

were in its grasp—hence their alarm at touching the infected, and their inability to assist and comfort the unhappy sufferers.

Now it is decided, by the best authorities, that there is no ground for this alarm, and that there is far less danger in watching a Cholera patient than one in Typhus Fever. But were the danger certain, as has been formerly held, it would prove no hindrance to the care and watchfulness of the truly religious. Such are ever found bold, active, kind and considerate in the day of calamity: they feel convinced that if God sends the judgment, He likewise puts it into the hearts of His children to love their neighbours as themselves, and to manifest their devotion to him by obedience to His laws, that is, by doing all in their power to assuage and to remove the affliction.

It is true that unbelievers, and such as have never felt the power of the Gospel, have frequently asserted, in their deplorable ignorance, that the pious are inactive on such trying occasions, and more disposed to sit with folded hands in stupid amazement or selfish indifference, than to employ themselves in assisting and comforting the diseased.—But let such truthless scoffers learn, that as the friends of Christ

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