

This truth has been neglected, but we can neglect it no longer when the advance of knowledge, by many voices, is telling us that body and mind are not two, but one, and that health is essential to the complete saint.

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CHAPTER VII

HISTORY OF HEALTH BY FAITH 245

The early Church healed the sick.

Later the heathen idea that sin had its root in the flesh, which had already influenced Judaism, triumphed over the doctrine of Jesus that sin was spiritual. Faith in the salvation of the body was lost; the physical nature was neglected; and the war between science and religion was the result.

At the time of Jesus the corporate mind easily received the doctrine of health by faith.

To-day the corporate mind has to recover this doctrine, and till it does so the individual, save in exceptional cases, cannot rise to it.

CHAPTER VIII

THE BALANCE OF NATURE 256

When the growth of physical and spiritual power do not correspond, man becomes ill-balanced.

A Church that persists in wailing that disease is the will of God is no worthy successor of the apostles.

The only basis for the corporate faith that will bring us health is the acknowledgment that God wills health for every man without exception, just as he wills cleanliness and goodness.

CHAPTER IX

THE NATURE MARVELS 263

The "nature miracles" are quite inexplicable, but cannot be dissociated from the historic Christ.

They point to a development of the earthly kingdom to be realised by future ages.

Careful consideration suggests that they will be found not to be miraculous.