

I am not aware that the faith-cure writers expect all cures to be instantaneous.

On the doctrinal basis set forth in some of their tracts I do not see how they can expect it unless they hold the kindred doctrine of instantaneous sanctification. The Bible precedents would not encourage us to look for sudden recovery to perfect health. There is nothing in the passage in James to prove that the sick man was to be suddenly raised while the elders were anointing him with oil. And one very remarkable faith-cure experienced by Hezekiah was certainly not instantaneous, for he was directed to put a poultice of figs on the boil. But it was not the less a faith-cure. It was achieved by faith, and came not as a matter of ordinary providential efficiency accompanying the use of means. Such cures, I believe, are probable still. I believe that we are encouraged by the promises of God and the experience of his people to believe that faith is a real power in this world—a power which we may avail ourselves of with the utmost confidence of effecting something beyond the ordinary efficiency which accompanies the use of means. It is not often the ripe Christian weeps when the command comes, "Set thy house in order." His mind is more and more detached from the world, and he comes to realize that to depart and be with Christ is better. As we grow in grace our prayers become less specific. There is more resting on the Divine will and less dictating to God. Yet sometimes a Christian may have sufficient reasons for wishing to live. And I can understand how God might give his servant faith to wrestle and prevail in this hour. Again, we are sometimes called to stand by the bedside of those whom we have reason to fear are not converted. We would like

to see them not only converted, but raised up to health to give satisfactory evidence of their conversion; and in these circumstances I think that we ought, while acquiescing in the Divine will, not be faithless but believing, remembering that according to our faith it shall be to us.

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*To the Editor of the Knox College Monthly.*

DEAR SIR,—In your February number a correspondent, in reviewing the bright aspect college life now presented, called attention to some of the many signs of progress to be seen amongst us. We would heartily endorse his sentiments, adding our congratulations to his upon the appearance of that crowning "mark of progress,"—the successful issue of a College journal from our midst.

It is not our purpose to dwell upon the great benefits to be derived from such a journal as the one you have given us, but, following rather the tenor of the closing remarks of your correspondent, through your valuable columns to call attention to a department which seems at present to be almost neglected.

Those of our friends who favour us with a visit during College term, are conducted, among other places of interest, to a large room upon the third flat, bearing upon its door the label "Museum." The name is suggestive, yet we doubt if many of our friends feel repaid for the labour of climbing two pairs of stairs to view the contents of this large room.

The attention of those interested in our College is now turned to matters of greater importance than the procuring of specimens for the museum, though it too may, in time, indirectly derive a benefit from the movement now on foot. But in the meantime can we do nothing to make this department more attrac-