

With some distrust of my own motives, and some fears that they may be misunderstood, I venture to mention some striking instances in which, in the hour of need, in answer to *earnest, believing* prayer, money has been received. I pray that the recital may be the means of encouraging the children of God to more confidence and boldness at the throne of grace, in casting *all* their care on Him that truly careth for us. I may mention that after mature deliberation, and much prayer for direction, I began July 1st, 1864, to act on our present plan, with reference to my salary. In looking over my diary I see that it was with some misgivings, and much trembling, that I resolved to venture on the Lord. But I was immediately encouraged. During the six months that ensued, I made no public statement of my determination, except that I would notify friends in places where I had been accustomed to call upon them for their subscriptions, that I should not do so then. By the end of the year my faith and my resolution had been much strengthened. I prepared a revised Constitution, and went down early in January, to prepare for our Annual Meeting, and to propose the change. Our first Committee meeting was held on Monday, the 16th of January. I spent the greater part of the day in private devotion, and before the Committee met, I had received more than one encouraging answer to prayer. I was asked for a debt of *ten dollars*, and had engaged to pay another, about as large, as I supposed, in case it should be called for that same day. I had, therefore, an opportunity of testing the Muller system that very day. I had no means of meeting those demands. I looked to the Lord in faith and prayer for five pounds. Within an hour, and without having given any one a hint of my necessities, *twenty dollars* were handed me, which I was requested to receive as a Christmas present. I took it as the voice of the Lord bidding me "go forward." During the day I lost a pound note, and searched for it in vain. I then asked the Lord to show me where it was. A few minutes after it was picked up by a friend, and handed to me.

On the 13th of April, 1865, a bill was sent in, and payment was requested by the 15th, but the brother could wait till the 20th. That was one of the most striking cases that has occurred. It was felt to be a *test case*. I needed *five pounds*. Could I obtain it by prayer? If not, my scheme would have collapsed—failed. Meanwhile, all the *means* I was at liberty to use, were resorted to, and they all failed. But prayer did not fail. But I had to pray, and wait, and struggle, until April 20th. And very precious was the waiting, and struggling, and praying. And that morning I received, from a distance, the following letter, dated April 13th, the very day on which I began to pray for this money. "I have much pleasure in enclosing you twenty dollars, Merchant's Bank, Halifax,

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