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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

National.

The resolutions passed by the recent National Irrigation Congress at Albuquerque, N. M., strongly favor liberal grants of the use of public lands for the development of electric power, a census of the standing timber in the United States, the general conservation of waste water through reforestation, and other means, giving sweeping endorsement to the work of the reclamation service and the geological survey, and an increased appropriation for the support of these bureaus, the speedy cession of the Southern Appalachian and White Mountain national forests, an international congress on irrigation in Washington in 1910, and the placing of sugar on the free list.

The Country Life Commission, which was appointed last August, is expected to make a report in time to be available for the President in his message to Congress in December. Many facts desired were already at hand in various governmental departments, and these will be supplemented by correspondence along special lines. Its investigations will relate mostly to business and social conditions in the open country. The Commission will meet Dec. 8 in joint session with the National Conservation Committee.

The Massachusetts Railroad Commissioners, to which body the Merchants' Association and others of Boston and vicinity referred their complaint, have found that, based upon the facts relating to intrastate business, the rates of the American Express and the National Express Companies, within a radius of fifty miles of Boston, are "excessive and unreasonable."

The Atlantic battle-ship fleet, homeward bound, leaves Manila Dec. 1, stops from Dec.

14 to Dec. 20 at Colombo, and arrives at Suez Jan. 5. After passing through the Canal the fleet splits into four divisions, each division visiting a different Mediterranean port, reassembling at Gibraltar on Feb. 3. They will proceed thence direct to the United States, where they are due to arrive Feb. 22.

Through the operation of the Government powder factory at Picatinny, N. J., release from the high prices of the Powder Trust is promised, the plant there having a capacity of one thousand pounds a day. The success of this experiment may lead to the establishment of other plants at different points in the country.

The cause of the Chelsea, Mass., fire of April 12 last, which destroyed millions of dollars worth of property and rendered thousands homeless, is attributed by a court finding to careless cigarette smoking.

Prof. Harry A. Garfield of Princeton University on Oct. 8 assumed the presidency of Williams College, his own *alma mater*, as it was also of his brothers and of their father, the late President Garfield.

Wellesley College opened last week with the largest freshman class in its history, over four hundred; Cornell University also enrolled its largest freshman class, over one thousand.

Work on the new airship for the Wellman polar expedition is being carried out in France, and it is expected that the start for Spitzbergen will be made next May.

Thirty days in the city prison, with no alternative of a fine, was the sentence imposed by a New York justice last week upon a chauffeur convicted of overspeeding.

The National Anti-Vaccination Conference meets in Philadelphia Oct. 19.

International.

Wilbur Wright, in a recent flight at Le Mans, France, in his aeroplane, accompanied by a passenger, remained in the air 1 h. 4m. 29s. He has now fulfilled the conditions of the contract signed by him and Lazare Weiller, representing a syndicate, whereby he was required to make two flights within a week of fifty kilometers (thirty-one and a fourth miles) each, with a passenger or equal weight. The contract calls for the payment to Mr. Wright of \$100,000 by the syndicate, in return for which the syndicate obtains the patent rights of the machine in France and the colonies. M. Weiller has already given an order to a French manufacturer for fifty aeroplanes on the Wright model.

The second conference of the International Tax Association was held in Toronto, Canada, last week. Representatives were present from practically every State of the United States, from all the provinces of Canada, and from many of the leading universities of both countries. The list of subjects for discussion covered almost every phase of the question of taxation, national, state, municipal, land, personal property, and franchise. The first international conference was held in Columbus, O., last November.

The political map of Europe during the past week has been greatly changed. Bulgaria has proclaimed herself free and independent of Turkey, Austria-Hungary has annexed Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Crete has announced her union with Greece. The territory lost to Turkey in these changes amounts to over sixty thousand square miles, an area nearly equal to all the New England States, or about twice that of Scotland or Ireland. The population of the different states numbers about five million people.

Russia's naval budget, just submitted to the Douma, amounts to \$44,067,500, an increase over last year of \$616,000. The construction cost is \$8,155,000. The present

program includes the building of four battle-ships of twenty-three thousand tons each, five torpedo boat destroyers, to have a speed of thirty-five knots an hour, and three submarines.

A proclamation has been issued at Teheran, Persia, fixing the date of the elections for the new National Assembly and Senate Oct. 19, and the Shavval, or convening of Parliament, for Nov. 4. Conditions are imposed; for the new National Assembly will not be free to initiate any legislation, but must only accept or amend any legislative measures sent to it by the government.

The national industrial exhibition, the greatest of its kind ever held in South America, is now open in Rio de Janeiro. The Brazilians are particularly proud of the educational department, showing the advancement in the school and college systems, wherein they have incorporated many American ideas.

Japan is planning to give the American battle-ship fleet a sincere and generous welcome upon its arrival at Yokohama Oct. 17. The occasion is fraught with great international and political significance and Japan plans to make the most of it in allaying unbiased suspicions.

Holland, in a letter to President Castro of Venezuela, admits the offensive character of the letter written by her minister at Caracas, who was given his passports and dismissed summarily from Venezuela.

Industrial and Commercial.

A comparison between the work done on the Panama Canal and the Erie Canal, which is being reconstructed, shows that the excavation the first year at Panama was 243,472 cubic yards and in the Erie Canal 716,676; the second year 1,799,227 at the ship canal, and 1,460,705 in the barge canal; the third year, 4,948,497 and 4,500,459 respectively; the fourth year at Panama, 15,764,098; the fourth year at the barge canal, which will be the calendar year, thus far, month by month, approximates the totals at Panama.

New photographic plates, which make possible good snapshots in a half-light with an ordinary lens, have been produced in France.

General.

Attempts recently made to map out weather charts of the high seas between Europe and the United States are said to have proved entirely successful. The systematic experiments undertaken by the director of the Aix-la-Chapelle meteorological observatory, in conjunction with the Hamburg-American Line on their steamship Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, have been prepared carefully, telegrams relating to the weather condition on the coast of Europe being transmitted daily by wireless telegraphy from the observatory to the steamship on its way to New York throughout its voyage. It is hoped that the American and European governments and other authorities will cooperate, so that the weather conditions from the western boundary of the United States to the eastern boundary of Europe may be surveyed daily. It is believed that this would result in more accurate weather predictions.

Visitors to California will have access to a third forest of giant redwoods when the counties of Tulare and Fresno complete the construction of twenty-five miles of highway between Visalia and Redwood Canyon, in the Kings River country, where there is a grove of over fifteen thousand magnificent specimens of the *Sequoia gigantea*, many of which are said to compare in size and beauty with the trees of the Mariposa and Calaveras groups. It is probable that the property, which is as yet untouched by lumbermen, will be recommended to Congress for purchase as a national park. One tree in the redwood grove, recently measured by a government ranger, is one hundred and ten feet in circumference and is estimated to contain eight hundred thousand feet of lumber.

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WORKING OUT ONE'S SALVATION.

PROF. JOEL RUFUS MOSLEY.

IN the light of the Science of being,—that God is Spirit and perfect, and that man and the universe are spiritual and perfect,—the meaning of human life is realized only as we bring into consciousness, activity, and expression this perfection of God, man, and the universe. The bringing of this perfection to light in terms of human life and experience is the working out of our salvation. The complete coming of heaven to earth—the spiritual sense of being, or the consciousness of the allness and goodness of God, of Spirit, of Life, and of Love, here and everywhere, and of man now and forever spiritual and perfect as His image and likeness—this is the fulness of salvation for man and the universe.

Every thought and activity that gives recognition and response to the nature, unfoldments, and promptings of God and of our own spiritual and real selfhood, not only purifies the inner life from sin, fear, and discord, but also improves external human conditions. Everything that is thought and loved as well as done in secret, is always proclaimed on the housetops,—is made manifest in and on our bodies and environments, as well as actually confessed by us or found out by others. And this law by which the inner becomes the outer is a law of Love as well as of justice. It is just as loving to us that our errors should come to light as that our virtues should manifest themselves in terms of our whole being and environment. It is one of God's wise, kind, and effective ways of discouraging and destroying sin and of rewarding and encouraging virtue. It is as much to the glory of God as it is to our highest good that the evil comes to the surface to be destroyed, while the good comes to light to remain. The evil is punished and the good is rewarded not because God hates us, but because He loves us; not because He means for us to be lost, but to be saved, and saved through our own choice and efforts as well as His.

The law by which the inner takes form in the outer, by which our mental and moral and spiritual nature and activities manifest themselves in and on the body and the whole external environment, is best explained, and so far as we know can only be explained, on the basis that "all is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation" (Science and Health, p. 468). If this fundamental concept of the idealism of Christian Science is seen and accepted, then it becomes clear how it is that all false thinking and living become manifest as undesirable conditions of body and environment, and how it is that all right thinking and living manifest themselves in desirable conditions. It is seen why and how it is that the very nature of all error is to obscure our sense of the real, the true, the beautiful, and the good, while the perception and the love and all of the activities of good uplift and heal and beautify one's whole being and surroundings. The Science of the sciences is seen to be right thinking and living. The Principle of right think-

ing as well as of right living is revealed to be ever-present and omniscient Mind or God.

Even those who have not grasped an understanding of the law by which all mental, moral, and spiritual activities manifest themselves to our external senses, avail themselves of the beneficence of this law every time they think upon, desire, hope for, have faith in, love, and do whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, helpful, and of good report. All alike are transformed by the renewing of the mind. All who turn to God, to His perfect Christ and His perfect creation as present and as All-in all, find the veil of evil taken away. All who hope for salvation or freedom from all evil, and perfect union with God, with man's spiritual selfhood, and with God's whole creation, are by this very hope coworkers with God in working out their own salvation. All who have faith in a perfect God and Father, and Saviour, faith in the best within themselves, faith in the best that is in others and in the universe, by this very act of faith are coworkers with the divine Mind in working out universal as well as individual salvation.

To know God aright, and to know ourselves as His children and the universe as His reflection, and to love God with all the heart, might, mind, and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, is highest of all. Such knowledge and love are not only the means by which we work out personal and collective salvation, but the states of mind and the activities of good which constitute the very essence of salvation. We cannot even look upon the glory of God and the perfection of His ways and works without reflecting something of the glory and perfection of what we behold; as Paul says, "We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." Indeed, we become like whatever we look upon with approval, whatever we most believe in, hope for, and love.

God has not only provided all good for each and every one of us, but Christian Science shows that He has also given us the faculties which enable us to see, to know, and to enjoy this good. We can look upon the "glory of the Lord" because this glory exists and is reflected everywhere, and because we are given the faculties to perceive it, even if we do not at present see it "face to face," but "through a glass darkly." We hope in God, both because He exists and because we are given the capacity to become aware of His existence. We know God because He is, because He is knowable, and because we are given the ability to know Him. We love God because God is Love; because He loves us, and because He has made us capable of loving whatever is lovable. Indeed, God and the Son of God within us require nothing which we are not endowed and capacitated to think, do, and be. In the deepest sense it is God Himself who is "closer than breathing and nearer than hands and feet," and in whom we literally live, move, and have our being; who enables us to do, and to do well, whatever He wants us to do.

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God, from the very nature of His perfect being and allness, is not only the author and perfecter of our salvation, but also of the very faculties and activities by which we are enabled to become coworkers with Him in realizing our salvation from all evil and our unity with all good. And unity with God, with Christ, with one's ideal selfhood, with the children of light, and with all things beautiful, true, and good, is something even much higher and more desirable than a release from the sense and burden of evil. It is something so gloriously positive, so rich in content, that it means not only the completest activity and development of all of our capabilities, as sons of God, but also the fullest and worthiest satisfaction, joy, and bliss that it is possible for God to give and for us to receive; and our power to receive, being from God, is correlated with His power to give. We can work out our salvation because "it is God which worketh" in us "both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

SCIENTIFIC CHRISTIANITY.

C. A. QUINCY NORTON.

THE age in which we live, beyond any other period in the world's history, is rich in achievements for good and grand in its profound aspirations for real advancement. In whatever department of human activity we look, we shall find marked improvement over preceding ages, and when we contemplate mankind as a whole we can certainly note a steady advance in the human recognition of the supremacy of the ideal presented by the Master when he said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Humanity has heard the marvelous rhythm of heaven's sublime harmonies as revealed in Christ, Truth, and is rising above the mists of mortal fears and doubts. With a clearer understanding of the possibilities of man's God-given endowments, men are learning to refuse to be enslaved by conditions evolved from mistakes or to be fettered with shackles forged by ignorance.

Less than half a century ago a servant of God, who through suffering and bitter trials had slowly climbed to the heights above the fogs and mists of the world's narrow conception of the real, who had thrown aside the grave-clothes of a dead belief and had come to a realization of the need of a better understanding of ever-present divine Love, heroically proclaimed to the world the omnipotence of God in the omnipresence of good. Touched by an inspiration that came as a reward for loving obedience, Mrs. Eddy realized that her own wonderful restoration to health was the result of a divinely appointed law, and that this law was truly scientific; therefore unfailing, without "shadow of turning." As the great expounder of this divine law was the Founder of the Christian religion, she wisely designated her profound discovery Christian Science.

Standing as we do now, on the very fields where already numberless victories have been won through an understanding of the teachings of Christian Science, it is in a measure difficult to grasp in its fulness the great significance and grandeur of the work accomplished through the heroic devotion and unflinching self-sacrifices of our revered and loved Leader. Erect and fearless, amid a storm of abuse and condemnation that would have discouraged and disheartened one less brave and faithful, always returning love for hate, and only good for evil, she has stood unmoved and unshaken in her sublime faith,—her absolute trust in divine Love. Her inspired writings have given to many words of our language a deeper and clearer meaning than their merely material significance would indicate. Through her deep spiritual insight, she has made plain the seemingly hidden truths of the Bible,

and by the clearness of her vision has penetrated the clouds of mystery that creeds and dogmas had thrown over the glorious promises of the sacred writings. Through her tireless labors she has given to the waiting world, in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," a safe, sure, and satisfying guide, founded alone on the inspired Word of God, that will, when understood, overcome sin and heal all manner of disease.

Mrs. Eddy fully realized that if the discovery she had made was true it must be demonstrable, not alone in one case or condition, but in all cases and conditions. She clearly recognized the fact that a truth could not be wholly demonstrated until the Principle governing it was understood. With this purpose in view she earnestly applied herself to a deep and profound study of the Bible, and with Truth as her only guide she was able to solve the great problem before her and give to the world the proofs that Christianity is scientific. At first she labored without human help or cheer. Intuitively grasping the full meaning of the freedom promised through the understanding of the truth, she saw that the world was, in belief, shackled to sin and fettered by sickness, and that freedom from these relentless foes was the great need of mankind. She realized that emancipation from all false belief would follow compliance with the law of divine healing; she saw that depravity was not natural, that disease was not necessary, that sin is the result of ignorance; that evil is not real, and therefore not a power; that God is the only power, and that His power is good.

Unnumbered thousands of cases of successful healing have proved that her concept of the divine Principle of healing was right. These cases include every known abnormal physical condition that medical writers have classified, both organic and functional, acute and chronic, many of which had been pronounced incurable by physicians. Besides these, liquor and drug habits have been overcome, and the victims completely restored to normal conditions; infidels and atheists have been brought out of the darkness of doubt and gloom through a realization of liberty in divine Truth. A large proportion of the cases brought to Christian Science practitioners are those who, like the woman healed by Jesus, have "suffered many things of many physicians," and though they spent all they had in their efforts to find relief, they were "nothing bettered, but rather grew worse." From this class of patients Christian Science rescues many, restoring them to perfect health; and all are benefited and made better, both in mind and body.

If human testimony is worth anything, if the evidence of innumerable witnesses prove a fact, surely the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science has fully and completely proven that Christianity is scientific, and therefore divinely true.

REGRET OVERCOME.

ADA J. MILLER.

ONE of the most subtle phases of error that comes to hinder the advance of any one is regret. Every moment spent in regretting error is time spent in substantiating error's claim as a reality. Mrs. Eddy says in Science and Health (p. 355), "As for sin and disease, Christian Science says, in the language of the Master, 'Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.' Let discord of every name and nature be heard no more, and let the harmonious and true sense of Life and being take possession of human consciousness."

Regret is obstruction to progress; it is not of Life, and is not a quality of Mind, therefore its indulgence is the indulgence of sin in a subtle form that would call itself good. Whatever impedes our progress out of the wilderness of mortal beliefs should be summarily dealt with.

With Paul, we too must leave the things that are behind and press forward toward the mark of our high calling,—the demonstration of the truth of being, wherein we find man spiritual, not material; harmonious, not discordant; upright, not fallen; and see in him the image and likeness of God. If we deviate from Principle and find that we have an incorrect answer to our problem, regret will never correct the mistake; calm, clear study of our work will lead to the point where the error crept in. Even here there is occasion for rejoicing rather than for regretting, because a mistake discovered is easily rectified, and thereafter similar problems are more readily solved.

The strong character, even on the mortal plane, scorns the weakness of regret: he may not know how to review his work scientifically until the error is discovered, but he has the virtue of wasting no time in vainly dwelling upon what is irremediable. In Science we should rejoice in error uncovered and destroyed, because this is proof of progress and "progress is the law of God" (Science and Health, p. 233). In the light of Truth the words of Abigail to David become a direct message to us. No matter how slight or great our departure from Principle, if we see our mistake and turn from it, "this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offense of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself." Our direct call each moment is this, "Let the dead bury their dead" and "follow thou me."

OUR LESSON-SERMONS.

FRANK B. HOMANS.

JESUS said, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." Mrs. Eddy says, respecting our text-book, "Although this volume contains the complete Science of Mind-healing, never believe that you can absorb the whole meaning of the Science by a simple perusal of this book. The book needs to be studied" (Science and Health, p. 147). Christian Scientists are sometimes asked regarding their Sunday services: "Do you continually repeat the same subjects in your Lesson-Sermons?" "Do they not grow tiresome?" "Do you ever expect to have them changed?" We do not know what to-morrow may bring forth, but we are very positive that our Lesson-Sermons are never "tiresome," and that they never will be. They are always new, always different, always exceedingly interesting. To those unacquainted with Christian Science this may seem an incomprehensible statement, and be received with some doubt; but its truth can be established and good reason shown for making the claim.

The well-known combination lock in general use on vault and safe doors may assist in illustrating our position. The little circular knob which serves as a key has one hundred numbers, more or less, stamped on its rim. The lock is adjusted to work on a certain set of these numbers, and by turning the knob from left to right and right to left until each given number has touched the starting-point, the bolts are released and the door can then be opened. Because of the many figures on the flange the combination can be changed over a hundred thousand times, and in every case one has a new and different combination, each being as good and secure as its predecessor. This rule applies to our Lessons, and shows how the same subjects can be used year after year, yet each Lesson be unlike a former one, though equally good, strong, and convincing. There are so many beautiful passages in the Bible and Science and Health which all bear specifically upon our Lesson subjects, that by using a different arrangement of Bible verses, with varying readings from Science and Health, the Lessons are always

dissimilar, always fresh, and always bring out new thoughts. Thus a reference from the Bible in connection with a sentence from Science and Health which would elucidate the subject "God" could be used in conjunction with another paragraph from Science and Health with equal effect on the subjects "Life," "Truth," and "Love;" and this interchange of readings could go on indefinitely, even as the combinations on the safe door, and still be always diverse.

As another reason which adds to the varied qualities of these Lessons, I would call attention to the six subdivisions, which are distinctly separate one from the other, each bringing out a different idea regarding the one subject; hence it is most important that students should grasp the leading thought in each section in order to get the full benefit from the Lesson. The subject "Life" might be brought out as follows: First, Life is God; second, no life in matter; third, the perfection of spiritual Life; fourth, the belief of life in matter brings sickness and sorrow; fifth, the allness of Life demonstrated by Christ Jesus; sixth, Life is eternal. Every idea thus brought out is sustained by the Bible reading and verified and explained from Science and Health. In a *Sentinel* editorial, published some time ago, it was stated that the first reading from Science and Health in each section is usually an index to the subject of that section. The student of these Lessons who applies himself regularly to them every day, not only derives great benefit therefrom but is in a more receptive frame of mind, better prepared to listen, and absorbs more of the truth on Sunday, than one who neglects the thorough study of all six sections each day.

There is still another explanation of the statement that the Lesson-Sermon is never tiresome nor the truth exhausted, although the same subjects are used. The following instance will help to show how this is possible. A friend of the writer is one of the most advanced mathematicians in the country. All her life she has devoted her entire time and energy to this study, progressing steadily. When asked if she could still find anything new and interesting in it, she replied, "Oh, yes! My thoughts are enlarging, taking in broader ideas, and I can see that the research is endless." Now if this is true regarding anything material, how much more is it possible with spiritual development. Even if the identical Lessons were to be repeated year after year, our growth in spiritual understanding would enable us to see them each time from an ever-advancing view-point, and they would mean more and more to us, become more beautiful, and contain more spiritual nourishment.

This proves the great wisdom of our dear Leader in giving us these subjects and the methods of using them for our instruction, rather than leaving the interpretation of the Word to differing thought and opinion. The wise Scientist will always be grateful for this grand supply of daily as well as Sunday food, and for the great amount of thorough and intelligent work which is bestowed upon the preparation of our Lesson-Sermons.

SUPPLY THROUGH RIGHT THINKING.

GENEVA MARY CLIPPINGER.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, in lifting mankind out of the bondage of belief in matter into the freedom of Mind, is overcoming that which has been one of humanity's most cruel taskmasters, namely, the belief in poverty. It is scientifically destroying poverty by revealing the fact that the only true substance is Mind, and that this substance is brought into demonstration through right ideas, through right thinking. This fact is clearly indicated in the 1st Psalm: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel

of the ungodly, . . . But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

Science shows to us that because man is the likeness of Mind, the real man always reflects right ideas, therefore he always possesses unlimited substance. It follows, then, that whatever causes the belief of lack of substance is some form of denial of the First Commandment, some argument which declares that there is more than one creator and that man is not the image of God—of Mind. But what can an argument do that is based upon a false assumption? It can do nothing more than deceive so long as it is believed in. It can never change an actual fact. Millions of mortals may be banded together to uphold the argument that there are two opposing powers, one good, the other evil; but such a union cannot produce the slightest effect upon the eternal fact that there is only one power, God, good. The whole world did at one time believe and argue that the earth was flat, but the argument had not the slightest effect upon the real fact of the earth's rotundity; it merely held men under a sense of deception for a while. Because the argument was not founded upon truth, it was inevitably destined, like every false argument, to be discovered as untrue and every vestige of its effects destroyed. It was knowledge of the truth about the earth which destroyed this argument, and it is knowledge of the truth that always has and always will destroy every false argument to which it is applied. The knowledge and assimilation of the truth that man reflects the one perfect Mind reverses and destroys the argument that any man of God's creation is limited in right ideas or in substance.

Those uninstructed in the Science of Mind may ask at this point, How can you prove that a man who has right ideas has substance? Is it not true that some brilliant and some very good men do not possess abundance? This shows that it is necessary to be clear as to the definition of what constitute right ideas. Christian Science affirms that the only right ideas are those which originate in the one Mind; in other words, God's ideas. An idea may always be judged as to its source by its effect. A right idea, or a God idea, always operates to produce a good effect; as, for instance, the reflection in an individual's consciousness of the idea that man as God's creation is absolutely lovable, will cause the individual to see the real man, at least in a measure, and love him. On the contrary, any so-called idea, based upon the assumption of a human intellect,—a belief that the individual has a bright little mind of his own, quite apart from the one Mind,—is a belief harmful in its effect and apt to operate for deprivation. So, too, the individual who believes that he has any righteousness of his own which is not also common to every child of God, is not fostering a right idea but a mistaken belief. Such beliefs reveal themselves in many ways and cause a more or less conscious feeling of separation from other men, thereby limiting the individual's opportunity for service.

These exceedingly simple illustrations may help to show the difference between a right idea and a human concept, but every student and practitioner of the truth contained in Science and Health is learning more and more of the deep metaphysics of right ideas, and of the great importance of guarding against holding mere human opinions. As each member of the Church of Christ, Scientist, works to gain the true sense of supply, strives to gain daily more understanding of man's likeness to the one Mind and a clearer recognition of the power of Truth,—the sense of poverty and of separation from good is lifted somewhat and made less formidable. The Christian Science Church is therefore the greatest charitable institution in the world,

for it is scientifically overcoming the universal belief in poverty by a right understanding of God, and of man as the perfect expression of God—Mind; thus proving, by a knowledge and demonstration of the fact, that because abundance comes through the understanding of right ideas, man has unlimited supply.

CONSECRATION.

L. T. EADY.

It is very interesting to notice, according to Young's Concordance, that in the original text of the Bible the word "consecrate" has a different meaning in the Old Testament and in the New. In the Old, the word means to devote, to separate, to set apart. In the New it occurs only twice, and then means to make new and to make perfect. This is surely significant, and typical of the manner in which mankind have regarded the thought of consecration as detailed in Bible history and in religious life.

In times past certain days were devoted to God, certain people separated for God's service, certain animals, vessels, etc., set apart for God. As in the community, so in the case of the individual,—one's first idea was that it was enough to set apart, consecrate, special days, one day a week, and of that only a few hours in which to think of God and higher things. Again, five minutes more or less were to be devoted to God. Gradually, as one grew spiritually, more time, more money were to be given and we were to separate more from the world. But what a deep and searching meaning is given to the word as we gain its higher meaning. If we are consecrated, we are to be perfect. Every day, every hour, every minute, is to be consecrated to God, good! This does not mean that we are to be physically separated from the world, or that we are to be engaged only in the orthodox conception of "Christian work," but that we are, as Paul tells us, to "walk in the Spirit," see the spiritual reality always and not the seeming discords; that we are to "abide" in Christ, Truth, and hold to the truth of being, whatever the lie of mortal sense may tell us.

Mrs. Eddy says in Science and Health (p. 428), "We should consecrate existence . . . to the eternal builder, the everlasting Father, to the Life which mortal sense cannot impair nor mortal belief destroy." If we consecrate every thought to God, good, Love,—"bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ,"—then the deeds and words, yea, the whole life will become consecrated, as the inevitable result; until spiritual sense has "quenched all earthly yearnings" (Science and Health, p. 314), and we become consciously one with God, even as Christ is one with the Father.

[Written for the *Sentinel*.]

THE RIVER OF TEARS.

EVELYN GAGE KNIFFIN.

THE river of tears is a phantom stream,
That is fed by the springs of woe:
It flows through the valley of broken hearts,
Where the weeds of sorrow grow.

Its waters are bitter with human cares,
Bright hopes by its waves are tossed;
But it onward flows to the sea of Love,
Where the river of tears is lost.

Then the sun of Truth, with its rays of joy,
Bursts through the clouded sky,
And shineth down on the springs of woe,
Till the river of tears is dry.

SELECTED ARTICLES.

[Marion Howard Brazier in *Marsh's Magazine*.]

Whatever may be said of Christian Science, for or against, the one indisputable fact remains—that of its quiet, unseen influence in our communities. Its most strenuous critics admit that “there’s something in it,” when they encounter on all sides those who have unmistakably been “made over,” as it were,—who see the “silver lining,” who are no longer pessimistic, who no longer bore everybody with their tales of woe, and who have learned, like Mark Tapley, to be “cheerful under all circumstances.”

The “doubting Thomas” may well look into this phase of the question, study it, think about it, and then practise a bit of it. Is it worth while? Try it, and see if your path is not smoother, the outlook brighter. This is one step toward becoming better morally, it gives food for thought, it puts you on better terms with yourself and every one around you, it makes you most desirable as a companion, friend, and comforter. A case in point is that of a Boston woman, a professional writer, brought up in the Unitarian faith, but who did not pose as a Christian; in fact, she was not a regular attendant at her church, going rather just when the spirit willed. She was of a high-strung, supersensitive temperament, impulsive, critical, more or less fault-finding, partly owing to the lack of a guiding hand when young, and to the absence of home influences.

When the new church in Boston was completed, in June, 1906, she was delegated by her newspaper to write up the dedicatory exercises; and she rebelled, having at the time no personal interest in Christian Science. It was a hot day, and she had to rise at half past five in order to attend the first service. On reaching the scene and finding herself too late to get in, she began to scold and fuss; then she looked at the long line of men and women, reaching as far as the eye could see. She noted first the serenity of their faces, their repose and patience, their well-bred and prosperous appearance, their absolute coolness. All this acted like an antidote; she suddenly felt herself humiliated, humbled, rebuked, and so she took her place in line, catching instantly the right thought, vowing to curb her selfishness and cultivate a better frame of mind.

From that hour this woman began really to live. She got her lesson, not from any word spoken or reproachful glance, but simply through the silent example of the twenty-five hundred Christian Scientists before her very eyes. They were from various parts of the world, gathered there with one purpose, and of one mind regarding the great benefits derived through divine Love. Within the edifice were five thousand others, and four times that day the scene was repeated within and without.

Well, the woman entered, followed the service, sang the hymns, was deeply impressed with the silent prayer, and came away a far different being from the one who left her home out of sorts three hours earlier. She adopted the church, and in two years she has done wonders with herself,—has grown younger in looks and feelings, has abandoned all moody thoughts, is able to do splendid work, has overcome her sensitiveness, having learned that it is mere vanity and selfishness. Her friends marvel at the change, and seek her company nowadays, as they get a bit of an inspiration and a little stiffening of their spinal column.

Now, on that first day, nobody spoke to her except an usher, nobody urged her to “come again,” and nobody preached Christian Science to her; but an unseen influence permeated the atmosphere that has made this woman’s life brighter. It caused her to do better work, thereby increasing her income; it made new friends, it drove away from her mind all thought of disease which

she had fancied possessed her, until now she is a perfectly well woman and in a quiet way is helping others to enjoy the same blessings.

There was an interesting scene in a Boston shop the other day between a purchaser and a woman clerk. The former desired to match something a bit difficult as to shade. The clerk took special pains, showing a vastly different temperament from one whom the purchaser had encountered a few moments previously in another shop, so she said, “I am sorry to trouble you on such a hot day,” whereupon the girl looked up with a radiant smile and said, “Nothing troubles me, madam; it is a pleasure to serve you, and I do not mind the heat.” What happened? Two hands clasped, that’s all; but there was the Christian Science bond between them, and no words were needed. It is hardly possible to go into any of the large shops of Boston, for instance, without being able to pick out the ones who have been aided by Christian Science, if only in a small way. They do not advertise themselves, but there is something that radiates and reaches out, and when once found proves a lasting benefit. Such clerks are invaluable to their employers, and we often hear of increase in salaries in consequence. Prosperity follows in the wake of a desire to become better men and women, and when Christian Science becomes more universal there will be less poverty and fewer charities to maintain.

Perhaps to no other profession does Christian Science so distinctly appeal as to the theatrical. Actors and actresses are emotional beings, usually high-strung, sensitive, and many of them erratic. Here and there we find them philosophical, receptive to religious influences and teachings. They are all of them hard and conscientious workers, with many to please, and as a rule they have little time to theorize. Those who have made ever so slight a study of Christian Science, however, are quietly spreading the gospel. Stage managers rise up and call them blessed, for where the devotees of this—to them—new faith are, harmony reigns.

It is generally known that Charles Klein, America’s most successful playwright, set the example some years ago, when he wrote “The Music Master,” “The Lion and the Mouse,” “The Daughters of Men,” three of the strongest plays of this generation, plays that tell forcibly some plain truths and which point good morals. Mr. Klein inherits his taste for metaphysics from his father, and he found in Christian Science just what he needed to give him courage to overcome obstacles. Mr. Klein is an enthusiast on the subject, and frankly says he owes much of his success to its teachings.

Lindsay Morison, actor and recent manager of the Boston Theater, is a regular attendant at The Mother Church, and he radiates cheerfulness. It is always a genuine pleasure to meet him, and one feels that all is well in his relations with the world at large. His attractive wife, Rose Morison, shares in the prosperity and happiness which comes into the lives of those who are sincere in their belief that Christian Science is a panacea for all ills of mind and body. Every Sunday in any Christian Science church in a large city you will find members of the profession in large numbers. This is particularly true of New York and Boston. In the latter city are many regular attendants like Mr. and Mrs. Morison, among them Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller and their young daughter, Doris, Mr. Miller having found the service and teachings of great comfort to him in “facing the music” when emergencies arise. Petite Ida Mülle, who recently spent several weeks in Boston, went regularly to the service, always finding some congenial sister actress there. Lucille La Verne is another devotee of The Mother Church, and never missed a service until called away to go *en tour*, and then she followed carefully the Lesson-Sermons. Lina Abarbanell puts her study into practice and is a silent power in

the company, buoying them up while on the trains and during rehearsals just by her example of cheerfulness and loving thoughts. Many members of Mr. Klein's companies have adopted Christian Science as a "cure for all ills." They are happier in their work, which is no longer irksome, and they effectively and silently smooth out many alleged troubles. Others see the influence exerted and soon follow suit. Communities are benefited, and the great world must needs be better in every way for the advent of this great power for good, for mental uplift, for that which keeps us on our best behavior and gives us grace for the day.

[Editorial by A. E. Piercy in the *Saturday News*, Watertown, S. D.]

The contemplation of death and its seeming inevitability need not make us utterly despondent. Mankind in all ages have been face to face with the impossible, and have triumphed over it. In myriads of cases we enjoy to-day the victories of science which at one time were considered mere chimeras and declared absolutely impossible of attainment. Man is continually triumphing in the material sphere; he is proving himself master of the multitudinous manifestations of force, and science teaches that all things are the result of force. The earth is a mass of manifested forces. In his study of material things and their origins, he is continually coming face to face with the spiritual forces that lie behind them and give them birth and substance. As he faces and studies these forces that lie back of all things which are or seem to be, is it not reasonable to believe that he will bring these causes, as he is slowly harnessing their results, within the grasp of his comprehension and dominion? The conquest of the spiritual lies through the overcoming of the material.

Men have ever dreamed of the possibility of the conquest of death. Every great mind has dreamed of it, has looked for the day when men shall die no more. When men attack death on the spiritual plane as persistently and sincerely as they now study life on the material plane, the conquest of death will follow as a natural sequence; it will be the final victory proving man's divine origin. And are we not overcoming some of the causes of death, and bridging imperceptibly the gulf that lies between us and the power that lies dormant in every one of us? Was the great Nazarene an idle dreamer, a teacher of fantastic but beautiful impossibilities, as Renan would have us sorrowfully believe, when he declared with all the divine vehemence within him that men would not die who believed in him? The Church throws the proof of his teaching into the future world, after death. Does not this make his statement thus: that if men die, they shall not die? Is not the essence of his teaching that men, some day, in some age of spiritual advancement and transcendental enlightenment, according to laws but dimly perceived as yet, such as we poor mortals scarce can dream of, shall have eternal life without passing through the grim portals of the kingdom of the arch-enemy, death? If men are gradually overcoming the causes of death, and thereby are lengthening the span of life to some mortals, it is within the bounds of possibility that in time even death itself may be overcome and life eternally lengthened for all.

The world is passing from under the dark cloud of skeptical materialism into the light of a better day of spiritual development and growth. The study and progress of the future will lie along the line of mental development and the conquest of the causes of things. Man is proving himself master of his environment; he is groping forward to the day when with higher vision he will gaze with open and unfaltering eye upon cosmic causes. Earth, fire, and water, with the grosser things, have been harnessed to his chariot. The more ethereal

elements are more slowly answering to the imperious call of his dominion. His desire for mastery is reaching out to the more intangible, unseen forces which are the controlling powers of all things visible. His desire to invade the air for the purposes of aerial navigation will as surely result in success as his desire to harness the forces of steam resulted in the steam engine and its wonderful adaptations. When man seriously contemplates the conquest of any object, the first steps toward ultimate victory over that object are already taken, and its complete subjugation is only a matter of time,—of days, of years, of ages.

Death comes to all, we say, and no one has yet overcome the dread visitant. The churches tell of one—only one among the myriads of men—who succeeded in destroying its power, and set an example which no other has yet followed. Is his conquest the prophecy, the foreshadowing, of the ultimate overcoming of death by all men? Christian teaching points with no uncertain aim to that day when death, the last enemy because the strongest, shall be utterly vanquished. All pagan legend and Christian parable foretell the ultimate triumph of right over wrong, of health over disease, of life over death. Therefore we may hope and dream, even as we smile into the face of the grim reaper men know as death, of those golden days when death shall be unknown.

[Frederick Dixon in *The Mystic*, London, Eng.]

I wish to protest against the bad habit to which the press seems to have succumbed, of pitting various other healing methods against that of Christian Science. Time will show, without any room for question, which method is the nearest to truth, and consequently the most efficacious. Meantime may not these others and the Christian Scientists go their separate ways, in the words which Abram spoke to Lot, in the centuries that are passed, in the land between Bethel and Hai: "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren." Furthermore, no one who comes to Christian Science for help is "called upon to subscribe" to any of the doctrines of Christian Science. Christian Science is healing sickness and sin all over the world without insisting on anything of the sort. I should say that in the enormous majority of cases those who are healed do not accept the teachings of Christian Science until their healing is complete, certainly not until it has begun. Christian Science leaves every man quite free to choose, and Christian Scientists know that unless a man has seen for himself, his adherence to the movement would be very far from being a cause of strength to it. For this reason they never attempt to persuade people to become Christian Scientists.

Finally, it is not quite fair to say that a certain church in Boston claims to accomplish all that Christian Science does. The rector of this church draws a hard and fast line between the healing of functional and organic disease, and declares emphatically that the latter is incurable, while Christian Science insists that "the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save." Jesus, it is quite certain, drew no such line. He healed deafness and blindness, leprosy and lameness, the withered hand and the issue of blood, the demoniac boy and the paralytic man, quite indiscriminately, just as he raised the dead; to say nothing of stilling the tempest, walking on the water, feeding the multitude, and finding the tribute money. The very words in which he defended his claim to the Messiahship put the question at rest for ever: "Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached."

[Luther P. Cudworth in the *Portland Oregonian*.]

The history of the Christian Science movement and of its Leader plainly shows that she had to blaze the trail for herself, relying solely upon the guidance of the Scriptures and the teaching and demonstration of Jesus the Christ in giving this Science to the world. Faith-healers have appeared from time to time, wrought miracles, and disappeared, together with their works. Christian Science, however, founded as it is on an exact and demonstrable Principle, has nothing in common with such ephemeral phenomena of human belief, but gives to its beneficiaries not only the physical healing which they seek, but also a working knowledge of its Principle, which they can in turn apply for themselves and others in the healing of sickness, sin, and all discordant human conditions.

[A. W. Mainland in *The Tribune*, Winnipeg, Man.]

Christian Science, as the name implies, is a system of healing which uses the spiritual means employed by Christ Jesus in his healing work. There is no evidence in the accounts of his work that the cures effected by him were brought about by "suggestion" or "concentration" of thought. He said, "The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do;" and, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Christian Science heals through the understanding of Truth and Love, operating in the human consciousness and destroying all erroneous beliefs of fear and sickness and their consequent effects on the body. In *Science and Health*, page 144, Mrs. Eddy says, "Human will-power is not Science. Human will belongs to the so-called material senses, and its use is to be condemned. . . . It produces evil continually, and is not a factor in the realism of being. Truth, and not corporeal will, is the divine power which says to disease, 'Peace, be still.'"

[Frank W. Gale in the *Madera (Cal.) Tribune*.]

When Christ Jesus healed one who was blind and dumb, the Pharisees said it was done "by Beelzebub the prince of the devils;" but Jesus declared it was "by the Spirit of God" that the healing was effected. He also said, "The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

This shows plainly that Christ Jesus did his healing works through the power of God, the one infinite Spirit, and said that those who believed on him should do the same work. When Jesus sent the disciples forth on their mission, "he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick," and it is recorded that "they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where." But one case is referred to that they could not heal, that of the epileptic boy. Jesus at once healed him, and when the disciples asked why they had failed, he replied, "Because of your unbelief." He did not consider the case incurable because the disciples could not cure it, nor did he recommend drugs, suggestion, or any material means for healing, but applied a higher understanding and faith in God than the disciples possessed at that time, and so healed the boy in accordance with his own saying, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Christian Science follows this method of the Master and depends upon the power of God, rightly understood, for healing every kind of sickness and disease, both functional and organic.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

CRANFORD, N. J.

With simple but impressive ceremonies the corner-stone of the new edifice of First Church of Christ, Scientist, was laid Tuesday [Sept. 29] at dawn. The services were under the direction of the board of trustees, and were conducted by Charles G. Bliss, First Reader of the church. A copper box, containing the Bible and Christian Science books and literature, was sealed in the stone, which bears the simple inscription, "First Church of Christ, Scientist, A. D. 1908." After the stone was in position Mr. J. B. See read the poem "Laus Deo," which was written by Mrs. Eddy for the laying of the corner-stone of The Mother Church in Boston in 1894.

Work on the edifice for First Church is progressing rapidly and the frame will soon be ready for the outside stone and stucco. The interior decorations and furnishings will be very beautiful.—*Cranford Chronicle*.

PORTLAND, ORE.

Work was begun last week [Sept. 7] on the excavation for the basement of the new First Church of Christ, Scientist, to be erected on the half block bounded by Everett, Eighteenth, and Nineteenth Streets. The present operations will be completed about Oct. 1, when the foundations will immediately be put in. When completed the structure will be one of the most imposing in the city. At the present time it is not known whether the building will be constructed of stone or of brick. This matter will not be determined until the foundations have been completed. The building committee has announced no date on which the building is to be completed, but it is presumed it will be some time during next summer. The cost of the structure will be between eighty and ninety thousand dollars.—*Portland Oregonian*.

WATERTOWN, S. DAK.

The laying of the corner-stone of First Church of Christ, Scientist, of this city took place at half past ten o'clock this morning [Sept. 23]. The ceremony was very quiet and unostentatious, so characteristic of the doings of these people. Most of the material for the structure has been purchased and paid for, and the work can now go on without further delay. It is expected that the roof will be finished before severe weather sets in and the first floor prepared for services this winter. The dedication will probably take place early next year.

Watertown Public Opinion.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

The contract for the erection of the Christian Science church at Bryson and Spring Streets has been let. The edifice will be fifty by eighty feet, of brick and stone construction, with steel girders, and will be semi-fireproof. The interior will be entirely of natural wood finish, and it is thought that when complete it will be one of the handsomest of the Christian Science homes.

The Youngstown Vindicator.

NOTICE.

Christian Scientists who are connected with the newspaper business in any capacity are requested to send their names and addresses, also full particulars as to training, experience, and present employment, to the Trustees of The Christian Science Publishing Society, Falmouth and St. Paul Streets, Boston, without delay.



MRS. EDDY TAKES NO PATIENTS.

The author of the Christian Science text-book does not consult nor read letters on disease. Writing to Mrs. Eddy upon proper subjects is *not* prohibited. Take no notice of startling reports about Mrs. Eddy. Our Committee on Publication will be reliable on this subject. Beware of counterfeit letters.

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR.

WE are pleased to announce that, with the approval of our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, The Christian Science Publishing Society will shortly issue a daily newspaper to be known as *The Christian Science Monitor*. In making this announcement we can say for the Trustees of the Society that they confidently hope and expect to make the *Monitor* a worthy addition to the list of publications issued by the Society. It is their intention to publish a strictly up-to-date newspaper, in which all the news of the day that should be printed will find a place, and whose service will not be restricted to any one locality or section, but will cover the daily activities of the entire world.

As to the motive which has led to the establishment of a daily paper of this character, there is nothing we could say that would be so forceful or so timely as the announcement made by Mrs. Eddy when she established *The Christian Science Journal*. We quote as follows from her article, "A Timely Issue," as it appears in "Miscellaneous Writings":—

"Looking over the newspapers of the day, one naturally reflects that it is dangerous to live, so loaded with disease seems the very air. These descriptions carry fears to many minds, to be depicted in some future time upon the body. A periodical of our own will counteract to some extent this public nuisance; for through our paper, at the price at which we shall issue it, we shall be able to reach many homes with healing, purifying thought."

The last clause of the above quotation strikes the key-note for the *Monitor*, and what it will stand for. It is this "healing, purifying thought" that not only Christian Scientists but the better class of people everywhere are demanding to-day. The tide is "at the turn;" the current of human thought is setting in the direction of that which alone is real—the good that men do, and not the evil. All over the land there has been and is a call from the fathers and mothers who feel their responsibility in this direction, who are asking for a paper that will supply vital current news, the things we want to know and ought to know about our fellow-men, but which are submerged in the daily tidal wave of crime and disaster which the ordinary newspaper would have us believe sweeps over the world. There is a field, and a wide one, for a clean newspaper, and it is this field which the *Monitor* is entering.

It will be the mission of the *Monitor* to publish the real news of the world in a clean, wholesome manner, devoid of the sensational methods employed by so many newspapers. There will be no exploitation or illustration of vice and crime, but the aim of the editors will be to issue a paper which will be welcomed in every home where purity and refinement are cherished ideals. It is intended that the *Monitor* shall contain, in addition to the usual news features of the best city papers, such special departments as will make it a home paper of the highest grade,—one which will appeal to good men and women everywhere who are interested in the betterment of all human con-

ditions and the moral and spiritual advancement of the race. From the "news" standpoint the *Monitor* will be of far wider scope than a merely local daily would cover, and will be read with interest from Maine to California and from Canada to Mexico. Even our friends across the sea will find the *Monitor* interesting from this standpoint.

While all Christian Scientists are requested to subscribe for the *Monitor*, for we believe it is only by their support that the success of an absolutely clean and unsensational newspaper can be assured, it is not believed that they alone are interested in a paper of this character. Indeed, it is hoped and believed that all others who have seen the need of a reform in journalism will find in the *Monitor* the ideal newspaper for which they have longed, and that they too will support it on its merits.

The sale price of the *Monitor* will be two cents each copy, and the subscription price in the United States will be five dollars for one year, or three dollars for six months. In Canada and Mexico the subscription rate will be six dollars and fifty cents for one year and three dollars and seventy-five cents for six months; in all other countries eight dollars and four dollars and fifty cents respectively. Subscriptions may be sent to The Christian Science Publishing Society, Falmouth and St. Paul Streets, Boston, Mass., or through local Reading Rooms.

ARCHIBALD McLELLAN.

WHICH IS THE REAL?

A NUMBER of years ago, a distinguished philosopher, Sir William Hamilton, discussed at some length the assertion that pain is possibly the real, and peace and pleasure merely negative,—its absence. The ordinary thinker would at once scout such a proposition, and yet when we come to present-day medical theory and practice we find a strong belief in the certainty and reality of evil, and deep-seated doubt as to the reality and permanence of good; nor is this to be wondered at, when we remember that the most advanced courses in medical schools are devoted almost entirely to the study of disease in its most dreadful forms. The result of such study seems to be to impress the students with a conviction that certain diseases are incurable, a belief which is being shaken to its unreal foundations by the teachings and demonstrations of Christian Science. As a proof that this subject is being widely discussed, we have the following, from the *New York Times* of recent date:—

That curious resentment which doctors have so often shown to members of their own profession who announce the ability to cure diseases hitherto held incurable, is now directed from many and "authoritative" quarters against Dr. Denslow, as a penalty for saying that he has found the cause of locomotor ataxia and has learned how to remove it. Whether he has or has not achieved this triumph over one of the most terrible of maladies is not, of course, a question for our decision, or even one on which it would be seemly for us to express an opinion, but we cannot help seeing the similarity of the reception accorded his announcement and that which has been given to many a like disputant of accepted theories in the domain of medicine. . . . The fiercest of Dr. Denslow's foes dismiss his plea for consideration with the statement that locomotor ataxia is "known" to be incurable—than which nothing could be more rash, not even the statement made after applying the new treatment for a few months, that the disease is curable and has been cured. . . . We cannot ourselves see the danger of giving hope, even illusive, to the man or woman burdened by a deep despair. The reaction of disappointment may come, but it is not such a heavy price to pay for days or weeks or months of expectation of a happier fate.

In Science and Health (p. 130) Mrs. Eddy asks, "If thought is startled at the strong claim of Science for the supremacy of God, or Truth, and doubts the supremacy of good, ought we not, contrariwise, to be astounded at the vigorous claims of evil and doubt them, . . . Truth should not seem so surprising and unnatural as error, and error should not seem so real as truth. Sickness should not seem so real as health." It is easy to show, on a scientific basis,

that evil is unreal because it has no Principle, and also because it always tends to self-destruction. Further, if all of evil were removed from human consciousness, men would not be robbed of anything which contributes to the well-being of either mind or body.

With respect to the opinion that any disease is incurable, we might as well insist that certain kinds of darkness are impenetrable by light. We should never forget that darkness cannot radiate, and that it can never be conveyed from one place to another; while light expresses entity and always dispels darkness, and is thus a fitting symbol of the divine activity, illuminating human consciousness and displacing all sin and disease. It may not be so very surprising that doctors, who devote so much time to the study of disease, should come to believe in its reality, but that any who study the words and works of Christ Jesus, as found in the four Gospels, should attempt to put the candle of spiritual truth under the bushel of material belief, is passing strange. Happily, all belief in the reality of evil is being challenged by the ever-present healing Christ, as in Jesus' time, and asked to "give place" to the understanding of the divine power which "healeth all thy diseases."

ANNIE M. KNOTT.

THE DISPLAY OF DISEASE.

THE desire to know about things is a very spontaneous and fundamental impulse of human nature, and when it is educated into a lively interest in everything that is good and beautiful, it becomes a pilot of discovery, a prophet of growth. When, however, it degenerates into an attraction for the gruesome and the distorted, it is both an evidence and an occasion of moral degradation. One is led to think of all this by the fact that never in the history of the press has so much space and display-type been devoted to events that are tragic and unclean. Not only do papers openly cater to the demands of a depraved taste, but one frequently finds editorial expressions of self-gratulation that some dreadful event or some slanderous suspicion has been placarded by their organ hours in advance of other publications!

Further evidence of this sense of degeneracy is presented in the ever-increasing public exploitation of disease, its laws, likelihood, and phenomena. Whatever the justification of such a course, from their point of view, by physicians who are seeking, as best they know, to lessen humanity's suffering, to turn this tide of thought about disease into all the channels of human consciousness is to prepare the soil and plant the seed of every earthly ill, and for this offense there is absolutely no palliation. In the fields of art and literature also the picturing of degraded types has reached a point which leads Stopford Brooke to say, "We are flooded to-day with poems of despair, verse which boasts that it describes the real when it describes the base, which takes the vulture's pleasure in the corruptions of society."

Yet more sadly significant is the fact that Christian educators and leaders so far fail to recognize the causal relation of general thought upon disease to the increase of susceptibility to disease, that they commend its study to all the people! Every intelligent man knows that a public hanging, whether by a mob or by the constituted authorities, tends to demoralize the onlookers and to multiply crime. He knows that the rehearsal of obscenity, whether in books or at the loungers' corner, conduces to an ever-deepening pollution. He knows, too, that to picture disease is to excite the imagination and quicken the fear of the sensitive, until a sporadic case of illness oftentimes develops into a sweeping contagion. Nevertheless, even religious periodicals are still lending themselves to the perpetuation of this wrong. A New York Christian weekly recently detailed the ravages of a dread disease, and bespoke "uni-

versal interest" in the "novelty" of country fair exhibits of its frightening facts!

These things seem no less saddening than inexplicable, and they give an added emphasis to the importance of that war upon the fallacies of material sense which the truths of Christian Science are making. Its appeal to all men to-day was voiced by St. Paul when he said to the Philippians: "Brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things;" and one of the striking differences between the atmosphere of the sick-room where medical treatment is being administered and the atmosphere surrounding those under Christian Science treatment is found in the fact that this wholesome injunction is being honored in the latter case. Christian Science pungently rebukes that very general and very harmful habit of thinking that it is entirely legitimate to enlarge upon disease and error in the interest of their restraint.

For the Christian Scientist this apostolic injunction means further that he should guard against coddling evil in his own thought by making it a reality in the thought and conduct of others. We are called to know God, good, and to acquire thereby the ever-increasing ability to unknow evil, wherever and in whomsoever its claims are presented. It is ours to fill out in this regard the measure of the Christ-man so poetically and so fittingly described by the prophet when he sang, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good."

To uncover error that it may be banished, not displayed, is the business of Truth, and of Truth's every representative.

JOHN B. WILLIS.

LECTURE IN THE MOTHER CHURCH.

The semiannual lecture on Christian Science in The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., will be delivered by Bliss Knapp, member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, Thursday evening, October 22, at eight o'clock. The lecture will be free, and the public is cordially invited.

LETTERS TO OUR LEADER.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 9, 1908.

Reverend Mary Baker G. Eddy,
Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Beloved Leader:—Informally assembled, we, the ushers of your church, desire to express our recognition of the blessings that have come to us through the peculiar privileges we enjoy in this church work. We are prompted to acknowledge our debt of gratitude to you for your life of spirituality, with its years of tender ministry, yet we know that the real gratitude is what is proved in better lives.

It is our earnest prayer that we may so reflect in our thoughts and acts the teachings of Christian Science that our daily living may be a fitting testimony of the efficacy of our Cause in the regeneration of mankind.

THE USHERS OF THE MOTHER CHURCH.

MRS. EDDY'S REPLY.

Oct. 12, 1908.

Beloved Ushers of The Mother Church of Christ, Scientist:—I thank you not only for your tender letter to me, but for ushering into our church the hearers and the doers of God's Word.

MARY B. G. EDDY.

Fairbanks, Alaska, Sept. 5, 1908.

Dear Mrs. Eddy:—I have been spending the summer in Alaska, and I believe it will give you great pleasure to know of the little band of faithful Christian Scientists here in Fairbanks. They are not organized as a church, but the society is composed of sincere, earnest workers and the truth is spreading rapidly. The little log building is being enlarged, and the practitioners are meeting with wonderful success.

Very sincerely,
LILLIAN COLE.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 3, 1908.

Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, Brookline, Mass.

Beloved Leader:—My gratitude to you increases as the evidences of the practical beneficence of Christian Science come into my experience. Only a few months ago the decision was made to devote my entire attention to the practice of this divine Science into which your spiritually directed efforts have led me. As the expressions of gratitude for benefits received come to me, I feel they are all due to your consecrated, patient endeavor as the pioneer in the path you have shown us, and which, as you are still so earnestly telling us, inclines ever upward and onward before you. It seems that the oftener I apply the healing declarations of Christian Science, the more consecrated seems the privilege and duty of doing so. The thought often comes in Bible language, "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." Some very convincing cases of healing have come into my experience—quick and complete.

In deep sincerity permit me to thank you for all you are giving us in Christian Science,—its literature and all its institutions. My gratitude for your prayerful work on the text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," in the past twelve years, is beyond expression. God bless you.

Sincerely,
ALBERT L. MCBRIDE.

Westerly, R. I., Oct. 5, 1908.

Beloved Friend and Leader:—Our little society is very happy over Judge Ewing's lecture, delivered here yesterday afternoon to an audience of between four and five hundred people, who listened with rapt attention to his loving presentation of the truth. The Scientists came from surrounding towns and cities, but by far the greater number of the hearers are not yet Scientists. One clergyman and three physicians were in the audience, besides many other representative people of the town. Behind me sat a member of the Lyceum Club which called you here thirty years ago. He said he wouldn't miss hearing the lecture for anything. This is our first attempt to have a lecture, and we thank God, and you, dear Leader, for making it possible. Judge Ewing's tribute to you was sublime, and I know changed the thought of many, by pointing out that you discovered, uncovered, and found the method of the Christ-healing, and gave it to the world.

And now, "leaving the seed of Truth to its own vitality," knowing that it will propagate, "the tares cannot hinder it" (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 111), we press on joyfully.

Ever lovingly and faithfully yours,
GRACE R. KNAPP.

Paterson, N. J., Oct. 5, 1908.

Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, Brookline, Mass.

Dearly Beloved Leader:—Christian Science, or the Christ-teaching which you have given to the world, is to me as the star of Bethlehem, leading me step by step up to man's rightful inheritance as a child of God, good. Study-

ing alone with your books, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," and "Miscellaneous Writings," together with your many other writings, I have been enabled to remove that which to the human sense has seemed mountains. It is with a great sense of humility that I am writing you, for it seems that by so doing I may appease somewhat the overwhelming desire which comes to me so often to thank you from the depths of my heart for this wonderful message which has come to material consciousness through your purity of thought and willingness to obey God.

Most sincerely and affectionately,
MARGUERITA W. SMITH.

Caibarien, Cuba, Oct. 3, 1908.

Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, Brookline, Mass.

Beloved Leader:—I wish to express my gratitude by writing to you a few sentiments prompted by the study of your life and Christian Science. I have begun to realize the manifold blessings flowing to a sin-stricken world by the honest application of the Principle you so well teach by proof. Pardon me for calling you the scribe of modernity, whose pen and living example reveal the sweetest essence of the life and teachings of our dear Master. No doubt exists in my mind that Christian Science is "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." It is my hope to finish this worldly contest on this line, and thus prove to be a worthy servant in the arena of my calling. True independence is gained as we all cease to do evil and learn to do good, and as we realize the power of Love, good, and the futility of the hopes and expectations of material and selfish means. This grand verity is being impressed upon mankind through Christian Science as revealed to you and your followers in honest work.

I thank God for this epoch in which the light of His morning sun is being renewed to shine for all in the zenith of heavenly love, where "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Sincerely yours in Christ,
J. E. McDONALD,
Lieutenant, United States Army.

Uniontown, Pa., Oct. 8, 1908.

Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, Brookline, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Eddy:—Human language cannot express my gratitude to you for giving us this healing truth which has shown me what man is. As you tell us in "Unity of Good" (p. 18), "What is in eternal Mind must be reflected in man, Mind's image." I was healed of lung trouble, eight years ago, by reading your book, Science and Health, and I know that the only way in which I can express my gratitude to you for this blessed truth is to be obedient to the command, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

Lovingly yours,
MRS. EFFA L. MURPHEY.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 4, 1908.

Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, Brookline, Mass.

Beloved Leader:—My attention has just been called to the new "sketch" of yourself appearing as a frontispiece in the last edition of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," and I thank you very much for giving it to us. While I do not believe it possible ever to secure what I would consider an "A1" photograph of you, or succeed in reproducing your wonderful expression in oil or ink,—for there is that in it which is not of matter nor made manifest through matter,—the present picture is far superior to the one that has been appearing for the past fourteen months.

Gratefully yours,
WILLIAM M. GOODWIN.

THE LECTURES.

RANDOLPH, VT.

An audience of over two hundred assembled in Bethany Church last Thursday night [Aug. 20], to listen to an able exposition of the theory and practice of Christian Science by Frank H. Leonard of Brooklyn. The speaker was introduced by the pastor of the church, Rev. Fraser Metzger, who said,—

Bethany Church, in opening its doors to a Christian Science lecturer, makes no pretension of sympathy with the teachings of Christian Science. Believing, however, that Scientists are sincere in their contention, the church offers the use of its building as a courtesy. The church stands in the community as an institution that should welcome the truth, let that truth come from any source it will. Though radically disagreeing with much that Christian Science teaches, it is willing to stand on the ground Gamaliel pointed out to the Jewish Sanhedrin—"If this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it." As pastor and as an individual, I am unable to introduce the speaker of to-night in the spirit of a man who can commend the message *in toto*. None of us is infallible, therefore it is always well to concede that he who differs from you is in possession of some truth. It remains only for each of us to walk in the light he has, and not be afraid, for the truth will hurt no man, and no institution will suffer from its espousal. Believing that the speaker comes in sincerity, he is welcomed to this pulpit, and I fraternally introduce him to you.—*Herald and News*.

SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

An audience which well filled the Sheboygan Opera House listened with much interest to the lecture on Christian Science, Sunday afternoon [Sept. 20], by Hon. Clarence A. Buskirk. He was introduced by Miss Emma Hahn, First Reader of First Church, who said in part,—

The world is seeking to-day, as it has always sought, primarily, one thing—a solution of the problem of life. Jesus taught that the essential thing is to have faith in God. In the 17th chapter of John he said, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." In Matthew Jesus invites us all to learn in these words: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me." Jesus indicated that his teachings were founded on a divine Principle, which, when understood, is available throughout all time. Christian Science to-day rests on the promises of the Master, and offers as its most convincing proof the many thousands of lives freed from sin, sickness, and sorrow through its ministrations. You must admit the pleasure you feel in making known to your friends anything which has brought you joy and comfort. It is therefore our pleasure to share with you some of the knowledge which has blessed us.

The Sheboygan Herald.

MARQUETTE, MICH.

Bicknell Young addressed a good-sized assemblage at the Opera House last evening [Sept. 21] on the Christian Science faith. The speaker was introduced by Professor Lautner, of the Northern State Normal School, who said in part,—

Christian Science has certainly to be designated as one

of the great religious movements of modern times. Whatever we as individuals may think of it, it has had a most marvelous growth. Its active membership in the United States now numbers many thousands, and it is not possible to count the people outside the Church who are interested in this great movement. It is more than a religious movement; it is also a philosophical and a scientific movement. As a philosophical movement it claims to deal with the fundamental problems of the relationship of mind to matter that are vexing the world and affect us in many ways. I am not here to tell you about Christian Science, because I must confess that I know nothing about it. I am not a Christian Scientist, but from what I have myself seen of the people who profess it, and my intimate acquaintance with some of them, I should like to be one of their best ones. If the harmony manifested in their lives is any indication of their theory, it is something that this world needs and we all need, and it is as an earnest seeker after truth that I am here to-night."—*The Mining Journal*.

HUDSON, MASS.

The Christian Science lecture given in the Town Hall Sunday night [Sept. 13] was largely attended, and the speaker of the evening, Frank H. Leonard of Brooklyn, made a deep impression upon his hearers. Charles H. Welsh of Boston introduced the speaker, saying in part,—

Christian Science is a religious movement which is attracting the attention of the thinking people of the whole world because it is a healing religion and founded on the teachings of Jesus and the Holy Bible. Christian Scientists believe that Jesus' command to heal the sick was just as imperative as the one to preach the gospel. These lectures are for the purpose of correcting existing misconceptions of Christian Science, and of affording the public an opportunity to learn somewhat of its meaning. The lecturer may tell you of his own healing and something of his long experience in proving to his own satisfaction the truth of this teaching. And I am very sure he will tell you something of his personal knowledge of the pure, holy, consecrated life and sterling character of the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, Mrs. Eddy.

The Hudson Enterprise.

[Written for the *Sentinel*.]

OMNIPRESENCE.

JOHN M. DEAN.

O BROODING Spirit, hovering ever near,
In every clime and time still, still the same,
Thy loving benediction calms all fear
And checks intruding error's subtle claim.
Bowed heads, lift up! Away, ye beds of pain!
The prayer of knowing wakes to life again.

No separation can we ever know,
The torch of Truth eternal guides our way;
Thy peace attends our path where'er we go,
And promised manna feeds us day by day.
Nor death, nor hell can cleave us from Thy love,
Nor storm-clouds hide the sunlit peaks above.

No gloom of night can close our eyes on Thee,
No clamoring din can drown Thy still, small voice;
The lowering shadows bid us watchful be,
Till morning breaks and waiting hosts rejoice.
Come weal or seeming woe, from faithful hearts
The sunshine of Thy presence ne'er departs.

TESTIMONIES OF HEALING.

I wish to make grateful acknowledgment to God, and to our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, for the many blessings that have come into my life through Christian Science. At the same time I hope my testimony may be the means of leading some needy one to seek relief from sin or sickness through the same means which has proved so efficacious in my case. Though a strong and vigorous youth, I had since boyhood been subject to severe bilious attacks and headaches, and as I grew older they became more frequent and more severe. I tried dieting, exercise, medicines of various kinds, and consulted many physicians, but all to no purpose. Physicians who were personal friends told me they could do nothing for me, as my trouble was inherited. By the exercise of will-power I would keep myself to my work during the continuance of these attacks, but suffered tortures at the same time. In 1901 I was told by the examining physician that I would have to wear glasses to correct my vision. I did so, but received little benefit from them, and about two years later I was compelled to go to a noted specialist in Seattle and have my eyes fitted with new and more powerful glasses, which magnified the vision, but did not remove the pain and trouble in my eyes.

My mother had been interested in Christian Science for many years. I knew that she had been greatly changed after taking up this study, having become more patient, kind, loving, and uncomplaining than ever before, but I failed to see the relation between cause and effect. I considered Christian Science a new and harmless fad, and let it go at that. From time to time I received a copy of the *Christian Science Sentinel* from my mother, but I seldom did more than glance at the paper, thinking it could not possibly be of any use to me. One day in February, 1905, however, while at a remote military post, I received a copy of the *Sentinel*, and as I opened the paper I noticed several articles were marked with a blue pencil. I read one, and saw it to be an account of the healing, through the reading of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," of a man who had been afflicted with the same kind of attacks which had been the bane of my life. I read on, and found testimonies of the healing of all kinds of diseases by the same means. A new hope sprang up in my breast. I said to myself that surely these people must be telling the truth; they could have no object in deceiving others by false representations of this kind, and that if the reading of this book had cured them, it might cure me also. I made up my mind that it was worth trying anyway, so I wrote to Boston that same night for a copy of *Science and Health* and ordered the *Sentinel* for a year. I was determined to give Christian Science a fair trial and wanted the *Sentinel* as a help.

At length the book came, and the paper. I knew Christian Science was the truth as soon as I commenced to read the text-book, although its teachings were so contrary to what I had been accustomed to believe that it was with difficulty I was enabled to see clearly its true meaning. All my preconceived opinions of God and man were here reversed—turned upside down, as it were. I saw that my false pride and ambition had to have a fall. Their nothingness began to appear. I had always believed in God, and had been a church member for many years. I had long been accustomed to pray to God regularly, but seemed to get no answer to my prayers. I was grossly material, having many other gods besides the one true God. I was a victim of pride, ambition, selfishness, and a belief in the efficacy of human will-power to overcome adverse bodily conditions.

I read the book faithfully, and one night, about two

weeks after I had received it, I found myself, much to my surprise, reading it without the aid of my glasses. My vision was good and my eyes did not hurt me. It dawned upon me at once that Truth, as revealed in *Science and Health*, had healed my eyes. I then put my glasses away and have not used them since. My eyes have not failed me nor given me any trouble, though put to the most severe tests, as I have spent eleven months in the hardest kind of study at one of the army service schools, where it is the usual thing to sit up till eleven or twelve o'clock nearly every night preparing the lessons. My healing of the bilious attacks and headaches came slowly, but the frequency of their recurrence lessened with my growth in the understanding of Christian Science, and I can truthfully say that it is rare now for me to have a bilious attack of a serious nature. I know that as I continue to grow in the understanding of infinite Truth, and the Science which never fails when rightly understood and applied, all error will disappear into the nothingness from whence it came.

Like many others, the spiritual uplifting which came to me through Christian Science is of more value than the physical healing, though I see now that they came together and are in truth inseparable. In the study of this Science a new heaven and a new earth were revealed to me, and I experienced a joy unspeakable. I found a God who is infinite Life, Truth, and Love, who is unchanging good and knows not evil, sin, and death. I found that to secure the blessings of Christian Science, I must reconcile myself to this infinite God who is good and must place myself in harmony with Him who is infinite Love. My wife has also come into Christian Science, and one of her sisters was healed of a sickness of many years' duration by reading *Science and Health*. I know from my own experience that Christian Science heals sin as well as sickness. It has helped me to overcome selfishness, envy, jealousy, sensitiveness, pride, and many other evils. The result has been that since coming into Christian Science I have been happier and healthier than I have been since I was a child. I have been literally transformed by the renewing of the mind. Jesus said: "The truth shall make you free," and I know that Christian Science is the truth because it has made me free from many evils in thought that formerly encompassed me about. It has made me a better army officer, a wiser and better disciplinarian, a kinder and more loving husband, son, brother, and friend, and a better citizen. It has enlarged my understanding, increased my capacity for work and study, and benefited me in every way.

I am deeply grateful to our dear Leader, Mrs. Eddy, through whose pure and spiritual nature this great truth was revealed to the world. Should I not be grateful for all these blessings? Should I not love and revere her through whom they all came and without whom Christian Science would not have been known? Christian Science is the religion of Christ Jesus and it has always existed, although it was for many centuries lost to human sight, buried in the grossness of human, material beliefs; but Mrs. Eddy rediscovered it, illumined it, and made it plain to the world, so that all who will may learn of it and receive its blessings. My earnest desire is so to live that I may be able to help others to understand this great truth, that they may be glad to partake of it and enjoy a portion of the same spiritual blessings that have come to me.

PERCY WILLIS, Captain Coast Artillery Corps, U.S.A.

[Translated from the German.]

I am sending my testimony as an expression of sincere gratitude. For about twenty years I had been afflicted with severe bowel trouble, so that I was often confined to my bed, and the attending physician said that an operation might be necessary. In order to avoid this I turned to

Christian Science, of which I had heard a short time before. A practitioner gave me such convincing information on the subject, that I asked for treatment with the greatest confidence; and a blessed result was effected. After several weeks' treatment all the old trouble vanished, and since then (about two years ago) I am able to do whatever I wish. I desire to make special mention of the refreshing sleep which I now enjoy, and I am most grateful for the smaller and greater demonstrations of the truth which I have been able to make in our own home. My sense of fear has left me since I knew God through Christian Science.

FRAU LINA FEDELE, Stuttgart, Germany.

I should like to testify to the healing of two little girls of a dreaded disease, one of them being thirteen, the other ten years of age. I have heard several people say that slight ailments can be healed with Christian Science, but that it could not cure a case of smallpox. About five or six years ago, I had the chance to prove what Christian Science could do in such a case. My sister went to St. Louis and left her two little girls with me. She and the children were interested in Christian Science, but as we were alone at night I had another sister, who was not in Science, come to stay with us. The mother of the children left on Sunday, and on Wednesday morning the youngest girl asked me to treat her. I did so and she went out to play. The next morning there was an eruption on her forehead, and that night the older child awoke me and said that her sister was crying, and wanted me to treat her. I did so, and she went to sleep. She played out of doors all the next day, but on Saturday morning she did not get up, and when I went to her bed, her appearance was very alarming. I sent for a Christian Science practitioner, and she said that it looked like a contagious disease. Remembering that Mrs. Eddy advises us to call in a doctor in case of a contagious disease, I sent for my old family physician. He came, looked very frightened, and said he would go for the health officer. When they came the health officer examined the child, and said it was a very bad case, and that he would have to get the flag to put on the house. When he went away the child began to cry, and said she was afraid they would take her away from home. I told her that God's children have no diseases; and she was soon as happy as could be.

When the officer came back, about four o'clock, the little girl was up and dressed. He seemed to be surprised, and said to her, "Have you had some kind of treatment?" She replied, "Yes, sir; I had Christian Science treatment." He said, "Well, my child, you are all right, but I shall have to put up this flag." She begged him not to do so, but he said that he would be arrested if he did not. So he put up the yellow flag and we were quarantined, and that night the daily paper reported the case. It was Saturday, when we always bought our supply of groceries and such things, but we had no telephone and were shut in from every one.

I shall never forget the Lesson-Sermon for the next day. It told of where Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. As I read on, I came to the words, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." How clear it all was to me then. The angels did truly minister unto us, and we lived, not by bread alone, but by the Word of God. We were quarantined thirty days, though the little girl was healed at once. Her mother came home when she saw the paper with the notice in it, but she could only stand outside and see her children through the window. Every day baskets full of nice things came from our friends and the Scientists. The Christian Science society wrote me letters of encourage-

ment, every few days, and sent me money, saying that as I did not have a physician I should not accept anything from the city. We had plenty of money, but we could not get out to do anything. I made the remark to the children one night that we had had everything sent to us except flowers, and next morning there was a large bouquet on the porch. In about twelve days, in the case of the little girl, every bit of the manifestation was gone except a little mark over one eye. My sister, who was staying with us, not being a Scientist, had fear and mortal beliefs to combat, and she said it was impossible for the other child not to have the disease; and she did have it, though she suffered only one night. The doctors did not come near us again until it was time to take the flag down.

I never lived so near to God as while we were passing through this experience. We did not have any gloomy, fearful time, and neither of the children suffered except the one night, and they were as happy as could be. They now live in St. Louis, and are both nearly grown, and make good demonstrations for themselves. I learned many things while we were shut in, and one was that disease is only a name for error, and people fear the name. Christian Science also healed the older girl of a condition of the mouth and throat which the doctor said could not be cured. It would take a long time to tell all of our month's experience. We lived in the center of the city, but not one of the children who had played with ours had the disease, and no one in the neighborhood. I have not given details, just enough to let others know that every kind of disease can be healed in Christian Science.

MRS. RUTH SMITH WILLIAMS, Paducah, Ky.

I was first attracted to Christian Science about two years ago by having our little girl treated for a stomach trouble. The results obtained appeared so wonderful that I made up my mind to give it careful investigation. I secured a copy of Science and Health, and during spare moments read it. As it appeared to me, at first, to contradict the Bible, I was forced to refer to the Bible very often, and in this way I learned that Science and Health is indeed a "Key to the Scriptures." During the two years in which I have been interested in Christian Science I have been treated for and relieved of several very bad habits, among them whisky drinking, excessive profanity, and the use of tobacco in every form, a habit of twenty years' standing. I was also healed of a cough which had annoyed me for nearly two years. Before knowing of Christian Science I was constantly taking remedies for first one trouble and then another. I am now enjoying much better health than ever before, and have not missed a day from my business in two years.

We have four children, the oldest of whom is five years, and since learning of the efficiency of Christian Science we have depended upon it entirely in the care of them. They do not know what medicine means.

I am indeed grateful to Mrs. Eddy for making all these blessings possible for myself and family.

W. G. STEPHENS, Baltimore, Md.

I had suffered for years with an affliction in the form of a skin disease which often greatly annoyed me. Many specialists had been tried, but they had given the case up at the time I was told about Christian Science. A practitioner lived not very far from my home, and I at once started to take treatment and to study Science and Health. In a very short time the eruption had disappeared. I had also worn glasses for three years previous to that time, but have not needed them since I have taken up the study of this truth. Christian Science has also taught me to be more loving and less selfish, and it has helped me in a great

many ways. I cannot sufficiently express my gratitude for all that this truth has given me.

CORA MARGARET ROSSBACH, Oak Park, Ill.

I have long felt a desire to express my gratitude for Christian Science, but can never tell half of what it has done for me. I appreciate so much the testimonies of others in the *Sentinel* and *Journal* that I shall feel glad if mine may be helpful to some one. From my earliest remembrance I was afflicted with rheumatic and heart trouble, etc., in their worst form. My parents did all they could for my comfort, but were told by the physicians attending me that I would never be any better unless my teeth were extracted. They were taken out, but this was followed by spinal trouble. After suffering for nearly two years, I got up, but on crutches. I seemed to get better in some ways, but the heart and lung trouble remained with me,—we supposed it was inherited. Finally my health gave way entirely; and by this time I had no loving parents to look to for comfort; no home, no money, and I had four small children to support.

In this condition I turned to Christian Science for help. Truly "man's extremity is God's opportunity," for I received all and more than I ever dreamed of, and I was healed of every symptom of disease in less than one week's treatment. The practitioner to whom I went explained the Scriptures to me so clearly that I understood for the first time that the blessed promises Christ Jesus made so long ago were really for me if I would only accept and use them. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," has been fulfilled in my case. When I think of our dear Leader I cannot find words to express my gratitude for what she has done and is still doing for me and mine and for all mankind.

MRS. ELIZABETH RUSSELL, Arkansas City, Kan.

Believing that we should let our light shine according to what we have received, and realizing that I have to a great extent been in darkness, although brought up in an orthodox church, where I was led to believe that Christian healing had been done only to establish the Church nineteen hundred years ago, and that it had then ceased, I desire to give my testimony. After suffering for almost a year with what three physicians pronounced severe stomach trouble and gall-stones, and receiving no permanent benefit from medicine, having fever and being in bed a great portion of the time, I began to read and study Christian Science, and had treatment for two weeks. I improved somewhat, but became discouraged and tried drugs again for three weeks. I, however, became worse, and my wife called in another practitioner, who gave me one treatment, and I have been perfectly well ever since, having no fever at all and doing my farm work every day. I have been attending the services at the Christian Science church and enjoy them very much. I am very thankful to our Leader for directing us to "the true Light," and I hope this statement may encourage some who are seeking a better knowledge of the way of Life.—JULIUS HART, Ashland, Ore.

I want to tell of some of the healing that has been done for me through Christian Science. The blessings have been many, but I will tell of one which seemed remarkable to me. While working in a box mill my hand got caught by a saw and was badly lacerated. I went direct to a Christian Science practitioner for help. She told me to go to a doctor and have the hand dressed, but that she did not wish me to have any of the fingers cut off. The first

thing the doctor told me was that one of the fingers must come off, but I told him I wanted the fingers saved and asked him to dress it the best he could. He said he did not admire my judgment, and he added that I would come back in a short time and have the finger removed. It was in a bad condition, and the doctor said that if we should save the finger it would be stiff; but thanks to God and to Christian Science it was healed. The kind practitioner took me to her home and cared for me as she would one of her own, for I had no home. I never suffered any pain to speak of, and the finger is not stiff. I do all kinds of work with that hand. All that I am I owe to Christian Science. I hope that this may be a help to some one. God bless Mrs. Eddy and her faithful followers for the good they are doing.

SELDON E. RICHARDSON, Auburn, Me.

Fifteen years ago the world looked very dark to me, as I was then taken to a hospital. I had for fifteen years previous suffered from many ailments, but most severely from what the doctors pronounced a chronic stomach trouble. At last I could not eat anything without causing distress, and as I had to work hard to support myself I completely collapsed, and I felt that death would be my only relief. I had some relatives visiting in Denmark at that time, and they urged me very much to come to this country. I asked the doctor if he thought I could do it, and he said, "Why not stay here and die, as you may never get there; but at any rate you must not go to work."

I came to this country in May, 1893, and during the summer went to work for a friend of my relatives. She was a Christian Scientist, and when told of my poor health she talked to me about Christian Science. I could not understand much English, nor could I believe that praying to God would heal me, as I had always prayed to God and very earnestly, but the lady's words did not return to her void. I was completely healed during my stay in her home, without any regular treatment, but by the power of divine Love which is always recognized in a true Scientist's home, and through the declaration that nothing unlike God can abide there. Life became a joy to me, and I could eat everything set before me and do my work with pleasure.

In 1895 I was married, and next year a baby girl was born in our home. I had by this time taken up the study of Christian Science, and relied on it entirely, and I did find God an ever-present help. The baby was born at seven o'clock and an hour later I partook of the family supper. This was Sunday, and on Tuesday I got up in the morning and attended to my regular duties all day, and have not been in bed one day since from any ailment.

When the baby was eight months old I had to prove the ever-presence of divine Love. One day she became very ill, and the symptoms were most alarming. My first thought was, "If I could only get some one to help me," but being alone I felt that I must rely on God. I then realized that God is Life, and that He was with me in my need, and in a short time the child was relieved. I cannot tell the joy and peace I felt; my heart was full of thankfulness to God. When this child was two and a half years old the symptoms of a dreaded cough appeared, and the fear of eighteen weeks of suffering (according to mortal law) came to me; but I immediately declared the truth, and she had only one day of severe coughing and in two weeks was entirely well.

While for the last thirteen years I have relied on Christian Science, the road has not always been smooth; but I have overcome all obstacles with the truth as found in Christian Science, and I can never be thankful enough to Mrs. Eddy for rolling away the stone and opening wide the door for Truth and Love. With the new light on the Bible which I have received by studying "Science and

Health with Key to the Scriptures," the 91st Psalm has proved a strong shelter to me in time of storm. I am indeed very grateful to Mrs. Eddy for this healing truth.

MRS. CHRISTINE HANSEN, Chicago, Ill.

Four years ago I was sick and very unhappy. I wanted to be well, was taking medicine prescribed by a doctor, but was getting worse instead of better. I knew about Christian Science, but had no thought of accepting it for myself until one afternoon when I went to visit my sister-in-law, who is a Christian Scientist, and there I met a practitioner. I was healed that afternoon, just by listening to the truth as voiced by her, of severe stomach and bowel trouble of long standing. I at once began the study of Christian Science, and I feel that life would not be worth living without it. I feel very thankful to God that He led me to accept the truth, and I am glad that "whosoever will" may know the truth and be free.

MRS. NEIL WARNER, Mayfield, N. Y.

It is with a heart full of gratitude that I tell what Christian Science has done for me. Over ten years ago, I received my first help in Christian Science. I had suffered more or less for years from many physical troubles, extreme nervousness, weak heart, a cough, and a bronchial trouble which was fast settling in the lungs. I was supposed to have inherited the lung trouble from my father, as the entire family had passed away with it. In the fall of 1897 a friend of the family was healed, in Christian Science, of a serious eye trouble, and then soon after a dear sister was healed of a throat disease. I had been inclined to scoff at first, but I soon found that there was something in Christian Science after all. I then asked for help for myself, and I remember that the first day I talked with the practitioner I said, "I never expect to be well, but if I could live to be with my little ones a few years longer I would be satisfied." My healing was rapid. I visited the practitioner every day for one week and every other day the following week. The third day I bought a copy of Science and Health and began studying the Lessons, and that day I found myself healed of bowel trouble of many years' standing. I visited the practitioner often, when perplexing questions would arise, as I grew very slowly in my understanding of Truth. I had been a church member since I was twelve years of age, and found some things hard for me to accept at first.

Previous to this healing my physicians had urged me to go to southern California, and one of them had brought me the time-cards of the southern routes of travel, for they said I must avoid high altitudes, because of my heart and nerves. Two years after my healing, owing to a change in my husband's business, we went to Denver, Col., to live, and I soon found that I could go up into the mountains to an altitude of between nine and ten thousand feet above sea-level, with no unpleasant results, which proved to me the truth of what St. Paul says, that neither "height nor depth, . . . shall be able to separate us from the love of God." The nervousness was the last to yield. I find now, in looking back over these ten years, that just in proportion to the amount of faithful reading and putting into practice, daily, of what I learn from the study of the Bible and Science and Health, do I gradually rise above error. The unreality of sickness and sin is more clearly discerned, and the allness of ever-present Life, Truth, and Love.

It was my privilege to go East to the dedication of the completed Mother Church, in June, 1906, and to visit my native city, Providence, R. I. I have so much to be thankful for that words cannot express my gratitude to our dear Leader, Mrs. Eddy, for giving us Science and Health,

each edition making the way clearer; and for all the literature. I am grateful to all who have helped me to gain a better understanding of this truth, of which Jesus said, "The truth shall make you free."

MRS. ISOLA J. MACDOUGALL, Lincoln, Neb.

Words fail me when I try to tell what Christian Science has done and is still doing for me. It has been the only remedy for every ill in my family for about four years, and I have through its teachings been able to demonstrate that "God is a very present help in trouble," and that He is available under all circumstances. Last fall I was taken with chills and fever in an aggravated form, accompanied by other complications. I had Christian Science treatment, but my healing seemed slow and I found myself wondering why this attack did not yield as quickly as other ailments had done. I soon realized, however, that I must be patient and learn my lesson. The healing came, and with it a clearer understanding of the Bible and of our text-book, Science and Health, by Mrs. Eddy. I have also within the last few months been enabled through the teachings of Christian Science to rise above a great grief which otherwise would have crushed me. I am thankful to God, and to our Leader, for this healing truth, and my prayer is that I may rise each day into a higher sense of Life and Love.

MRS. MATTIE SCHNESSLER, Talladega, Ala.

It is with a very thankful heart that I give this testimony of my healing through Christian Science. I had been running down in health for some years, and the doctor said I had a growth, which caused other troubles. No pen could describe what I suffered physically and mentally. Although my husband's father is a physician, he gave me no hope of relief except through an operation. Finally, my mother, who had been helped through Christian Science, came to visit me, and persuaded me to try it. On her return she had a practitioner at her home treat me for a short time. She then wrote to me and enclosed the address of a practitioner here, and advised me to go to her, as it would be better for me to be under the care of one near at hand. She also kindly wrote a letter to this lady.

I was in a dreadful condition when I went to her for help, but the truth brought me relief very soon. I only took treatments for a short time at first, but the practitioner came to my home and talked with me, lending me her books until I got some of my own, and I soon began to understand and was able to help myself in many ways. I joined the Christian Science church last January, and although some of the ailments have seemed to hang on, I am thankful to say that my remedy is always at hand, and that Truth conquers every time.

For this great truth, which is such a blessing to me in so many ways in my household and in my every-day work, I am grateful indeed to Mrs. Eddy, for giving to us in such clear statements something that all can grasp and use in their daily life. Christian Science makes the Bible a more precious book than ever before.

MRS. RHODA M. JOHNSON, Bay City, Mich.

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.

The next admission of candidates to membership in The Mother Church will be Nov. 6, 1908. Applications should be in the hands of the Clerk of The Mother Church on or before Oct. 21, 1908. Application blanks may be had by addressing William B. Johnson, C.S.D., Clerk, at the church edifice, Falmouth, Norway, and St. Paul Streets.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

[*The (London) Christian Life.*]

We are living in an age of religious transition and ethical awakening, and we cannot help feeling that under some subtle influence the rising democracy of the day, better informed than the millions in any previous age, is thinking thoughts on the subject of institutionalized religion. The civilized peoples of the world, the masses included, seem to have simultaneously arisen in their might and made a demand for a reform of antiquated creeds and systems of faith. There has somehow arisen in their minds a vivid consciousness that the average theology does not harmonize with reason and common sense. They have ceased to believe in "plans of salvation" which are to give you a safe passport to heaven by some magical device which operates quite independently of your goodness or your badness. Their own hearts tell them that such "plans" are absurd and delusive. Religion is now, as it always has been, the paramount interest of humanity, and thoughtful observers have anticipated that the next great reformation of religion will spring from the lives of the people. The anticipation is being fulfilled; we are now at the beginning of the reformation.

[Rev. P. Gavan Duffy in *The Churchman.*]

It is quite beside the mark for any to fall back upon the stock cry of most Christian apologists, that the power of healing the sick was given to the Church only for a time, when signs and wonders were needed to convince and convert the people. The average Christian of to-day has long since come to the conclusion that that form of apology is simply one invented to cover the Church's faithlessness. . . . Never was there a time when "signs and wonders" were more necessary in the Christian world than to-day. That the power to heal is with the Church is manifest to all who will see; and if only we had that essential—a corporate faith restored instead of faithlessness—that strange, mysterious, silent influence which is now a sort of *pull* one experiences rather than defines (the result of corporate faithlessness) in restricting the results of the faithful few, I verily believe we should have in its place an immense, immeasurable, spiritual force at work that would mean a speedy return of the day when the Church met and triumphed over physical as well as moral ills.

[Edward B. Pollard in *The Standard.*]

That there is much difference in the apprehension of truth from age to age; that truth appears in new forms and combinations; that light once undiscerned breaks new upon the consciousness of men, cannot be doubted except by one who simply closes his mind to all living influences. . . . To fight all change is to put one's self at issue with life. Arrested development, stagnation, mental and spiritual death would surely follow in the wake of this porcupine attitude of bristling antagonism to all which may differ from the accepted views of the past.

[*The Examiner.*]

Ministers who study their Bibles, not to find out how many Isaiahs there were, or who wrote the Gospel of John, but to bring forth things new and old for the edification of the saints and the conversion of sinners, will have no difficulty in believing it to be the Word of God, for they will discover the divine quality of it by the effect it produces upon the hearts and lives of men—their own included.

[*The Universalist Leader.*]

The more one seeks to do specific things for the improvement of the world near-by and the world at large, the greater is his increase in moral power and Christian stature.

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