

were those of bitter reproach. This Dr. Hewett, who was executed for high treason, was the divine who had officiated at the marriage of Mary, his third daughter, to Lord Fauconberg. All these melancholy causes are said to have so affected him in body as well as in mind as to be considered at the time sufficient cause for the return of his ague. An attack of gout still further reduced him, and his haggard appearance became an occasion of alarm to those who knew him well. Fox,* the Quaker, met him riding in Hampton Court Park, and says: "I saw and felt a waft of death go forth against him; and when I came to him he looked like a dead man."

The physicians of Cromwell were Harvey, Bates, Maidstone and Worth. At this time intermittent fever set in, and the heart, perhaps fattily degenerated, showed early signs of giving out. Dr. Bates tells us that although all were anxious about him, he had sufficient strength to walk about and attend his duties. "But one day," says Bates, "after dinner, his five (I know of but four) physicians coming to wait upon him and having felt his pulse, said it intermitted; at which, being suddenly startled, he looked pale, fell into a cold sweat, almost fainted away, and ordered himself to be carried to bed, where, being refreshed with cordials, he made his will." Strangely enough, in his last illness he was possessed with a firm belief in his recovery. Observing the anxious countenances of the physicians, he is reported to have said: "Ye physicians think I shall die. Don't think I am mad; I speak the word of truth upon surer grounds than Galen or your Hippocrates furnish you with; God Almighty himself hath given that answer, not to my prayers alone, but also to the prayers of those who entertain a stricter commerce and greater intimacy with him. * * * Ye may have skill in the nature of things, yet Nature can do more than all physicians put together, and God is far above Nature." This account is taken from the "Elenchus" of Dr. Bates, which is scarcely a reliable authority. Death-bed speeches are in the majority of cases imaginary. That night "the chaplains and all who were dear to God," Dr. Bates goes

* *Fox Journal*, Vol. I, p. 485-6. Quoted by Mr. Cooper.