

mesmeric or hypnotic influence, this is material, and no doubt is the secret of his power. Other men like him, doing what he does have appeared in modern times. But knowing little, almost nothing, of those branches of science which must be appealed to in an examination of his case, I cannot speak of him from the standpoint of the scientist nor can I employ the scientist's exact and technical terms to speak of him even from the standpoint of a student in theology. Under all circumstances, therefore, I must speak under favor.

I believe in God; that He is immanent in nature; that he is in the universe as the soul is in the body; that the life of God is the life of the world; that men, as part of the world, partake of his life; that he uses outward means to accomplish his purpose in the world; that his plan contemplates the service of men as well as of everything else in nature. How the life of God is in the world I do not see any more than how the soul is in the body. But no matter, I believe that God is working through Schlatter in a special manner as he works through other men in special manner. As he works through the statesman whose superior wisdom and influence lead a nation to prosperity; through the prophet who foretells future events; through the poet who expresses common thoughts and feelings as no other man can; through the scientist who reveals the secrets of nature for the benefit of mankind; through the physician who lays his finger on the seat of disease, and through the plants, shrubs, flowers, waters and atmospheres which the physician prescribes for the healing of disease, and to which, in favorable environment, God has imparted special healing virtue for the benefit of both man and beast. Under favorable conditions, perhaps, Schlatter has acquired an unusual supply of vital force, or whatever it is, which he is able to impart at will to others who have it in a less degree, and so are in a suitable condition to receive a temporary benefit through contact with him. I say temporary, because I think it is only an impetus that is received which requires subsequent care and treatment to sustain action so as to accomplish a cure. I understand his cures are confined to nervous diseases. Blindness, where the organs of sight have not been injured or destroyed, as by a blow, is the result of diseased nerves. But I am going out of my sphere. I merely want to give some reasons for saying that I do not believe Schlatter works miracles in the sense in which that word is commonly understood. That in my opinion there is no immediate and direct intervention of God in violation of the laws of nature in what he does. If there were it would seem that Schlatter should not show signs of exhaustion as it is said he does. Many physicians do what he does, but by slower and different processes because a sufficient supply of the particular virtue they needed is not immediately obtainable is at hand.

There is no miracle about it. Schlatter is not a second Christ in the sense that Christ is received by some people. He is no doubt a good man, and a signal to remind men of God's living and active presence in the world, as many another man has been. This, at least, is what I take him to be. As such I believe in him as I believe in other men specially endowed in other ways, as Darwin, Pasteur, or Edison. As in trees that bear fruit useful for food, or as in plants that contain useful medicinal qualities. Even the miracles of the Bible are only proofs of special mission, and the crutches of faith. They are not of the essence of the faith which the Bible teaches.

JOHN HEWITT.

Prof. H. H. Nicholson of the state uni-

versity, wrote as follows: "In response to yours will say that I have given this matter but little thought. Schlatter himself seems to be a simple, sincere and honest man. His so-called cures are, I think, altogether subjective."

Prof. Ward, of the state university, without taking time to go into a consideration of the subject, said: "Schlatter is in my opinion, the possessor, to a phenomenal degree, of animal magnetism."

Dr. Haggard thought that Schlatter imparts to his subjects a force that gives an impetus or vitality to the nervous system and thus produces an effect taken for a cure.

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