

never sick." The body, he says, has no life or intelligence whatever. Consequently, when sickness sets in, this only affects the dead particles of the body, and all the "real man" who dwells within has to do is to repeat to himself a formula like this:

My body is dead earth and water; that is not I. The only real part of me is the God part, mind, or life. I have a shifting bit of soil molded into a body. It is beautiful enough, but it is not I. Knowing that I am a part of all harmony, all health, and all power, I refuse to allow the dictates of the lower mind to force sickness and evil on my mentality. I am well, for the life is God, and God is never sick.

We believe this is the most profound philosophy the modern mind healers have been able to evolve, and it at once exposes the absurdity of the whole theory. The body is the house, they say, in which the man dwells. When the body needs repair, the indwelling man only needs to sit down and say: "I am not the body; I need no repair." And on repeating that abracadabra, the body will recover. What, if a man in a house where the roof leaks, the chimney smokes, or the windows are broken, would do nothing but say to himself: "I am not the house;" would that stop the leakage in the roof or keep the wind out of the broken window panes? No more will the mere repetition of a kabalistic formula restore the injured organs of the body. Were will power alone sufficient to overcome the effects of bad cooking, of the use of poisonous drugs and other causes of pain and decay, death would no longer be the unavoidable fate of mankind. Immortality in the flesh would be the result.

While the absurdity of the theory of mind cure must be apparent to anyone who will consider the matter, the fact remains that some cures have been effected, at least apparently. The explanation of this is near at hand. It is known that in this dispensation the power of the Almighty through the Holy Priesthood has been manifested to a degree hardly paralleled in former ages. Evil spirits were cast out, the sick were healed and persons to all appearance dead were raised up by the messengers of the Gospel in the name of the Lord. But it was always the policy of the opposing power to imitate to some extent the mighty works of the Lord, for the purpose of neutralizing the influence of such manifestations among the children of men. The sorcerers of Egypt counterfeited the signs of Moses; the disciples of the Pharisees cast out evil spirits in the days of Christ, and it is therefore but natural that mind cures, healing stations and similar phenomena should abound in this time, when the fulness of the Gospel is being proclaimed throughout the world, with all the powers and keys belonging thereto restored.

There is, however, a wide difference between the imitation and the genuine. Healing by faith rests on a true, philosophical principle. An individual who by faith and obedience to Divine requirements has rendered himself in harmony with his Maker, is—to the extent of his faith and obedience—a partaker of the Divine Spirit. This is the power by which he, when-

ever it is in accordance with the Divine will, is enabled to overcome sickness and even death. Were the true causes of sickness as well as the real methods whereby they are resisted by nature, known to science, it is probable that all healing, as well as all creative processes would ultimately be traced to the action of this Divine Spirit upon matter, and it would be found that healing by faith in God is after all not essentially different from healing by means of medical appliances. There is nothing absurd, no charlatanism in rebuking the evil in the name of Him who is Lord over all, when the authority to do so has been duly received.

One difference between mind cures and healings by faith is very marked. The former are almost always made for display and for money, while Christ generally enjoined the subjects of His mercy to tell nobody, but to give God the glory. Modern mind cures advertise their alleged powers in every possible way, bent on drawing crowds and accumulating wealth. The followers of Christ are humble in their work. It is done for the salvation of man, not for the glory of the instruments. Judging then from the principles on which both work as well as from the accompanying results, it is not difficult to recognize that which comes from God and that which is originated by the adversary. One is life and power and light to the soul. The other leads ultimately to death and destruction.

OUR FAIR FAME MENACED.

Up to the present time, so far as expressing an editorial opinion is concerned, the NEWS has been almost a silent observer of the proceedings that have been taking place since the work of canvassing the returns of the last general election has been in progress. The position of political neutrality which this paper has steadfastly maintained, and is determined to continue in, has made silence upon this subject proper and consistent thus far.

But a condition of public feeling in relation to it has been brought into existence which forbids longer forbearance on our part. We have no partisan feeling to express in regard to the gigantic scandal that is profoundly and painfully agitating the mind of every honorable and patriotic voter in the Territory; neither have we any charges to prefer against the Utah Commission, or any member of it; nor against any election judge or other public officer charged with any duty connected with the counting and canvass of the election returns. But it is impossible to ignore the fact that nearly every one of the errors alleged to have been discovered on opening ballot boxes, has been in favor of one particular party; and the singular character of this fact is immensely enhanced by the further fact that the party which is reaping the benefit of these alleged errors had a majority of the election judges at every poll in the Territory, and that it is the result of the count by these judges which the later canvass is proceeding to overturn.

All this is peculiarly unfortunate at this time, when we are on the verge of statehood, and about to enter upon a career that promises to be one of glory unsurpassed in all the sisterhood of states. It is most deplorable that the fair fame of our commonwealth should be thus menaced by the danger that is being created in connection with the canvass now in progress. If ever there was a whisper that any member of the Utah Legislature, during the forty-four years that Utah has been a Territory, procured his election by corrupt or improper means, the NEWS never heard the rumor. And shall it be permitted to be said that any member of the highest legislature our commonwealth can ever have, the one which will frame its organic law, obtained his seat through fraud or corruption? Thousands of voters of both parties, and in all parts of the Territory, stand ready to rise above all party lines and obligations, and cry out against the creation of such a possibility. Shall Utah go into the Union with the blot upon her reputation involved in the charge that her first legislative districts were fixed, and her first United States senators were elected in pursuance of a corrupt conspiracy?

The individuals who are at the present time manipulating the electoral affairs of this Territory ought to consider the measureless harm that may result from what is going on. What will be the effect on eastern capital which we are so anxious to have invested in our midst? How will our commercial credit, our bonds and securities be affected? If the individuals referred to suppose that the people of Utah are a class which will be slow to resent the infliction of the threatened injury upon their reputation and material interests, they are mistaken in the kind of men who built this fair commonwealth out of the materials furnished by the desert. Swift and condign will be the punishment which the voters of Utah will inflict upon the man or set of men responsible for doing them such great wrong.

Senator Stanford once said: "We have a long stretch of railroad in Utah, but we never had to spend a single dollar in watching the Utah Legislature, nor in any effort to prevent it from robbing us." Through all the years of Utah's struggles and growth her reputation for purity of elections and the integrity of her law-makers has been preserved, and it will continue to be protected. It must not at this moment be jeopardized or ruined, either by conspiracy, carelessness or corruption. The present feeling of sorrow and shame may, and surely will, turn to one of just and terrible indignation at any attempt to foist upon this people the miserable and outrageous methods that have made "returning boards" infamous in other places, and tampered with and defeated the sacred right of popular suffrage.

The NEWS again repeats its purpose to express no partisan feeling, nor make accusations; but in pursuance of a solemn duty—a duty it can no longer defer—it demands in the name of the people of this whole Territory, an honest count of the honest ballots cast, and the honest acceptance of the