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Thoughts in Sickness.

It will be within the knowledge of some of the readers of the BANNER that its editor has been for some weeks confined to a sick room through a somewhat severe attack of typhoid fever. During that time—while mental consciousness was enjoyed—his thoughts were much engaged with the Sunday-school interests of the Church which he humbly strives to serve. On the Sundays, and especially during the hours of school, he tried to follow the great Sunday-school army in the lessons of the day. He found great consolation in the thought of trying to keep step with that great army throughout the world, some fourteen millions strong, who are studying the same passages of God's Word. He seemed to hear the echo of their songs and the tramp of their march in his sick room, and he rejoiced to know that this army is a conquering army. It is going on from victory to victory, and winning ever-widening triumphs

for the truth. He rejoiced to know that whether he was to be permitted to resume his work or not, the victorious army of the living God would sweep on, conquering the world for Jesus. That stirring Sunday-school hymn came with fresh power:—

Like a mighty army moves the Church of God,
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;
We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise
and wane,
But the Church of Jesus constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church
prevail,
We have Christ's own promise, which can never
fail.

Was it not Livingstone who said, "What though ten thousand perish, Africa shall be redeemed!" No one is indispensable in the world. The loss of a single life is but like the bursting of a bubble in a stream. The river still rolls on, God's cause still goes forward. With devout gratitude, and with a fuller sense of consecration than ever, the writer again takes up the burden of life, and hopes

To labour on at God's command,
And cease at once to work and live.

Changes in the Berean Quarterly and Leaves.

In answer to the requests of some schools, we will make room in the *Berean Leaf and Quarterly* for the Catechism Question and first lines of Lesson Hymns. We are glad to know that these features of our former *Berean Leaf and Quarterly* were so highly appreciated. The new *Quarterly* will be found on examination to contain considerably more than the old one, and in a much more elegant form, and at a cheaper price—6 cents instead of 8 cents a year. By printing the BANNER in a smaller type, though very clear and legible, we get room for much valuable matter of special interest to Sunday-school teachers.

We regret that the copy for the Rev. A. Andrews' Normal Class Exercise has not come to hand in time for insertion in this number of the BANNER. It will appear in the next.