

F A I T H .

During the French Revolution, it is said, an atheist arose in the meeting of the Parliament one day and declared vehemently that there is no God. Looking up toward the sky he cried aloud "If there is a God, I challenge Him to strike me dead within two minutes". The place was filled with suppressed excitement. Many of the people had also lost their faith in God; nevertheless very few of them would have had the presumption or foolhardiness to have made this challenge. For two minutes the place was hushed and still. Some probably expected that a thunderbolt would strike the man dead. At the end of two minutes when nothing had happened the people again began to move about. They thought that the man had proved his case. But the patience of the Almighty could not be exhausted in two minutes. He who has stood the sin of the world so long, who has endured the God-defying, God-hating attitude of so many people so many years would not be moved to give way to sudden wrath after two minutes. The next day it is said as this deputy was coming to the Parliament building, ^a~~one~~ little insect landed in his eye. Poison entered his system and killed him in a short time. The Almighty did not waste a thunder-bolt on him.

No one has a right to feel that he can demand that the Almighty do anything. God who made the world and formed the elements for His own purposes knows how to make all things work together to achieve that what He desires.