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THE HALF-WAY HOUSE.

Somewhere, dear friend, upon our pilgrim way,

We reach a place at which we pause awhile

And backward gaze, and forward, ere the day

Reluctant carries hence its lingering suile.

Below us stretch the hills we crossed at morn,

The streams we bridged, the orchard's pleasant rows;

Above, white peak on peak climb heights unworn,

Crowned with the beauty of eternal snows.

And much we marvel, looking o'er the path,  
That e'er we deemed it tangled, rough or long,

Since dale or cliff or briery thicket hath  
To-day the grace of a remembered song.

Forgot the toils, the terrors all forgot;  
Only the blessings garnered like the sheaf,

Remain our wealth, which rust nor stain shall blot,

Nor moth despoil, nor rife reckless thief.

And fearlessly we scan the years to be —

The coming days advancing one by one;  
Steadfast and blithe we hail them; strong and free

Henceforth we walk to meet the setting sun.

Dear half-way house! Sweet friend, hast thou been there?

Dost know how soft its pillow to the head?

Hast breathed its pure, caressing air?

Hast dreamed its dreams? hast thou been comforted?

Then grateful for the good hand of thy God,  
And trustful for the changes still unknown,

Once more thou mayest essay the pilgrim road,

Secure of never faring there alone.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL  
CONVENTION.

The regular Annual Convention of the Canada Holiness Association will be held, at Galt, during the third week of February next. In the next issue we will give the exact time and other particulars.

WILL HE WHO WALKS IN THE  
SPIRIT EVER BE SICK?

Who can answer this question as giving to the world a distinct revelation from God? The only man competent for this was the man Christ Jesus, but He is silent concerning the matter. He did not hesitate to reveal to man, in clear-cut statement, that walking in the Spirit would secure rest of soul, peace of mind, fulness of joy, guidance and power; but concerning the temporal blessings of life, He only promised what was needful according to the judgment of God. He, however, intimated on several occasions that that judgment concerning temporal need would generally disappoint their expectations, hence. He counselled thoughtful consideration ere electing to be His followers, implying that so great might be their privations that they could be safely emblemed