

might be extended. As a general rule, a healthy body is essential to a healthy Christian experience. Some bodily conditions altogether preclude the exercise of a lively faith, or buoyant hope, or decision and activity. Moral treatment cannot overcome all the difficulties until assisted by wise and kind physical treatment. Some besetting temptations, as irritability of temper, are intimately associated with overwrought nerves and a disorganized digestion. Prayer and watchfulness need to be supported by a Christian regard for the health of the body, which is a temple of the Holy Ghost. On the other hand, how do some forms of faith cure succeed? Evidently through the repose and buoyancy of a restful mind acting directly on the nervous system, and that in turn starting a healthier action in all bodily organs. For parallel reasons, a healthy and bright religious and moral sentiment will give a healthy glow to the whole body, and fortify against fatigue and languor, and help to ward off diseases. A soundly converted man may, through the direct effect of the soul on the nerves, gradually grow out some diseased tendencies acquired from previous bad habits. This is one of many ways in which the gospel has a promise for the life that now is, as well as for that which is to come. Every Christian must be happier and healthier than he otherwise would be.

Medical missions have undoubtedly a more important part to play in the future. Knowledge and skill to heal is now substituted for the early Church's gift of healing; but we have not yet filled its important place in the work of saving the uncultured heathen world; nor have we quite caught the force of the correlation which the Saviour instituted between healing bodies and healing souls. He went about preaching the Word and healing the sick. The cure of the body prepares the mind for the cure of the soul, and for after service. In our home work, in our attempts to reach and elevate the masses, we have often been oblivious of the importance of the helpful physical conditions. Hugh Price Hughes said epigrammatically, that "We have been so busy saving souls that we have neglected to save men and women. The Salvation Army was discouraged in its spiritual work among the submerged tenth of London, until it