

round, and when we reached the rough and devious by-way leading to old widow Roberts' humble cottage, my friend said, 'It is useless to take the trouble to reach her dwelling on such a dismal night; she won't expect us, and will have nothing for us perhaps.' But having had many years' experience of the poor old woman's hearty interest in the prosperity of the Bible Society, and of her never having failed, even in her greatest need, to contribute something to it, I was resolved to give her a call, though I feared the dark and wretched weather might have induced her to retire to rest. We found her up, and she received us with her usual cheery welcome. She was very glad to see us, and lighting a rushlight, she reached from a shelf a small earthenware pot, and emptied a few coppers from it on the table. Pushing the coins to us, she said, 'I finished my last bit of butter this morning, and as I thought you might not come for a day or two, I half intended to buy a few ounces with these coppers.' 'Oh!' said my companion, 'don't give them now; we can wait a few days.' 'By no means,' said she, 'you must take them now. I don't think it any hardship to eat dry bread for a day or two, to do my little in such a glorious cause. So soon as I have footed these stockings that I am knitting, I can get the money, for a woman has promised to buy them.' A tear trickled down my friend's cheek, as he shook her warmly by the hand and said, 'I will take care that you don't eat dry bread on account of the punctuality of your contribution to our funds.'"

And now, my friends, what think you of the self-denial on that dreary hillside? One thousand eight hundred years have passed since the followers of the Great Teacher had their attention directed to a similar circumstance. A poor widow approached the treasury and cast in her last mite, and in the Master's eye that widow's one mite was more acceptable than the *thousands* of those who cast in of their abundance. And must we not believe that the presence of that same and exalted Saviour was with her follower on that occasion and the blessing of His