

some to a bed of sickness, and prevent others from securing health?

For our part we would hesitate to publish anything which would tend thus to prevent one afflicted son or daughter of Adam from securing health, even if we were sure that imagination or will-power, and not miracle, was the explanation of the cure.

That an increasingly large number of patients are being restored to health by this movement must be admitted by every impartial observer. Now common sense should teach us that this should be encouraged, unless it becomes evident that the evils resulting to the patients themselves, or to the community at large, more than counterbalance the good done. He could hardly be called a philanthropist who would stand at some canonized shrine and spend his time in trying to prove to the suffering pilgrims there assembled that it was imagination and not miracles that accounted for the cures there witnessed, much less in taking the course we are considering.

We are convinced that there is much of blessing in this faith-cure movement, and that it should be encouraged by all legitimate means. And just as we can heartily commend a Calvinistic evangelist, and bid him God-speed, although differing so widely from some of his teachings that for us to be forced to accept them as true would undermine our whole religious belief, so we hesitate not to give our hearty God-speed to this modern faith movement, and fraternize with it, as far as permitted, although we believe that there are grave errors being promulgated by the acknowledged leaders of the movement. These we expect to candidly consider, not with any wish to lessen the number of faith-cures, but rather with the hope of increasing the force of the movement, by helping to weed out those things which cannot but prove increasingly injurious and destructive.

It has been a source of great grief to us that the faith-cure revival has gradually been broken off from the original holiness revival, in the States, and is fast becoming a separate and distinct movement. We cannot pronounce as to who is responsible for this state of things,

but the fact is patent to all—a glance over the different holiness publications which come to our office is sufficient to establish this.

Now it may appear rather Quixotic on our part, but we have determined to do what we can to keep the two movements amalgamated in Canada.

During the history of this holiness revival here we have had individual cases of faith-cures ever and anon occurring, but of late distinctive meetings in various places have been held on this special line of faith-healing, and with gratifying results. Thus far the common courtesies which should characterize professing Christians have been observed by those in attendance. That is to say, members of meetings have not taken it upon them to criticize adversely or denounce the views, however extreme, known to be held by the leader of a meeting, but there has been the appearance at least, on the part of all, of agreeing to differ. This is as it should be, and we trust will continue to characterize all future gatherings where parties holding known clashing beliefs assemble for Christian worship, whether under the name of holiness, or faith-cure meetings.

And we maintain that it need not militate against this spirit of harmony, when different leaders or writers of different views enunciate and enforce their own opinions, provided all improper personalities are avoided. Hence we do not feel that we are treading on forbidden ground when we call upon our readers, holding differing opinions, to follow us as we frankly present our views, and enforce them by argument with what force and ability we possess. If we fail in discovering a common ground where all sincere lovers of truth may meet and remain united, we trust that those who witness our failure will at least admit that our intentions were pure and commendable. To attempt to accomplish what has failed to be done by the friends of holiness across the border may seem to most to savor of the egotistical, but we have the feeling that to attempt and fail is better than to look helplessly on, and see the lamentable division which has taken place elsewhere established here also.