

“HAVE FAITH IN GOD.”

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STATEMENT.

In reply to frequent questions, the fact, which is well known to those most intimately acquainted with the "Home," ought perhaps to be publicly stated, that

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INTRODUCTION TO BOUND VOLUME.

BY REV. W. R. NICHOLSON, D. D.

THIS little volume will be found to contain a continuous history from the beginning, of the Consumptives' Home, and its associated institutions. As each year has closed, since the commencement of this great work of Christian charity, an annual report has been sent forth to tell its own story of faith and love, and, by God's blessing, to enlarge the number of sympathizing friends and active supporters. But those reports of the previous years being still called for, it has been thought advisable to re-issue them—in connection with that of the year just ended—in the present form, as an abiding memorial of the work thus far done, and of the principles underlying it.

Certainly, in the following daily record—extending over a space of five years—of help received, though unsolicited from man, there

is much to encourage our faith in the overruling special providence of God. It is a practical demonstration of the truth of the promises of the Scriptures; and it especially teaches the important lesson of *the preparedness of faith*, as to ability as well as willingness, to enter upon and carry on any work of God to which He may call the believer in Christ. There is here exhibited a beautiful answering of supply to need; and the devout reader becomes vividly conscious of the ever-present, living God.

And again, we cannot but be impressed with the fact, that Dr. CULLIS has succeeded in **enstamping** the benevolence of his work with so decided a *Christian* character. Indeed it could not have been otherwise, seeing that the whole enterprise originated in simple faith in God, and has depended ever since on the sustaining power of the same principle. Hence not only are there the two *Homes*, one for Consumptives and another for the Children of the Consumptives, but connected with them are the little chapel within the Consumptives' Home, and the Willard Street Chapel, designed for the benefit of the immediate neighborhood, with

its Tract Repository and its Christian schools. Nor is the teaching of Jesus there without effect, as connected with the ministration of relief to the suffering. Many have been the conversions to God among the patients; many a poor sufferer has been made happy in the sweet love of the dear Saviour. And, beside these, the Deaconess House, for the training of Christian women for Christian usefulness, has just been added.

Is it not a work which, if only understood, cannot but call forth the sympathies, and secure the substantial aid, of all who love the Lord Jesus Christ, and feel the obligation of doing good to men? May the Divine blessing accompany this little volume into the homes and hearts of this community, and cause it to bring forth fruit, some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred fold!

OCTOBER, 1863.

NOTE.—The list of articles donated, which has been published in every Annual Report, has been left out of this book, that it may contain simply the history of the progress of the Work; with the exception of the cash account, which may be found at the end of this volume.

INTRODUCTION

It has been suggested to me that a few words of sympathy and confidence on my part, as towards the founder of this most merciful Institution, and of testimony to the principles on which it has been conducted, might possibly be of some service to it. I can say without qualification, after a tolerably thorough acquaintance with the whole plan from its inception, that I know of no one act in its entire operation that a sound Christian judgment would disapprove. There may be states of mind referred to here that most men understand rather by testimony than by experience ; but that does not prove that they are not higher and purer than their own ; and I am as certain as I can be of any moral fact in the world about me, that all this beautiful fruitage of charity and grace has sprung from an unselfish, childlike trust in the promises, and presence, and love of our

Divine Lord, who is Head over all things to His church. It is a most refreshing spectacle planted in the midst of a self-seeking calculating generation; an enterprise of which the chief crown and joy is that it seeks no earthly reward; a strong agency of comfort for distress, and of faith for the souls of the dying, set in successful operation without a programme, without a corporation, without a public name or public meeting, without eloquence or money, or even a solicitation of support! It would be strange, indeed, if there should not be found in the true Israel of God generous hearts and open hands to bear witness that here is a consolation they have been waiting for, and equally strange if any of us could behold it without a signal confirmation of our own faith in the Cross, in the Gospel, and the coming of the divine Kingdom on the earth.

F. D. HUNTINGTON.

Oct. 4th, 1865.

The issuing of a new edition of this Report furnishes an opportunity for further testimony to the gracious operations of the Charity. Those of us who observe its working

most closely and most constantly are more and more entirely assured that the Divine Master and Healer of hearts has condescended to take it into his favor and to set upon it the signature of his blessing. If the object gained were exclusively that of bodily relief for the inmates, — the greatest possible contrast of present alleviation with past destitution and neglect, — it would not be easy to find in the community any benevolent enterprise where the amount expended yields a more prompt, steady or substantial result in a more quiet and unpretending way. In some cases a cure has been unexpectedly wrought and the patient discharged. But the eye of Christian love will see another and more precious kind of fruit. There is a light on those pale, thin faces which means more than a mere earthly contentment, comfort or gratitude. It reveals the secret of the "new name which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." Almost every day there is the utterance of some "good confession" of penitence, trust and humble hope, in the feeble voice and short breath of sufferers who come in out of much poverty to find here the durable and unsearchable riches; out of

lanes and hedges of neglect and indifference to put on here the white wedding garment of a righteousness not their own; out of solitary grief to taste here "the Communion of saints."

The pathway of departing spirits from this lowly Home up to the Gate of the everlasting Rest, where there is "no more pain," seems indeed to be well-worn. The company that have gathered quite regularly for several weeks, from without the walls of the Building, to join in the five o'clock Sunday Service, have evidently felt that it was nowhere easier than here to meet and recognize the blessed Presence of the Redeemer who while in the flesh took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses, blending so benignantly together his mercy to the physical maladies of men with his supply of grace to their souls that the former seemed always the minister of the latter.

A liberal support and generous enlargement of this Christ-like work will greatly honor the Saviour who created it, and bless the benefactors. Boston is certainly more worthy the title of a Christian city for boiding such a ministration of the Spirit and practical lesson of the Gospel within its borders.

MARCH 26, 1866.

F. D. H.

BETHESDA—THE HOUSE OF MERCY.

Müller's operations were brought to the notice of the public in a way adapted to make several wrong impressions. It seemed to be implied that he had made the discovery of living by faith; that his case proves that praying, without ploughing, would supply the world with corn.

Within the writer's knowledge there are two or three persons living by faith to the same extent with Dr. Cullis. Two of these have no profession, no trade nor investment. One of them has no society or person pledged to sustain him or his institution.

Our dear friend has adopted no extravagant theory. He has simply trusted and followed the guidance of his Saviour. His case does not show that any person may devise a plan of benevolence suited to his fancy, go forward and incur large debts, awaken great expectations in other minds, hoping that his prayer for money to sustain the institution will certainly be answered, and in the precise proportion to its necessities.

The founder of this Hospital was led by a special occurrence to desire to find or found

a hospital for incurable cases of consumption. He took the desire to the Mercy Seat. The answer came in a strengthening of that desire. He was all the time growing in practical piety, love to God and man, consecration to his Saviour, and spirituality of mind.

He still took no step; committed no friend to any scheme; but prayed, and waited, and watched until it became manifest that he understood the Lord's will. He then went forward humbly, unostentatiously, cautiously, abounding all the time in prayer, specific prayer.

And out of this has grown an Institution already furnishing a noble work for Christian charity, and smoothing the pathway of many a poor sufferer's body to the tomb, while leading his spirit to seek and find the Healer of all its diseases—the Shepherd who guides His followers to His heavenly folds and pastures.

We hail the example of our friend as eminently calculated to strengthen the faith of other men; and especially to show how faith goes hand in hand with charity, humility, self-sacrifice, prayer and good sense.

May many learn the lesson the history of this hospital teaches. May every one who reads this little story of a Christian institution lift a prayer to God for its prosperity, and especially that the faithful labors of its founder for the spiritual healing of every patient may be sealed with the blessing of God.

We thank God, whenever we think of this hospital and of the poor consumptive patient, deprived of the little comforts, the skillful nursing, the soothing conversation; and above all, the spiritual guidance and consolation such a person needs. The Lord's wing overshadow it ever.

E. N. KIRK.

PREFACE

TO SECOND EDITION.

By God's grace and bounty I am enabled to issue a second edition of this little book. The first edition of three thousand copies having been signally blest of the Lord to the strengthening of the faith of Christians, I earnestly pray that His blessing may attend this issue, that many more hearts may realize the faithfulness of the promise "ask and ye shall receive." It will be noticed that in this edition the names of the donors have been omitted; this seemed best to my mind for several reasons, only one of which need be mentioned here, and that is the disappointment which many friends have felt at seeing their names in print, and that for the last few months I have received many anonymous gifts. As it is my intention in the future not to publish the names of donors, I would be glad if all persons, with their gifts, would send me their names and address, that I may forward each an acknowledgement, and at the end of the year a Report. CHARLES CULLIS.

21 Bowdoin Street, March 28, 1866.

A WORK OF FAITH.

CHAPTER I.

"If thou canst believe all things are possible to him that believeth."

" 'Tis prayer, yes, 'tis effectual fervent prayer
Puts dignity on man — proves love divine, —
Makes demons tremble, — breaks the darkest cloud,
And, with a princely power, prevails with God."

It is better to trust in the Lord than put confidence in man is a lesson so fully and clearly inculcated in Holy Writ, that one would think every child of God might take it as a matter of course, to rely upon Him, almost involuntarily, in every time of need, both for himself and for others; that he should look to Him who "openeth His hand and satisfieth the desire of every living thing," and expect that as he has said "no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly," He will bestow every requisite blessing upon his children, and that they would ask freely and receive liberally. But instead of this implicit reliance upon our bountiful Heavenly

Father, he is looked upon as a prodigy of faith who asks and receives great things of Him.

"The age of miracles is past," is the chilling expression which falls upon the ear of one who attempts to walk by faith and not by sight. But if God does not now impart the gift of performing those miracles which were given to establish the authenticity of the Christian religion to them who had not the more sure Word of Revelation, and which was a sign, not to them that believed, but to them that believed not, it does not prove that the time has gone by when God will fulfill his promises to answer prayer. His word is still pledged that whatsoever His children ask in prayer, believing, they shall receive. The Lord's hand is not shortened now any more than it was when he supplied food for the many thousands of Israel in the wilderness. Though unbelief may suggest, as in ancient times. "Behold if the Lord make windows in Heaven might this thing be,"—Faith still replies "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" and swinging off upon the promises, the believer finds that according to his faith, so it is done unto him. If it be asked why all do not receive such rich supplies, we reply, "Because of their unbelief." "If ye will not believe ye shall not be established."

The hearts of all are in the hands of the Lord, and He guides and directs them in accordance with His will. It is profitable to notice the manner in which He who is wonderful in council and excellent in working prosecutes His own plans of love and mercy towards His people, or rather to contemplate those wherein He has been pleased to reveal the way to us. When He would accomplish these designs, He first prepares the hearts of one or more for the enterprise. Even previous to this, He disciplines those He would employ as instruments in a manner, many

times, altogether different from what our finite minds would have anticipated.

How circuitous the route by which Joseph was led to be ruler of Egypt. He must be sold as a bondman, and must suffer for righteousness' sake. But while his enemies were designing evil against him, they were but the instruments in the hands of God, of bringing about great good. So when He would train a deliverer for His people, a cruel law must be enacted, which resulted in sending Moses into Pharoah's court to be educated. Then persecution must send him into the wild regions around Mount Horeb for that training requisite to fit him for an enduring and patient leader of an undisciplined multitude.

Thus has it been with the Consumptives' Home. The founder must be led in a path he would not have chosen for himself. The loved partner of his life must be removed from him into a brighter world, that being tried in the furnace of affliction, he might be drawn to God, and brought to say, "Whom have I in heaven but Thee, and there is none on earth I desire in comparison with Thee."

The means adopted by his Heavenly Father produced the intended result, to wean him from this world, and to cause him to seek *first*, the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and to consecrate his time, his talents, his property, his all, to the service of Him who has redeemed him.* This he has not found a hard service, for the language of his heart has been :

* We would not be understood to imply that the subject of these remarks was unregenerate at this time. He had for many years been walking in the straight and narrow way, but now the work of grace was deepened, and he made a more entire consecration of himself to Christ.

“How sweet to live a life of faith
 Upon the risen Son of God,
 To credit what the Saviour saith,
 And trust the merits of his blood.”

When the instrument had been prepared for the Master's service his mind was led along from one step to another, till this Hospital work was developed and brought to its present state of maturity, As he had made a full surrender of all his powers to his Saviour, he cheerfully performed from day to day, what was pointed out to him in answer to his prayer, “Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?”—in ministering to the wants of the needy, in alleviating their physical maladies, and in pointing the sinner to Jesus the great soul Healer. Still he was not satisfied. His aspirations daily ascended to Him who was blessing him with the light of His countenance, that He would give him more to do in His service—that he might have some definite work to perform which would tell more fully for the benefit of his fellow creatures. It was doubtless in answer to these petitions that concurring circumstances presented to his mind the need of a Bethesda for the hopeless ones who had been for a long time diseased.

Being unwilling to tell his own story in connection with this work, lest, in the minds of the invidious, he should be deemed egotistical, and yet being desirous of magnifying the grace of God which has been wrought through him, Dr. Cullis has placed his diary in the hands of the compiler, from which to extract a sufficient portion to delineate the exercises of his mind in this regard, and which we think will convince the most skeptical that the work is the Lord's from the commencement to the present time. Naturally modest and retiring, the only motive

which constrained him thus to bring himself before the public is an ardent desire to glorify God. "No money could have induced me to take up this, the greatest cross of my life," said he, and even after the narrative was partly prepared, he almost shrunk from its publication. The reader will perceive that the heartfelt aspiration of his soul throughout is, "Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." "Not I, but the grace of God that is in me."

May it be the means of luring many onward in the life of faith, and of prompting them to remember that they are not their own — that all they possess belongs to Him who has redeemed them, and they are only His stewards whose duty and privilege it is to employ all for him.

CHAPTER II.

FROM THE FIRST THOUGHT OF FOUNDING A HOSPITAL, TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONSUMPTIVES' HOME.

"Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my soul unto Thee."

"Show me Thy way, O Lord, teach me Thy paths."

Extracts from Dr. Cullis' Journal :

APRIL 20, 1862. A matter has been on my mind for several days which has occupied all my thoughts. Some time ago, a stranger called on me to inquire if the Homœopathic physicians had a hospital for the poor. He had a needy friend who was sick in consumption, and had been refused admittance to the Massachusetts General Hospital because he was incurable. What to do with him he knew not. I could only offer to give my services if a home could be procured. • Since then I have thought much about a Hospital on the plan of Müller's Orphan House. But of course I can do nothing. I have prayed over this, asking the Lord that, if the thoughts are from the Holy Spirit, He will bless it and direct me what to do. My plan is to speak to no one about this, but leave it all to the Lord. If He wills that I shall do anything of the kind He will furnish the means and patients. I have

hesitated even to write of this, for fear that it was not the work of the Spirit. But prayer will make it plain to me. Oh, the blessedness of communion with God.

May 28. I am still praying about the Hospital, asking the Lord if it is not from him, to banish it from my mind. But I feel, that good will come of it.

June 18. I have thought more of my plan for the last few days than ever. But I can do nothing only as the Lord directs. As yet He does not open the way. I must await his will. To-day I was called to see a poor sick girl in the last stages of consumption, who needs just such a place as I have asked of the Lord. I do trust Him, and feel that all this will be accomplished in his own time. Bless the Lord, Oh, my soul!

July 9. Heretofore I have prayed that the Lord would bless my anticipated work, and prove to me that it is His. I asked Him, if it was His will, He would open some other way to provide for another charitable object now depending upon me. This prayer has been answered. Another prayer was, that if it were not from the Holy Spirit He would banish it from my mind, but if it was from Him, the idea might grow and be encouraged by Him. This also has been answered, for it has increased more and more, and I trust is fed by the Holy Spirit. I have not heretofore regularly prayed for means to commence the work, but now my prayer is daily, and many times in the day, that the Lord will provide the means, and I look to Him for the answer. "Let patience have her perfect work." When I first thought of the matter it was not my intention to mention it to any one, lest it might only be excitement which would soon die away, and then I should regret having done so. But now, thinking that I have sufficient evidence to prove it the Lord's

work, I have spoken of it to one sister in Christ, who has promised me her prayers; then to a Christian friend and brother, who I think feels it is undue enthusiasm which will soon subside.

Aug. 19. I enjoyed much in prayer this morning, and had an unusual nearness to God. Read 2d Thes. 2d chap., till I came to the 13th verse, where Paul says "We are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren, beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through *sanctification of the Spirit* and belief of the truth." "Through sanctification of the Spirit,"—here I paused, and read it over and over again, praying to God to sanctify me wholly by the Spirit, that all love of the world might be destroyed, all selfishness driven from my heart, and all unbelief removed. I then prayed that God would bless the plan of a Hospital, that it might be a monument to his glory, asking Him, that if it was His work He would bless me with more business, that I might have the means to devote to it. I committed all my sick to his care, praying that he would mercifully lay his hand upon them and restore them to health, and that he would so remember them that none of them might be lost.

We now omit many months in the Journal where similar feelings are expressed, and continued, earnest petitions, and pass on to the following, dated

June 21, 1863. God be praised for the blessings of the day. I have been happy in Christ, yet how unworthy! Patiently I am waiting God's time concerning the Hospital. Daily I am praying concerning it.

Aug. 2. "If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." My Father knows that I have a

"willing mind" to serve Him in regard to the Hospital, and as I look to Him alone for the means, I am content to abide His time. I thank my Heavenly Father that He has kept me in safety, free from sickness and accident, and from the conscription. To Him belongeth the praise for these many mercies. Oh, praise the Lord and magnify His name!

Sept. 6. I long to work for Jesus, yet I pray for grace to wait his time. There is but one impediment in the way to prevent me from using all my means, over and above my expenses, for Christ. I have prayed that as soon as it is His will that I shall commence this work, He will remove all the obstacles. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me?" How bountiful have been his mercies, and how unworthy I am of the least of his favors! Daily and hourly I recognize God's hand in his dealing with me. Oh, it is blessed to be led by Him. Would that I had the power to write of His goodness and the "perfect peace" that I have had in committing all my ways with the Lord. I do strive in all things to glorify Him.

Jan. 19, 1864. To-day has been one of peculiar nearness to Jesus. I have enjoyed prayer more than usual. This morning I prayed very earnestly, asking the Lord to bless it if it is His work, and make the way plain for me. This has been my daily petition for nearly two years, but, if this is not the manner in which he desires I should serve Him, I am ready to give it up, for it is my sole desire to do His will. This evening my prayer was answered. My dear friend and brother in Christ, C., who knows my design, gave me one dollar, *of his own accord*, for that purpose. This is the first donation I have received. I thank the Lord for it, and receive it as an

answer to prayer, feeling as rich in the possession of this first dollar as if it were a thousand. I accept it as from the Lord, and as a proof that He will bless the plan to His own glory. "I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplication."

MAR. 16. It is meet and right that I should record to the glory of God, the joy I feel in serving my Saviour. O, how great are His mercies! Time fails to express the many answers to prayer I have received. When I think of these and my own unworthiness, I am dumb, and can only lift up my heart in grateful praise. I am greatly encouraged. I ask my Father to give me business enough to support my own family and to start the Hospital. I look to him for it all. In His own time He will establish it.

APRIL 9. A few evenings ago I told L. of my plan, and she promised me her prayers. To-day she gave me two dollars and sixty cents for this object. I take this as another proof that God is blessing my endeavors.

MAY 9. I am praying more earnestly than ever before, regarding the Hospital. I am asking the Lord to show me his will this week. "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

MAY 10. I have had several answers to prayer to-day. One in regard to the Hospital I will mention. It has been my plan that it should be wholly for consumptives, for several reasons which seemed satisfactory to my mind. The principal one was, the first thought about a Hospital arose from the case of an indigent consumptive who had no place to go to. But to-day, the case of a poor man, who was not a consumptive, was presented to me, who desired to go to some hospital. This caused me to inquire if it was the Lord's will that this should be for

other diseases besides consumption. To know His will in this regard, I carried the matter to Him in prayer asking Him to answer in a way which I presented, and the test was as clearly designated to me as was the case of Gideon's fleece.

MONDAY, MAY 16. Last Monday my prayer was that the Lord would show me His will that week. Now see how faithful he is. On Thursday, in answer to prayer, the obstacle was removed which had prevented me from the immediate prosecution of the work which has so long lain near my heart. I thanked the Lord that He had thus revealed His will to me, and before the week closed had answered my prayer. I am now ready to go to work. I feel that I am right about the matter, but am still leaning upon the Lord. I desire to take the first step only as He shall lead.

"He that believeth shall not make haste." At the present day, when almost every enterprise is conducted with railroad speed, we are apt to become impatient if our prayers are not answered immediately, and if the path of duty is not directly made known to us, without the exercise of long continued faith. But God has taught us in the natural and in the spiritual world, in His providence and in His word, that we must "hope and quietly wait" till He who sees the end from the beginning pleases to develop his purposes. The husbandman has long patience after planting the seed before the fruit is brought to maturity. The believer, first a babe in Christ, grows from strength to strength till he becomes a man in Christ Jesus. Providences are gradually developed before they bring about mighty revolutions. Abraham's faith was tried a quarter of a century ere the first dawn of the fulfillment of the promise made to him. - Thus God would

teach us that though the vision tarry we should wait for it, believing that

“ One above
In perfect wisdom, perfect love,
Is working for the best.”

We have thus traced the dealings of the Lord with His servant, the writer of the preceding Journal, since the thought of establishing a Hospital for Incurable Consumptives was first suggested to him, and have seen that it was more than two years before it was made clear to his mind that the time had arrived to go forward in the work which lay so near his heart. He did not wish to run before he was sent, but now, as every barrier in the way was removed, he was ready to follow wherever his Master led, and commence operations, though he had not as yet made his object public, and had not received four dollars wherewith to begin.

We will now resume making extracts from his diary.

MAY 16, 1864. I have looked for a house but have not found one suitable. My desire is to obtain one at the West End, as it will be more convenient for me. I am asking the Lord to show me where to locate. Propose merely to hire a dwelling house at as moderate a rent as possible. I look to the Lord for thousands, and know in whom I trust. My prayer is even now that if I am too fast, the Lord will hold me back, and if it is not His will that the Hospital shall be started now, He will put obstacles in the way — that I may not be able to find a house, or in some manner reveal to me His will. I am also praying for some one to take charge of the Hospital when needed.

May 27. As yet I have not been successful in obtaining a house, although I have spent much time in pursuit.

To-morrow I shall advertise. I have heard of a lady who I think will be a suitable person as Matron. As yet I have said nothing concerning my object, wishing to be sure I was doing the Lord's will. Then I am willing to make it known.

June 3. My advertisement has not brought me an answer. I am looking wholly to the Lord. To-day I have heard of a patient suitable for such an institution; I think by this that the Lord is showing me that He will help me. His will be done, and all shall be to His glory,

Several attempts to hire having failed, the Doctor at last concluded to purchase the building No. 4 Vernoo Street, of Mr. G. W. Chipman.

The Journal continues:—

Aug. 3. After more than two years of daily prayer the Lord has answered in giving me a house for the Hospital. The price is \$6500.* At first thought I decided that it could not be bought, and that it must be given up. But Mr. C.'s plan is that I am to pay simply the interest until I feel able to cancel the principal. This will be three hundred and ninety dollars a year, while the rent would be five hundred dollars. To-day, having carried it all to the Lord, I have closed the bargain to purchase. I have never felt so calm as this evening since the matter is settled. If I did not know the Lord would provide, I would not dare to undertake, for I think, with one or two exceptions, I never had less money to commence with than now. But "the silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of Hosts," so I do not fear. I have prayed that the Lord would not let me make a mistake, and as it

* The price has been reduced \$500, leaving it now \$6000.

is to His glory I know he will not. O, Lord, strengthen my faith.

AUG. 7. I do praise the Lord for all his mercies to me, and when I think of my unworthiness, I am ready to weep and cast myself at his feet. O, how much I need to pray for a closer walk with God—for a holy life. Much to my joy, my dear friend C. came from New York yesterday. We went together to see the house. He manifested much kind, Christian love and sympathy, encouraging me to go on. To-day he presented me with ten dollars for the work. May the Lord bless him. I thank the Lord for this, His love to me. How can I doubt? I do not. It is the Lord's work, and he will bless it.

As soon as this enterprise became known, and that a building had been procured for the reception of invalids, articles of every description for furnishing the apartments, and for housekeeping were freely given. But as these are all in the financial report which follows, we shall forbear to transcribe each donation from the Doctor's Journal, lest it should seem to the reader prolix and monotonous, and record that portion only which speaks of special providences and peculiar answers to prayer.

AUG. 16. The Lord has been very bountiful to-day, and has truly blest the Hospital work. This morning Mr. B. gave me a cord of wood worth twelve dollars, and will sell the coal for the house at eleven dollars per ton—the price now being fourteen. Other donations were brought in. The Lord bless all the donors for their kindness. I thank Him for this, his bounty, and pray Him to bless the work more and more to his glory.

AUG. 18. "Have faith in God." I can sing now the song of David, "Blessed be the man that maketh the

Lord his trust." He is bountifully supplying all my needs. O, how faithful! I am now praying for funds, as we are in want of sheeting, blankets, comforters, towels, and such things. I know I have but to ask and I shall receive. When speaking to some persons, about this work, they doubt my ability to carry it on. I, too, doubt *my* ability, but I do not doubt the Lord. My trust is in Him, and He will not let me be confounded.

Dr. C. was often compelled to listen to remarks similar to the preceding. He says, in view of such, under date of

AUG. 24. I prayed this afternoon that God would give me some token of His love of the work, and that He would bless it. In answer to this prayer, Mr. H. called and gave me twenty-five dollars, and Mr. J. ten. Thus God proves that He is nigh to all who call upon Him.

AUG. 31. To-day I have received twenty-four dollars. This closes the month with

Donations in cash,	\$151.31.
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Donations of household articles, value,	\$269.15.
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May the Lord bless each donor, both here and hereafter.

"Oh, how shall words, with equal warmth,
The gratitude declare
That dwells within my ravished heart?
But Thou canst read it there."

SEPT. 1. Mrs. W. entered upon her duties as matron this morning. Several donations of useful articles were sent to-day, just at the right time. We have not needed them before. Thus the Lord supplies according to our

need, and give us more than we ask or think, "Delight thyself also in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

We have deemed it advisable to insert from time to time, at the proper dates, a few of the many notices of the Hospital which have been published in the various periodicals of the city, as they give a condensed account of the work in its various phases, as it struck the writer. The first appeared in the *Saturday Evening Gazette* of September 3d.

NOVEL AND EXCELLENT INSTITUTION.—Dr. Charles Cullis, of Bowdoin Street, homœopathist, has for some time entertained the idea of a hospital for poor consumptive patients—homeless and unprovided for—which should also combine all the peculiarities of a home for them, wherein their comfort might be gratuitously cared for until their death. This he has kept in view, more and more convinced of the benefit of such an institution, until at last he has realized his idea and established a hospital in which to commence and carry out as far as possible his benevolent intention. He has procured house No. 4 Vernon Street—a spacious and roomy dwelling—and is fitting it up for immediate occupancy. It has room for some ten beds, and every facility for the comfort of patients, who will in this excellent home find every convenience that their necessities require. A matron of long experience as nurse has been engaged, and every regard will be paid in careful medical treatment and watchful attention to the unfortunates gathered within the walls of the Vernon St. Hospital. The patients will be treated homœopathically, and every practicable care exercised to relieve their last suffering. Already liberal donations have flowed in, in

aid of the new object, and much is required in an enterprise so important. Every encouragement is afforded of its complete success, and we feel sure that it will commend itself to a benevolent public. Those so disposed can help the work by contributing money or such things as are essential to carrying on such an institution — bedding, in particular, is needed, and those having anything of this nature in excess can do no better than contribute it to this object. Donations may be sent to the house of Dr. Cullis, 21 Bowdoin Street, or to the Hospital in Vernon Street. We commend the institution to the attention of the benevolent.

SEPT. 7. This morning I prayed for large donations, and have received forty dollars in money, and more than thirty dollars' worth of cotton cloth, bedding, etc., besides donations of a variety of other articles. Praise God be the praise.

From the Watchman and Reflector.

A BENEVOLENT ENTERPRISE. — "What doth it profit my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and hath not works?" Many of the readers of the *Watchman* are familiar with the history of Müller's great benevolent operation in England, and the wonderful manner in which God answers his prayers, supplying shelter, food and raiment to thousands of homeless wanderers; but they will be surprised and glad to know that in our own city there lives a Christian physician whose faith in the Master's promise is so great that "if we ask we shall receive," as to induce him to open the doors of a home for destitute incurable consumptive patients, relying entirely upon the generosity of Christians for its support. Dr. Charles Cullis, in his ministrations upon the sick, has found so

many poor, uncared-for consumptives, wasting away in attics and cellars, and his heart has been so touched with their miserable condition, that he has conceived the praiseworthy and generous plan of gathering them in a home where their last days may be made comfortable. He has secured a house for this purpose, No. 4 Vernon Street, and although but few weeks have passed since his friends have become acquainted with his plans, yet many valuable contributions have been forwarded to this Home. Donations in money, groceries, household articles and clothing will be most gratefully received. Christians of all denominations must be interested in this great work, remembering Christ's words, "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." "For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in My name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward." H. B. G.