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"DISEASE OF THE SOUL."

"The worst of all diseases is light, compared with sin;
On every part it seizes, But most it works within.
'Tis palsy, dropsy, fever, And madness, all combined,
And none but a believer The least relief can find."

The Rev. Dr. LYMAN BEECHER relates that he was once called to see an intemperate and skeptical neighbor, whose conscience had been awakened. He was not ill, but the greatest terror had seized his soul. He begged others to pray for him, but persisted that he could not pray for himself. He continued in this state for three days, when nature could endure the strain upon her powers no longer. He died, as far as could be seen, *without any disease but that of the soul.* "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." God, out of Christ, "is a consuming fire."

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A QUAKER MONITOR.—It is related that Lieut. Commander Wm. B. CUSHING, already celebrated for his ingenious daring on more than one occasion, precipitated the evacuation of Fort Anderson, near Wilmington, by a Yankee trick. He constructed a dummy Monitor, that could not be distinguished from a real "cheese-box" at a hundred yards' distance; and when the soldiers had worked partly round behind the works, it was towed up near the fort (in the night) and set adrift. The tide setting up, the ugly-looking thing slowly floated past the fort, and the garrison, fearing that they were to be circumvented by both land and water, fled. This is for their quaker guns at Manassas—a Roland for an Oliver—only a better trick.