

FAITH CURE.

Some three years ago there appeared in the *Presbyterian Review* an article by Rev. Dr. Stanton on "*Healing Through Faith*." The doctor had full faith in "Faith Cures," and quoted among other cases that of a Philadelphia boy whose arm had been broken and who had been healed miraculously in one night in answer to prayer. The story has been repeated and expatiated upon, and said to be vouched for by the physician. Dr. Cullis, of Boston, knew all about it; so did Dr. Stanton; so did Dr. Gordon (of Boston.) We confess it appeared to us tolerably authentic. It has now been investigated, and the result is to show that there was neither sign, nor wonder, nor miracle in the case. The very boy who was the subject of the "miracle" thus explains all:

Dear Sir:—The case you cite, when robbed of all its sensational surroundings, is as follows:—The child was a spoiled youngster who would have his own way, and when he had a *green-stick* fracture of the forearm, and after having it bandaged for several days, concluded he would much prefer going without a splint.

To please the spoiled child, the splint was removed, and the arm carefully adjusted in a sling. As a matter of course the bone soon united, as is customary in children, and being only partially broken, of course all the sooner. This is the miracle!

Some nurse, or crank, or religious enthusiast, ignorant of matters physiological and histological, evidently started the story, and unfortunately my name—for I am the party—is being circulated in circles of faith-curites, and is given the sort of notoriety I do not crave.

I have been pestered with letters on the subject from ministers and members of the fraternity who seek to rob us of our patients, but have consigned all such letters to my waste-basket. I take pleasure in giving you these few notes, trusting they will satisfy your mind in regard to this example of faith-cure. Very respectfully,

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The cardinals constitute the Papal court. Their importance is well indicated in M. About's concise and comprehensive summary of the Roman constitution:—"The Pope elects the cardinals; the cardinals elect the Pope."

A Hindu-Widow Re-marriage Association has been formed at Madras, with branches in various parts of the country. Its object is to educate the public mind on the question, and also to assist with advice, money, money, and, if necessary, with legal protection, any young man who will marry a widow. During the last two years this social movement has made great progress; and its success would have a most important influence on the physical and moral well-being of the people of India. Early marriage and enforced widowhood make the condition of Hindu women, especially of the higher class to be most unhappy, and lead to an immense amount of misery and other still worse results. The abolition of these customs would be tantamount to a beneficent social revolution, which, we trust, will not be long in taking place.

Temperance is making progress in Great Britain. Thus, in 1875-6, when the population was 32,739,000, the revenue from intoxicating drink was £31,209,000—19s. 1d. a head. Last year the population was 36,325,000. If the revenue had remained the same per head, it would have reached £34,660,000. But it was only £26,812,000. This is encouraging. The people drink less, and it is believed that it is not the pressure of hard times to which the improvement is owing, but to a real advance of temperance sentiment among the people.

When the State writes "Criminal" over the door-way of the most elegant drinking saloons, as well as over the lowest grog-shops; when it places at the bar of justice the tempter by the side of his victim, and when it stamps every package of liquor as a dangerous beverage, meriting destruction as a public nuisance, it has done much to warn the young and unwary, and to turn their feet aside from the downward path.—*Judge Pitman*.

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts,
not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart-throbs.
He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts
the best.