

that I should so seldom allude to it in the Banner. And, I have many kind letters of enquiry before me on the same subject. Not having time to give these that attention which they deserve, I will venture to occupy a small space in relation to self, if not editorially and spiritually, yet, physically and intellectually. I may thus answer many enquiries and relieve many kind hearts of the deep anxiety which they have always evinced for my health, happiness and prosperity. I say I feel wholly unworthy the deep interest and warm sympathy of which I have had so many tangible proofs from brethren in every part of the British colonies and throughout the New England, Middle, Southern and Western States, wherever I have formed an acquaintance. It cannot be for the value of my poor services; for I have been an unprofitable servant. I accept the many tokens of favor and expressions of kind interest and sympathy as bestowed for the Lord's sake; as evidences of the influence of the gospel on many hearts and converging on me as a reward for well meant, though feeble efforts. For from my heart I would sing in reference to all I have ever said or done in the cause of the Lord:—

Forgive the song that falls so low,
Beneath the gratitude I owe;
It means thy praise however poor,
And angels' songs can do no more.

For five years I have been afflicted, more or less, with an increasing hoarseness. At times I have lost my voice entirely, but I have never given up public speaking more than three or four weeks at one time. Except being very dyspeptic my general health has been such that I have always been able to move about and to take as much exercise as I chose. Overtaxing my vocal powers in the first place brought on chronic laryngitis. I have tried almost every system of medicine: Thompsonian, Botanic, Homœopathic, Allopathic, and systems without a name. All gave temporary relief—none permanent. I have frequently given up the hope of recovery, and have often concluded to give up speaking entirely; but when I have improved a little, and have considered the great necessity of evangelical laborers I have recommenced and have soon been thrown back into my former condition. But last spring I gave up speaking, with a fixed determination not to re-commence till I had a reliable assurance that it would not be injurious to me. The congregation in St. John, my excellent brotherhood, having made ample provision for the support and comfort of my family, I left home, determined to ascertain the difference between