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**OFFICE SITUATED ON LAUREL ST.,**  
Opposite the First Presbyterian Church,  
Having testimonials of scholarship from  
schools and positions of influence, I hope through  
a close attention to the duties of the physician to  
secure the confidence of the community in practice  
of medicine.  
Bridgeton, June 12, 1858.

**A. CARD.**  
**C. KIRBY, SUGAR DENTIST,**  
I am a successor to D. H. Barber's  
respectfully offers his professional  
services to the inhabitants of Cumberland County  
and the public generally.  
Office in the row of brick buildings, five doors  
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Glocks, Watches, Jewelry and Silverware.  
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No. 130 Pine Street, near Broad  
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On and after Monday, October 18th, 1858,  
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Philadelphia, Camden, and Atlantic City, and  
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**Choice Poetry.**  
  
**RETIREMENT.**  
Hacked in business, wearied at the ear  
Which thousands, once fast chained to, quiet no  
more,  
But which, when life is over, weak and low,  
All wear, death to wish, they would forgo.  
The statesman, lawyer, merchant, man of trade,  
Pants for the refuge of some rural shade,  
Where all his long anxieties forgot  
Amid the charms of a sequestered spot;  
Or recollects only to glad over,  
And add a smile to what was sweet before,  
He may possess the joys he thinks he sees,  
Lay his old age upon the lap of Ease,  
Improve the remnant of his wasted span  
And, having lived a trifle, die a man.  
Thus conscience pleads her cause, within the  
breast,  
Though long rebelled against, not yet suppressed,  
And calls a creature formed for God alone,  
For heaven's high purposes, and not his own;  
Calls him away from selfish and vain aims,  
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**YE CAN CONQUER, IF YE WILL.**  
BY ANNANIAS W. SAWYER.  
Bugged toiler—son of labor—  
Stoutly battling every day  
For existence—O, my brother,  
Thou shalt triumph in the fray.  
On life's changeful field of action,  
Though defeat may oft appear,  
If thou wilt but persevere.

Though thou art obscure and lowly,  
Ye may reach the wished for goal,  
Grasp the prize, wealth and station,  
That misfortune cannot shake.  
One on which his angry surges  
An impression fails to make  
Art thou sneered at and derided  
By the self-righted lofty herd  
Heed ye not the spite's contumely,  
Or the weak man's harmless scorn;  
Art thou friendless—friends will gather,  
As do courtes, kings around,  
When thou hast achieved distinction,  
When thou hast found position.

Strive in life's struggle earnestly;  
Thou shalt find the end of strife,  
In life's trials, and its battles,  
None but dashed towards fall;  
Noble natures prove secondhand,  
In earth's mighty contest ring;  
To renown, from dark oblivion,  
Kobed in glory, up they spring.  
What if years of fierce endeavor  
Have been spent by thee in vain?  
What if thou hast met adversity,  
And, like the wild sea, art slain?  
Wreaks and rains all about thee,  
Gave thee up, but struggle still;  
Stubbler courage is resistance—  
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