

"That Divine Healing, which he claimed to be merely a combination of faith and common sense, had been proven an effective cure for liquor and drug fiends, and had been remarkably successful in curing tubercular cases."

Such utterances are to be regretted. Good influences, whether from within the church or from without, may arrest a drunkard on his downward course. The strong suggestion of some "cure" may do this at times. But when the clergy begin dealing with tuberculosis they have a very different problem on their hands.

The results of medical science show that very many persons have suffered with tubercular infection at some time and recovered; but the results also show that these recoveries are found among the "sinners" as well as among the "saints;" and are so distributed that the element of Divine healing could hardly be claimed for many of them. The general law of immunity and resistance must be looked to for the explanation.

It is a matter of no small moment when those who are not properly informed upon medical questions undertake to instruct the public. In bygone days there have been many phases of faith healing. The middle ages were full of it. Then we have had the mesmerists and magnetists. Lately the public had the claims of Christian Science loudly proclaimed. All this goes to show that the "cloth" would best seek its own interests by closely adhering to its own special sphere, and leaving the care of the sick and injured to the medical profession. This plan will lead to least friction and the best results. The Egyptian and Grecian temples were full of faith healing and miracle cases.

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### THE PROPOSED OPTICIANS' BILL.

From the press it is gathered that the opticians of Ontario intend going to the Legislature during the coming session to ask for a Bill incorporating the opticians so that they may lay down some standard of qualification and set an examination.

Should such a Bill ever find its way to the statute book very serious consequences must follow. After a brief course of training on refraction and selection of lenses, many will go forth with the certificate of the Incorporated Opticians. This will give them an air of respectability in the eyes of the public.

Nowhere could a little learning be more dangerous than in the matter of dealing with people's eyes. Defective sight is not by any means a mere matter of an error in refraction and a pair of glasses. There may be very serious disease at the back of the poor sight. There may