

from what source can this hope and courage come in such rich abundance as from Him who died that we might live?

Beyond asking for a blessing upon the means employed, and that the patient be sustained in the manner pointed out, can we look for special interference with the actual character of the disease? This is a hard question to answer. We are of those who believe that all things are under the full control of the Supreme Being; and that, be a disease due to a living germ, or to a dead poison, such an interference may take place so as to lessen its severity and shorten its duration. In time of war devoted Christians pray for peace; and in the storm at sea, not only that the ship be guided through it, but that the storm may assuage. It is the duty of the seamen to manage the ship, and so direct things that a wreck may be prevented; but it is God's prerogative to command the winds and the waves. In like manner it is our duty to care for the sick, to guide and guard them; but to a higher power belongs the right of special dealings, and that these special dealings will take place, if for the good of the patient and our

request be sincere, we have every reason to believe and expect.

With those who practise special kinds of treatment, as if some unusual virtue lay within their own persons, who pretend to make cures by laying on their hands, and lay claim to gifts above human, we have no sympathy; in like manner also with those who make "Faith Cures" a matter of daily routine. The circumstances of each case must strike the key-note, which will bring forth that exercise of genuine faith, capable of lifting the heart above the discordant elements around, and fixing it inseparably upon Him who could say to the winds, "Peace, be still," and to the paralytic, "Arise, and walk."

There are, however, diseases in which it would be absurd to seek special Divine aid beyond that on the means used. Many of these are fully understood by physicians, and the proper modes of treatment fairly made out. It would sound extremely strange to speak of a faith-cure for a case of tinea, or for the restoration to health of a man with a disorganized brain, as the result of long years of debauchery. In most instances of faith-cure the diagnosis was wrong.

LINGUISTIC STUDIES.

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In this article it is our purpose to discuss the importance and the advantages of the study of various languages, and to view it in relation to the outside studies of those who, whether as students of Divinity or ministers of the Gospel, have begun their special education. That every graduate of a college should pursue some line of study in addition to what his particular profession strictly demands, is

evident; for, though he has gone forth stamped by his college, no one knows better than himself how deficient his education is. This conviction is further forced upon him by the books he reads and the society in which he mingles, as they take for granted much of what he knows himself ignorant. The impression is deepened by the truly amazing demands for extensive culture made