 1866.

"Dr. Cullis,

DEAR SIR:—A dear young daughter, who died of consumption, laid up this money for some good object. Having read with much interest your report of the Consumptives' Home, I send it to you."

**JAN. 14.** The best news of yesterday was that one poor patient, who previous to entering the Home, had been for years an intemperate man, and whose disease was probably induced by liquor, told me he had "given his heart to Jesus." There are three others "seeking the pearl of great price." May they cherish these strivings of the Spirit! They who "seek" *shall* "find!"

Several pieces of silver were sent from Worcester. This morning the Lord sent from a "a Christian" one dollar; from a gentleman, his check for twenty-five dollars. This evening "an old sailor" left at my door one dollar and twenty-seven cents.

**JAN. 15.** From Providence one dollar, and from a clergyman five dollars. A gentleman unknown, sends from Dorchester ten dollars, for my own "personal expenses."

**JAN. 17.** The following note was received this morning :

"MY DEAR DR. CULLIS: My little girls have just been listening to your Report (the oldest of whom is six), and with tears in their eyes, they send their little offering. May God's blessing go with it to you, and descend on their own hearts.

I feel much for this part of the work (the "Children's Home") for God has appointed my place among the sick mothers, so let me add five dollars for the same purpose, and my earnest prayers for every department of your work and for yourself also.

'Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.'

Truly yours,

A SICK MOTHER."

The little one writes in its rude characters, *enclosing thirty-nine cents* :

"DEAR DR. CULLIS: Sister and I send all the money we have, for a little help towards your Home for the dear little children whose mammas are sick."

JAN. 19. One more soul is rejoicing in Jesus.

JAN. 21. One dollar was given yesterday, and eleven to-day; one dollar of the eleven was given by a poor minister from the West, who was in this city collecting funds for his own church; having learned of the work, he felt moved of the Lord to contribute. May he be blessed with increased usefulness in the Master's vineyard!

JAN. 22. Fifty cents were given to the "Children's Home" by a poor woman. For the Home I received by mail, from Detroit twenty dollars, from New Jersey four, from Hanover, Mass. two, from Fort Washington, New York, sevenyt-five.

JAN. 23. To-day a lady of education and Christian culture testifies her love for Jesus by offering freely her services, as a mother to the children, as soon as our new Home shall be started. Another encouragement and proof of our Father's continued care and leading. Following on to know His will, I still continue to use every means to obtain a house for this purpose.

A lady of this city sends one hundred dollars to-day for the Home. From Dorchester sixteen dollars fifty cents, further proceeds of the Children's Fair held in Dorchester some weeks since.

JAN. 24. The Lord sent to-day one dollar from Preston, N. Y. "From a poor widow, who is desirous of 'doing what good she can, in the service of her Lord and Master,' sixty cents.

JAN. 25. I received to-day, with thanksgiving, the



good news, that two more souls have confessed Jesus feeling that all their sins have been washed away by His most precious blood.

Five dollars in an envelope, directed to me, were left at my door this afternoon — this amount I have placed towards the "Children's Home." I have now for that object, five hundred dollars, but as yet have been unable to procure a house. I appropriate no gift for the "Children's Home," unless so designated by the donor, or left to be used at my discretion. I would here request all donors, if they have a preference, to express how they wish their gifts appropriated.

"The Burden Bearers" of Dorchester have sent a quantity of good things for the comfort of the sick. The Home now contains twenty patients and all are cared for by the bounty of God.

JAN. 28. To-day I received from Middletown, Ct., eighteen dollars and twelve cents, being one half of the Christmas offering, from the children of the Sunday School of Church of the Holy Trinity.

Five dollars were sent from Dorchester, for printing Tracts.

JAN. 29. An old lady, ninety-three years of age, sends me five dollars for the work. "An aged widow in Dorchester," five dollars, a lady in Newburyport twenty-five, from Portland five, and from New Berlin, N. Y., five.

JAN. 31. I thank God for the mercies of the month; He has bountifully supplied all our need, and while he has taken one of our number to Himself, it has been with a sure hope in the Lord Jesus, although when the patient entered the Home he entertained infidel sentiments.

A friend gave, this morning ten dollars in gold. A lady

from Milford N. H. gave fifteen dollars for the "Children's Home."

FEB. 2. This morning a gentleman called from Beverly, bringing twenty-five dollars, five of which the father gives in behalf of a little babe, thus early consecrated to the work of the Lord — the whole amount for the "Children's Home." Two dollars were sent from Hartford; five from Tewksbury.

FEB. 5. Last evening there was left at my door an envelope directed, "For Dr. Cullis' Hospital," which on opening I found to contain a one hundred dollar bill. God bless the unknown donor. This morning's mail brought five dollars from Litchfield, Conn., and five from Andover, Mass.

FEB. 7. Yesterday twenty-five dollars were sent from two persons now in Egypt, and ten dollars from a gentleman of this city. Five dollars were also given for the "Children's Home," five for general expenses, and a gold dollar from Dorchester.

FEB. 11. On the 8th five dollars twenty-five cents were received from Natick, and from Newport five; from New York ten, from a clergyman in New Hampshire, two.

There are now several applicants waiting admission.—  
"In everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."—  
Phill. 6:6.

Yesterday a friend met me in the street and gave me ten dollars. To-day a lady sends me seven dollars fifty cents from four donors in Wayland. A lady in Salem sends two hundred dollars. An old lady, of more than eighty-six years of age, in Washington, sends six dollars fifty cents.

I am trying to negotiate for one of the houses in Vernon

from a few friends in Dover. A physician from a neighboring town called and left ten. A lady left twenty-five dollars for what I am now "most earnestly praying;" this is the "Children's Home." A friend also gave twenty for the same object.

My heart aches for the poor people that we are daily obliged to refuse admittance to the Home. We have now twenty-two patients—two more than our compliment, others are waiting. Will the dear reader please consider, here are upwards of thirty people, supported and bountifully cared for by a kind, loving Father, who has promised if we "trust in Him, we shall not be confounded." May the Lord increase and make real in every heart an ever-abounding faith. Such the gospel demands, such it promises to bless.

A colored boy, who was "born again" a few days since, was baptized this afternoon at his own request.

**FEB. 27.** From Bridgewater, one dollar. "Little Carrie" sends twenty-five cents of her spending money. Three young ladies, in Newton Corner got up a Concert and sent the result—forty-five dollars.

God bless them!

I have called on parties to-day owning houses in Vernon St. and pray God that the result may be the enlarging of the Home. At this stage of writing a gentleman calls, bringing a legacy of one hundred dollars, less government taxes, from a lady lately deceased this is our first legacy. "O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!" Ps. 107: 8.

**MARCH 1.** A collection was taken in the Congregational Church, West Barnstable, the amount of which, eleven dollars, was handed me to day. "From a consumptive,"