

reason to doubt that it is one of the most easily besetting sins, especially in regard to the performance of religious duties. Let it be repented of and forsaken, and the number of feeble churches will be very greatly diminished.

Other elements are *Unbelief and Faith*. They who believe nothing will accomplish nothing, hope nothing, attempt nothing. "He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is the rewarder of them that diligently seek him." He that would labor for Christ must believe in him as the sanctified and sent of God, and the revealer of his will. And he that would labor for the good of man must believe in man's capacities and wants, or he will have no sufficient motive for exertion. Thus faith in God, and Christ, and man are all necessary;—faith in the fulfilment of the Divine promise, in the works of an overruling providence, in the efficacy of Christ's mediation and in the ultimate success of human efforts. Not only is it true that nothing can ever be done without faith, but in every undertaking the result will always be "according to our faith." Hence the exhortation of the Apostle: "Watch ye; stand fast in the faith; quit you like men; be strong." Hence the declaration of Jesus: "All things are possible to him that believeth." And again: "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." And hence the words which were employed by our Saviour upon a still different occasion: "If ye have faith, as a grain of mustard-seed, ye shall say to this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove, and nothing shall be impossible unto you;"—meaning, no doubt, that through the power of faith they would be able to remove mountains of difficulties, and to accomplish everything that is within the