

“The great Physician now is near
The sympathizing Jesus.”

And as the last strain died away one of their number said timidly, “Yes, dear friends, He *is* near and He says to you as He said to Hagar in the wilderness ‘What aileth thee?’ While we behold various bodily diseases in those about us, God’s all searching eye can see what we cannot see, the diseases of the soul. ‘What aileth thee?’

Do you say ‘I will not believe what I cannot understand.’ That is a case of blindness. The little hymn says :

‘The blind rejoiced to hear the cry,
Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.’

There never was a blind man who came to Jesus that He couldn’t heal—even those who were born blind received their sight.

Do you say ‘I don’t feel that I’m such a bad sort of a fellow, I’m as good as the most and better than a great many.’ Then you must be a spiritual paralytic if you cannot *feel* that you are a sinner. The same Lord Jesus who healed a paralysed body once, can heal a paralysed soul, if you will only let Him.

No doubt some would say, ‘I want to have a jolly good time,’ ‘I want to get rich,’ ‘I want to get a good edu-