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**"What I Say Unto You, I Say Unto All, WATCH." Jesus.**

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## Items of Interest.

### National.

John Morley, the noted English writer, at the banquet of the Merchants' Club, Chicago, said recently,—

"I have watched the progress of the United States with interest and awe. The prophecy that you are to be the greatest Power on earth is coming true. With your resources, energy, and strength there is not a Power in Europe that does not covet your friendship and good feeling. Your policy should be to keep your powder dry and your diplomats active."

Hon. James Bryce, another well-known English writer on American subjects, at a farewell reception given him in New York last week, took the quiet and good nature with which the minority of the American people have accepted election results as the text of his address. He said,—

"No other country has attempted on so large a scale, or has succeeded in doing what I saw going on yesterday. The voice of the whole American people was making itself heard in every hamlet and in the largest cities at the same hour and with a peacefulness which could not fail to excite the highest admiration. There was no mistake about the voice being that of the whole people, and it proved that you have gone far toward solving your problem of Government."

During the last fiscal year 12,058,048 pounds of mail were despatched by sea to foreign countries, an increase of ten per cent over the previous year. The actual net cost of the service was \$2,516,053. The United States ranks first among the different countries in the number of postoffices, first as to letter boxes for the use of the public, second in proportion of postoffices to population, first in the number of articles of mail matter received by and sent to each inhabitant, first as to the length of mail routes, third as regards the number of letters sent, first both as to postal income and postal expenditures, and eighth in proportion of postoffices to area.

Secretary Hay has received assurances from Great Britain and Mexico that they

stand prepared to negotiate arbitration treaties with America on the lines of that recently concluded between France and the United States. Such treaties will be prepared for submission to the Senate when it meets again December 5. It is understood that the German Ambassador is prepared to proceed at once with the German treaty. The Italian and Swiss treaties are almost complete. It is known that a number of the countries of Central and South America stand ready to enter into similar arrangements with the United States.

The fiscal business transacted through the postal and money order branches of the Postoffice Department during the last year was as follows: Revenues of the postal service, \$143,582,624; expenditures of the postal service, \$152,362,116. Total amount of money orders issued: Domestic, \$383,452,373; foreign, \$37,876,265. Total amount of money orders paid: Domestic, \$385,100,020; foreign, \$6,714,846. The deficit in the postal revenues was \$8,579,492.

President Roosevelt's invitation to Great Britain to take part in a second peace conference at The Hague, to continue the work of the conference of 1899, has been presented by the United States Ambassador to the Foreign Office. The Ambassador received verbal assurances of its cordial welcome.

The American charge d'affaires at Constantinople has communicated to the Porte President Roosevelt's invitation to the peace conference.

The annual report of the Military Secretary of the Army gives the total strength of the army at the close of the last fiscal year at 3,871 officers and 68,946 enlisted men. Of the 27,380 recruits enlisted during the past fiscal year 3,662 were foreign born.

Three battleships, five scout cruisers, six torpedo-boat destroyers, six torpedo boats, and two squadron colliers at an aggregate maximum cost of 41,300,000, is the program which the Secretary of the Navy will recommend to Congress.

Another new battleship, the New Jersey, passed down the ways at the yard of the Fore River Ship &amp; Engine Company, Quincy Point, last week.

At the Oxford freshman sports last week two American Rhodes scholars won in the half mile run and the high jump.

### Foreign.

President Diaz has announced that the Mexican Government is preparing to issue bonds to the amount of \$10,000,000 to provide funds for national irrigation work. Government engineers have been investigating irrigation possibilities in various parts of the country the last several months. Mexico will cooperate with the United States in solving irrigation problems, and special representatives of President Diaz and delegates from several Mexican states will attend the national irrigation congress at El Paso this month.

According to the census of 1900, the population of Spain was 18,891,574, of which 9,087,821 were males and 9,803,753 females. The number unable to read and write, including children, is given at 11,000,000. That the number of illiterates is being slowly reduced is evidenced by the facts that in 1860 only 19.97 per cent of the population could read and write; in 1877 the proportion had increased to 24.48 per cent, ten years later to 28.49 per cent, and in 1900 to 33.45 per cent.

Final details covering the Anglo-Russian convention regarding the North Sea incident have been completed by the acceptance of Russia in writing of certain points. Invitations will be issued jointly by the two Governments to the United States and France to appoint admirals to serve on the commission which will meet at the earliest possible moment in Paris to select the fifth

member. Both agree to accept the findings of the commission.

Mylius Ericksen's expedition, after two years and a half exploring in Greenland, has returned to Copenhagen with valuable ethnographical and scientific records, the explorers having lived with the natives, studying their language and customs.

The Cuban budget for the fiscal year 1905 has been prepared. It shows total expenditures of \$19,138,102 and receipts \$19,699,650, leaving a surplus of \$561,548.

Another Russian volunteer fleet steamer, Tamboff, with a full cargo, passed through the Bosphorus last week bound for the Mediterranean.

### Industrial and Commercial.

A test of bolting steel tires to the drive wheels of passenger locomotives is being made by the motive power department of the Pennsylvania. If it proves successful, as preliminary trials indicate, the plan will be generally adopted. The slipping of tires has been a source of much annoyance to railroad men for years. Frequently in applying the air brakes to a rapidly moving locomotive the tires, becoming heated, expand and sometimes slip off the wheel. In other cases they break, and in both instances serious accidents occur.

The Southern Peanut Company of Paducah, Ky., asserts that peanuts will pay the planters of western Kentucky better than cotton or any other commodity they have experimented with so far. The yield per acre this year was larger in that section than in either Virginia or Tennessee, the two largest peanut raising States in the Union. This year there were five hundred acres of peanuts planted in western Kentucky, and it is proposed to greatly increase the yield the coming season.

As the result of several years' experimenting in their use, an order for seven thousand tons of steel ties has been given by the New York Central Railroad to the United States Steel Corporation. The ties will be used on the New York Central and Lake Shore roads. If they prove a satisfactory substitute for wood, railroads will soon adopt them, on account of the growing scarcity of wooden ties and consequent increase in price.

The *Iron Age*, in its weekly review of iron and steel conditions, says: The production has arisen to 1,448,973 gross tons for October, for thirty-one days, as compared with 1,352,677 for September, for thirty days. The steel companies made 971,447 tons in October, against 939,494 tons in September. The merchant furnaces have gone from 416,183 tons in September to 477,526 tons in October.

### General.

The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, has just acquired a full-length and life-sized portrait of King Philip IV. of Spain, by Velasquez. It was secured for the Museum from Francisco Prince de Bourbon, Duke of Anjou, in whose family it has been ever since it was painted. This is the second example of Velasquez to be acquired by the Museum, the other being the beautiful portrait of Don Balthazar Carlos.

The Americans in Che Foo have started a movement for the establishment of an International Naval Young Men's Christian Association. Rear Admiral Evans, commander-in-chief of the United States Asiatic fleet, says that an association would meet a much-felt want for a large number of seafaring men visiting that port.

Next summer will see the first touring competition for automobiles for "The Charles J. Glidden Touring Trophy," a \$2,000 silver trophy, which has been offered by Mr. Glidden for a tour of not less than one thousand miles, and not less than five hundred miles a week.

# CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SENTINEL

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"What I say unto you, I say unto all, *WATCH.*" *Jesus.*

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## From our Contributors.

### A Better Country.

BLANCHE H. HOGUE.

IN the 11th chapter of Hebrews, Paul says, "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. . . . For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. . . . These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, . . . and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. . . . They desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."

Joseph Rotherham, in his translation of the New Testament, writes the fourteenth verse of this chapter, "For they who such things as these are saying, are making [it] plainly manifest that a paternal-home they are intently seeking."

In the Twentieth Century New Testament the same passage reads, "Those who speak thus show plainly that they are seeking their fatherland."

In all sacred literature, there is no clearer portrayal of the transitory nature of earthly experience and the inborn hunger for a secure and heavenly heritage, than this reference to Abraham's journey as a type of the mental pilgrimage undertaken by every man who abandons the selfish and unworthy, for the attainment of the highest ideal. Abraham "went out, not knowing whither he went." Over and over again, upright and earnest men and women are called upon to "go out" from sinful or outworn conditions of thought, not knowing whither they go. They know only that they must leave behind them that which is inconsistent with the highest selflessness, and that they must walk in obedience to the best they know, whithersoever it may lead.

To all such expectant ones, the message of Christian Science is calling continually, "Come higher." And the responsive hearts, saying with the Prodigal's earnestness, "I will arise and go to my father," turn from the restless dwelling-places of selfishness, toward the Christly consciousness of which Isaiah has said, "My people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places."

Every student of Christian Science knows that this question of "seeking a fatherland" is, purely and primarily, a transformation of consciousness, and that only in the degree that right consciousness is attained, can he hope for improved conditions. Yet he is so prone to measure his happiness, his success or his failure, by external matters, that he often puts forth personal effort to effect an outward change, to the neglect of that inward growth which alone can accomplish it. The beginner is sometimes tempted to believe that if he could alter his surroundings immediately, he could make rapid growth in the knowledge and practice of Christian Science; whereas the scientific fact assures

him that as he grows in understanding he will be able to alter his surroundings. Each man must begin just where Christian Science finds him. He cannot change places with any brother whose opportunities for growth may seem to be more favorable. But as his *thought* arises and goes to the Father, all his personal conditions will begin to change. Fears will be allayed, associations will be purified, obstacles will be removed, bonds of sin and disease will be loosened, and the habits of a lifetime will fade from thought and action. And all this because he is mentally rejecting evil and coming into the spiritual possession of a better quality of thinking.

It is a truism that mind thinks. Mind must, because of its very nature and existence, think continuously, and because of this ever-operative activity, mind cannot, by any possibility, stop thinking. The Christ Mind, then, must be perpetually manifested in Christly thinking, and he who entertains these God-like thoughts must, in the measure of his fidelity, be an inhabitant of God's "country." Material surroundings, however discordant, cannot hold one's thought from seeking and finding this better country, and one may dwell in it to-day, if the determination for righteousness governs the heart. Here, now, in the problem of this very hour, one may substitute a generous thought for a selfish one, a loving thought for an unkind one, a grateful thought for a complaining one, and a trusting thought for a doubting one. And in the measure that thought advances along these higher pathways, the bondage imposed by the conditions of the "old country," disappears.

The well-known illustration of the mist in the valleys can be remembered with profit. Dwelling in the valleys, one is subject to valley conditions, and must climb to a higher altitude to enjoy perpetually sunlit peaks. In like manner, a higher mental and moral standpoint will set one free from bondage which seemed hopeless when thought dwelt among the lower ranges. Tarrying in the realm of the valley-fogs, one may fight bravely, but in vain, to resist them; abandoning the lower land, one escapes all its conditions. So, a higher moral and spiritual altitude will lift one into a realm beyond the reach of error's suggestion or attack.

Again, one does not expect to live in arctic regions, and gather tropical fruit by the putting forth of one's hand. The fruit simply cannot and does not grow there, and no amount of wishing or struggling on the part of the inhabitant will cause it to grow there. Occasional fruits may find their way into the frozen land, telling the story of a sunnier clime, but to possess such fruit in its beauty and abundance, one must rise and journey to the place of its growth and there abide.

Paul speaks of the fruit of the flesh and the fruit of the spirit, well knowing that they are the differing fruits of two distinct "countries." And he says, "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." The Christian Science text-book clearly sets forth the fact that spiritual understanding and material sense are two distinct and opposing states of consciousness which do not know each other. The adoption of the one, means the loss of the other. That the dweller in material

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sense comprehends not the existence of spiritual consciousness, argues no more for the unreality of the latter than does the ignorance of the valley dweller and the Laplander, for the non-existence of sunny peaks and tropical climes. In *Science and Health*, page 91, we find, "Absorbed in material selfhood we discern and reflect but faintly the substance of Life or Mind." And in "No and Yes," page 29, Mrs. Eddy also says, "Ever-present Love must seem ever absent to ever-present selfishness or material sense."

May it not be recognized that the fruits of Love, as well, "must seem ever absent to ever-present selfishness"? and is there not in the human heart a strong desire to transplant the fruits of Love into the realm of ever-present selfishness, and a complaint because this cannot be done? Yet so long as the Fatherland remains unknown or unsought its fruits must remain unappropriated. To enjoy the fruits of divine Love we must journey to Love's country and dwell therein. And to do this means to abide persistently in loving and lovable thinking. To enjoy the fruits of Truth, one must live truthfully. To possess the fruits of holiness and purity, thought must be holy and pure. To possess health, one must cherish the enlightened righteous thoughts which build for health. One must live with such thoughts, walk with them, talk with them, make them one's own, and all this to the exclusion of the opposing thoughts which would build for discord and disease. This may not reform, immediately, every other evil-doer, but it does lift one's own individual experience beyond the reach of evil doing. A Christian Scientist's line of travel is always in direct resistance to all the claims of the flesh, and it lifts him daily into higher and purer thought-associations.

This change of consciousness cannot be measured by the old sense of haste or delay, for the transformation is in thought, and is in many ways instantaneous. But whether slow or fast, the divine law of supply is such that one comes into possession of the fruit of this better country whensoever he may lodge there in sincerity and in truth. It is God's country,—this daily and hourly companionship with the best one knows of God,—and well should man heed the Scriptural admonition, "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee."

### Some Thoughts of a Truth Seeker.

C. H. JONES, M.D.

READING in the *Sentinel* of September 24, the article, "A Word Concerning Discouragement," my first thought was that I would like to know the author's address, so that I might write and thank one whose contributions always help me.

It may seem strange that one who is not a Christian Scientist, and who is still identified with *materia medica*, should be writing an article for the *Sentinel*, but I feel that in order to enlist the sympathy and best wishes of all Scientists, it is only necessary for me to state that I fully believe in all that Christian Science teaches, that I am an earnest seeker for Truth as revealed in *Science and Health*, and that I am trying to "study thoroughly the letter, and imbibe the Spirit" (*Science and Health*, p. 495). and to demonstrate out of present conditions. I long for the time when I shall be able to tell my patients that the only medicine I shall give hereafter is truth, but at present the difficulties, to mortal sense, seem insurmountable; nevertheless, I know they are only seemings, and that omnipotent Truth can overcome them, as it can all errors, whether mental or physical, and establish perfect harmony. I was led, a little more than a year ago, to investigate Christian Science, by the fact that my wife had been healed of an incurable trouble of nearly thirty years' standing, after my system of practice and that of many others had failed. She certainly "had suffered many things of many physicians, . . . and was

nothing bettered, but rather grew worse." What she suffered in those years, only God and she know, until, like a drowning person grasping at a straw, she was led by divine Love to Christian Science and was cured. There was no doubt left in my mind of that fact. I tried to believe it was hypnotism that healed her, that having been my last resort, but she said, "No indeed; it was Science." She went to Christian Science with intense prejudice, but she is now the most enthusiastic of Scientists, and has burned the bridges behind her,—withdrawn from her former church,—for the reason as she told her pastor, that she could no longer remain a member without being a hypocrite. I fully approved of her course, as did her pastor, who honored her for being guided by her convictions. I do not know which had the greater influence over me, her cure, or the spiritual uplift she experienced, demonstrating it in her daily life; but I knew she had something that I had never found in orthodoxy,—joy, peace, and freedom from all care,—and I wanted to find the same.

A year ago, while in Colorado Springs, I was fortunate in having the privilege of attending Christian Science services. I enjoyed especially the Wednesday evening meetings, the first I had ever attended. Love seemed to be the ruling spirit there. They gave me a more loving welcome than I ever received elsewhere. They found me a stranger and took me in to their hearts and homes. I left for home fully convinced of the truth of Christian Science. Some day the Master will say to them, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." May the arms of divine Love ever be underneath them.

It is strange that ministers of the gospel admit that Christian Science does heal the sick, even so-called incurable cases, thus virtually conceding that Christ's commission to the disciples applies to this age, but will not admit its theology. They do not seem to realize that when they bisect Jesus' dual command, observing the first part and yet leaving out the healing, they not only fail to carry out his command, but they are leaving out the most potent factor in convincing the world of the truth of his doctrine. This is a practical age in which we live, and the world demands proof of the truth of everything, the gospel not excepted. It has a right to demand fruit, and not mere leafage. If Jesus found it necessary to heal, in order to demonstrate the truth of his teachings, surely we can do no better than follow in his footsteps. We cannot improve upon his method.

Sometimes, as I strive to climb the "hill of Science," (*Science and Health*, p. 326), my progress seems so slow that I am tempted to feel discouraged, but as I recall Mrs. Eddy's advice, "Emerge gently from matter into Spirit" (*Science and Health*, p. 485), I take courage and press onward and upward. I realize that this matter of working out our own salvation is necessarily slow, especially to one who has so long lived in another faith, with all its materialistic ideas; and then, I suppose, it is more difficult for one to take off the clamps of mortal mind who has been so long bound by the fetters of *materia medica* as I have. But I know that if I trust to the guidance of divine Love, I shall some day be led into the full light of Truth,—the full realization that God is all.

The world will some day render justice to whom justice is due, and acknowledge the good brought to humanity by Mrs. Eddy in resurrecting from the debris of materiality the doctrine taught by Christ Jesus and revealed anew through *Science and Health*, which means so much in lifting mankind out of the beliefs of sin, sickness, death, and all error.

I am deeply grateful to God for what Christian Science has done for my dear wife, and for the help it brings daily into my life. If it has done so much for me, with my present slight understanding, what will it do when the full fruition appears?

## God's Relation to Man.

THOMAS E. SCANTLIN.

I HAVE learned so much and gained so much through reading our periodicals, that I feel the longing common to all loyal hearts to add my mite to the wealth of love that comes as a continuous stream through these channels.

It was after studying Science and Health, and while reading from the *Sentinel* and *Journal* the other afternoon, that I felt impelled to write. For days previous I had been apparently under a cloud. I could not get a clear vision of God and my heart was troubled. While thus striving to obtain a clearer understanding, suddenly the clouds parted and my prayer was answered, at least in part, and this is the manner in which the truth came to me,—

If God is Mind, divine Principle, is this Principle conscious, as we understand consciousness? and the answer was, how could He be the all-knowing Mind and not be conscious? God is the only consciousness.

Is God conscious of each and every one of us, His ideas or children; conscious that is, as we are conscious of things? How could we be His ideas and not be constantly in Mind? There is no possibility of separation between thinking and thought, and hence all the ideas of Mind must ever remain in its embrace.

Does God's love for us resemble, in kind, our love for our own ideas; or does it resemble, in kind or character, the love we entertain for our dear ones? Our love for our friends and relatives is, after all, the love of ideas. We love our own idea or conception of each, as the reflection or manifestation of good. This idea or conception may be true or false, wholly or partially, according to our understanding, our own spirituality. Of course, the real individuals are the children of God, perfect as their Father in heaven is perfect; but we are considering now our concept,—the manifestation of Truth or of error in the object of our thought or affection, whether our affections be carnal or spiritual. In any case it is the idea that we love, whether we truly understand this or not, but so far as this love is pure, unselfish, and spiritual, we reflect the infinite Love, and therefore our love resembles God's love, in kind, and blesses the object upon which it rests.

In endeavoring to conceive of God as universal Principle, some may be tempted to think of Him as we have learned to think of the basic law of mathematics,—an unconscious something that can never respond to or comprehend our love, or be manifest to our consciousness as our friends are manifest; the all-inclusive but unknowable entity of creation; the source, indeed, of all life, truth, and love, of all good in fact, but itself unfathomable, unapproachable, afar off. Is *this* the Truth of being? No; for the Scriptures teach that God is an ever-present help in time of trouble. "God is Love; and he who dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." Christian Science teaches that He is our "Father-Mother God" (Science and Health, p. 16). He is Spirit, and to the spiritually minded, He is a living presence. The carnally minded cannot see God, for only he "shall ascend into the hill of the Lord" and "stand in His holy place" who "hath clean hands and a pure heart."

I do not know how it may impress others, but to me the thought was beautiful and helpful, for I felt that God came very near to me then, and I seemed to hear His voice from out the burning bush. He was no longer "afar off," and I have felt Him near me ever since, a veritable living presence. I thank Him with all my heart for the grand anthem of love His angels are singing, and love and gratitude go out to her through whom this wonderful Science was revealed. Surely the fountain of her love was pure and sweet, else divine Love could not have poured the waters of Life through its channels. The world is awakening to the recognition of the debt of gratitude it owes to one whose life was so pure and spiritual that she, like Enoch of old, could walk and talk with God.

## Why we Love our Leader.

ESTHER A. L. RUDD.

WE have had the Bible all our lives, we have read and studied it, and have tried to get the peace and harmony which it teaches. We have, however, worshiped many gods under the guises of belief in pleasure in the senses, the belief in sickness, that death is a friend, and that evil is most powerful. Besides all this, we have believed that God is not unlike mortal man, and we should be doing the same to-day were it not for one who was found worthy, one who loved God more than she feared man. Through this one came the reflection of divine Love and she was obedient unto the heavenly vision and inspiration, denying herself, forgetting her own personality in her love for God and man, and her desire to lift her brother man up to his God-given dominion. Giving love for ridicule and buffetings, while bearing the yoke, she sought not her own ease, but did God's will and work, and labored to release from bondage all who were enslaved to the carnal mind, those who were worshiping under every green tree of error, in every valley of corruption.

Is it any wonder that we love our Leader, Mrs. Eddy? We have learned to worship one infinite God through the truth revealed through her to us, and we know that her teaching is true because we are daily and hourly proving it in numberless ways, even as Jesus did and promised that his followers should do. Christian Science as taught by our beloved Leader has given to multitudes, joy for sorrow, peace for brokenheartedness, love in place of hate, health instead of helpless invalidism. It saves from the bondage of sin, and shows us how to know our Father-Mother God.

We express the love and gratitude we have for our Leader, not in the way that the world teaches us to love, but we love her just in so far as we understand, live, and practise the truth taught by her, which is "prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

[Written for the *Sentinel*.]

## A Thanksgiving.

MARY A. NEWMAN.

A VISION came to me in days gone by,  
A vision sweet of what I longed to be;  
A helper, as I listened to the deep, sad cry,—  
Of sin-enthralled, enslaved humanity.

And then a glad, strong hope arose and filled  
My heart with sweeter longing as I prayed,—  
Oh take me, Lord, and use me as Thou wilt,  
But use me for my fellow-creatures' aid.

And so I waited till the answer came,  
Sure that my Father would point out the way;  
Then 'mid the darkness shone celestial flame,  
As Christian Science heralded the day.

For one whose purest thought has reached that mind  
"That was in Christ," hidden with God above,  
Has lived in ministry to all mankind,  
And proved the healing power of Truth and Love.

For through the "little book" that she has given,  
New joy has come to hearts long pressed with pain;  
And in its messages revealed from heaven,  
We hail the coming of the Christ again.

So may we follow in her footsteps still;  
"Laying aside the earth-weights" self and sense;  
Knowing but one desire, our Father's will,  
"No other trust" than One Omnipotence.



### Selected Articles.

Christian Scientists agree with the statements that "all human beings have sinned," and that "without some forfeiture God cannot pardon the offender." In fact, they declare that the forfeiture must be complete, a yielding of all that is unlike God. Christian Science, however, does not teach that Jesus was crucified to appease the wrath of a revengeful god. It shows God to be a God of love, and that Jesus permitted the wickedness of this world to crucify him that he might prove to sinning and suffering humanity that Life is immortal.

A. V. STEWART.  
*Highland Park (Ill.) News-Letter.*

It must be remembered that the average Christian Scientist has run the gamut of medical practice and in most cases turned to Christian Science as a last resort. They do not, therefore, repudiate material means for healing merely to be fanatically true to their religious convictions, but because their experience has proved to them irrefutably that God's way is the better way. Christian Science has not only healed them physically, but has given them an enlarged understanding of God and man, a more comprehensive outlook upon life, and that moral and spiritual impetus which accompanies unbounded faith and trust in God.

The teachings of "modern science" and a fair deduction from the same are proving indisputably what Christian Science contends for; viz., the uncertainty and unreliability of matter, and the consequent repudiation of matter as cause or effect. This leads thought to the contemplation of the great and only cause, God, Spirit, and the universe as spiritual, governed and controlled by God, and this is the basis of Christian Science.

JOHN L. RENDALL.  
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Kind words may carry persuasion, but harsh words never. There is so much sin, sickness, suffering, all around us, that those who are sincerely doing the best they know how to overcome them, ought to regard and treat each other as brethren, however widely they may differ as to the best means and methods to be employed. Christian Scientists are humbly seeking to obey the command of Jesus, to "heal the sick," according to the method which he employed, which was without drugs or other material agencies. Jesus carefully explained that the works which he performed were of the Father, not of himself, and that of himself he could do nothing. Christian Scientists do not claim that they perform the works of healing sickness. They claim that God is "the Great Physician," and that the Divine relations between God and man are the same to-day that they were nineteen centuries ago, when Jesus promised to his followers of all times and countries, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." They thoroughly believe this promise; also, the promise which Jesus made, speaking of himself as the Christ, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Christian Scientists do not claim that they can rival the works of Jesus. They are doing the best they know how to follow in the way which he pointed out, taught, and commended to his followers of all times. They may make some failures, but that does not impeach the Christ-healing which they are striving to follow and obey, any more than an erroneous addition of a column of figures by a student of arithmetic impeaches the rule in addition. A critic wants to have Christian Scientists straighten a crooked limb before his very eyes, to be convinced. He may be respectfully recommended to read anew the rebuke of Jesus to Satan when the latter asked him to prove his power by throwing himself from the pinnacle of the temple; also, to study anew the character of doubting Thomas; also, the refusal

of the established religionists of Jesus' day to believe, even when the blind were made to see, etc., before their very eyes; also, to consider whether there may not be in this day scribes and Pharisees, and established religionists jealous of every change or progressive step.

CLARENCE A. BUSKIRK.  
*Marion (Ind.) News-Tribune.*

The courts have held that "if there are distinct and different schools of practice, as allopathic or old school, homœopathic, Thompsonian, hydropathic or water cure, and a physician of one of those schools is called in, his treatment is to be tested by the general doctrines of his school, and not by those of other schools." This rule applies to Christian Science practice; and that its practitioners possess skill and knowledge of Christian Science is shown by the large percentage of cases healed.

If Christian Scientists used drugs and material remedies, it would be perfectly proper for them to study the same text-books and pass the same examinations as the regular medical practitioners, for they should have a thorough knowledge of what they practise. But as Christian Science is essentially a religion, and its teachings and practice are spiritual and mental, the course of study required necessarily differs from that of the medical student. Those who practise Christian Science have given the subject years of study, before and after class instruction, and are thus qualified to minister to those in need of help. Christian Scientists are not violating any law, and the practice of Christian Science can only result in benefiting humanity.

FRANK W. GALE.  
*The Wasp, San Francisco, Cal.*

One cannot help conceding that to attain its growth there must be in the teaching of Christian Science something very satisfactory and wholesome. Mere theory would have long since uncovered its own emptiness, and those who had been attracted by its vain promises would have deserted it for something more satisfying.

The reformation which inevitably accompanies the study and application of Christian Science is of even greater importance to the individual than the physical healing, and in nearly every instance this reformation has not only proved lasting, but has been found equal to the tests put upon it. In casting about, therefore, to find a reason for the large amount of interest evinced in this Cause, it is found that this teaching prevails because it fills a human need, and fills it effectually.

The optimist finds much in the growth of Christian Science to justify him in believing that the future will contain for our race a greater happiness than has the past. In the midst of our materialistic beliefs we find the "still small voice" urging us to turn our thoughts to things spiritual, and in listening to this voice we are rejoiced to find practical those sacred promises which assure long life and happiness to those who follow Him.

ALBERT E. MILLER.  
*Philadelphia North American.*

[Written for the *Sentinel*.]

### God is All.

MRS. J. F. TOWNSEND.

How sweet to know that God is all,  
To feel His presence near;  
To always listen for His call,  
And never doubt or fear.

How sweet to know He always hears,  
And never turns away;  
That 'tis His love dispels our fears,  
And keeps us every day.

## The Lectures.

### Fort Madison, Ia.

There was a good-sized audience at the Opera House last night [September 13] to hear the lecture on Christian Science by Mr. Bicknell Young of Chicago.

The speaker of the evening was introduced by Prof. W. L. Barrett, principal of the high school, who said in part,—

I am not a member of the Christian Science church, and unfortunately do not know as much about its history and doctrine as I should; but I do know that it is a growing religious and moral force come upon the world's stage of action; that it has many devoted followers, who, through its instrumentality, have been made happy and hopeful; and for these, if for no other reasons, it is deserving of twentieth-century fellowship and Christian courtesy.

*Fort Madison Democrat.*

### Detroit, Mich.

Rev. Irving C. Tomlinson of Concord, N. H., addressed an overflowing audience at the Detroit Opera House, Sunday afternoon [October 23]. The speaker lives in the home town of Mrs. Eddy, Founder of the denomination, and his allusions to her personality were awaited with interest. Rev. Mr. Tomlinson was at one time pastor of a prominent Universalist Church in the east, and his conversion to Christian Science was one of the surprises in church circles. He is a plain, direct speaker, and the object of his lecture was to correct misconceptions and give reliable information concerning the tenets of the Christian Scientists. Mrs. Annie M. Knott, former Reader of the Detroit church, introduced the speaker.—*The Detroit News.*

Mrs. Knott's introduction was as follows:—

The pleasant task has been assigned me of introducing to you the lecturer of this afternoon. Before coming to Christian Science he was a minister in a denomination which embodies in its doctrines the belief in the ultimate salvation of all mankind. In Christian Science we also believe that salvation is for all, however much we may differ from other religionists in our concept of it, or of the best means for its realization. In our text-book, *Science and Health*, salvation is thus defined, "Life, Truth, and Love, understood and demonstrated as supreme over all; sin, sickness, and death destroyed" (p. 593).

In one of George Macdonald's admirable stories he tells of a Scotch lad with a deeply religious character who longed to know God, but who failed to find Him through the iron-bound creeds which he had been taught. His heart cried out, in the despair of a noble nature, "I dinna care for Him to love me, if He doesna love ilka body." In response to such a cry our text-book says, "The Christian Science God is universal, eternal, divine Love" (p. 140), and we learn that this Love is not helpless in the presence of human wretchedness, but is ever ready and ever willing to save from sickness and sin alike. That this is no mere theory is proved by the steady stream of testimonies which are coming from every part of the world, some written in a homely fashion, others indicating culture and learning, but all eloquent with gratitude to God and to the messenger who has shown us the Christ-way to reach His omnipotent aid,—Mrs. Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. The lecturer is here to tell you of its glorious promise to humanity, and I beg to introduce to you the Rev. Irving C. Tomlinson, member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, who will now address you.

It is the office of a true teacher to show us that God is, not was; that He speaketh, not spake.—EMERSON.

## Among the Churches.

### Church Opening in Independence, Ia.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, held services Sunday morning for the first time in its new church home. The auditorium has been remodeled and newly decorated, and presented a pleasing appearance. The church was incorporated in November, 1896.

*Independence (Ia.) Conservative.*

### New Church in Fairbury, Ill.

The new auditorium and reading room of First Church of Christ, Scientist, in this city, was dedicated with appropriate services Sunday morning and evening, October 2, and the dedicatory address was delivered by the First Reader, who welcomed those in attendance and gave an outline of the Christian Science organization, referring to Mrs. Eddy as the one woman of our time who was pure enough to see through the clouds of materialism and brave enough to face the whole world alone with God and show to others the true way to health and heaven in Christ.

The church was dedicated free of debt, according to the custom of this denomination, and one hundred dollars was subscribed for the building fund of The Mother Church in Boston, Mass.—*Fairbury (Ill.) Blade.*

### Australia.

The work is growing very extensively in the Sydney Field. A few weeks ago we had the "Record Gathering." At the service on Sunday morning last our hall was crowded out, some people having to stand during service. What impresses one is the earnest and attentive manner in which the congregation listen and try to imbibe the spiritual meaning of the Lesson-Sermon, which is new to many of them; it is just lovely to look at them. The literature is being disposed of freely and going to all parts of our large state. A beautiful reading room, well stocked with Christian Science literature and handsomely furnished, is maintained in the Bank of Australasia Chambers, one of the finest new buildings in Sydney, and most centrally situated in Martin Place.

It might interest you to hear that many people who want to learn this truth wish to know something of the early life of our beloved Leader, and how this wonderful revelation came to her. I lend them "Retrospection and Introspection." This I find to be the best way of answering their questions, and they are much pleased with the book, and seem to become quite acquainted with the author through it. One to whom I lent this book remarked to me, "I am so sorry I did not study Mrs. Eddy's works, and come to the meetings instead of remaining away and listening to error."

The little children seem to grasp the teaching very easily. A little girl who has always been a Scientist, and who goes to a school some distance away, was asked how she liked to go so far away from her home. She replied, "All right, because God is beside me all the way and all the time." All our Leader's hymns are much loved and are sung with great joy. We have some excellent testimonies of healing at our Wednesday evening meetings.

ALEXANDRA C. E. GIBBS.

## The Thanksgiving Day Services.

WE have been asked to give the order of services to be followed in our churches on Thanksgiving Day, but as there is no regular order provided in the Manual, we can only refer inquirers to the report of the services held last year in The Mother Church, published in the *Sentinel* of December 5, 1903.

# CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SENTINEL

## Editorial.

### MRS. EDDY TAKES NO PATIENTS.

The author of the Christian Science text-book takes no patients, does not consult on disease, nor read letters referring to these subjects.

### The New By-laws for the Sunday School.

The following letters show true appreciation of the new By-laws relating to the Sunday School, and our Leader's deep interest in the spiritual welfare of the children as well as her estimate of faithfulness in the Sunday School workers.

Boston, Mass., November 13, 1904.

Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy,

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H.

*Dear Leader and Guide:*—We, the teachers in the Sunday School of The Mother Church, desire to express to you our gratitude for, and appreciation of, the new By-law and Amendment, Article XIX., Sections 5 and 6 of the Church Manual, in regard to Sunday School work. We recognize that the subject for lessons given in this By-law is the basis of Christian Science and is therefore of the greatest importance in our foundation work.

From past experience we have all learned the wisdom of your guidance, and our desire is that we may more closely follow and obey your teaching.

Faithfully and lovingly yours,

CALVIN C. HILL, *Superintendent.*  
For the Teachers.

### MRS. EDDY'S REPLY.

Mr. Calvin C. Hill, Superintendent, and teachers of the Sunday School of The Mother Church, Boston, Mass.

*Beloved Students:*—I read with pleasure your approval of the Amendments of Article XIX., Sections 5 and 6,—in our Church Manual. Be assured that fitness and fidelity such as thine, in the officials of my church, give my solitude sweet surcease. It is a joy to know that they who are faithful over foundational trusts such as the Christian education of the dear children,—reap the reward of rightness, rise in the scale of being, and realize at last their Master's promise, "And they shall be all taught of God."

MARY BAKER EDDY.

Pleasant View, November 14, 1904.

### A By-law Amended.

Article XXVI., Section 14, has been amended to read as follows:—

**CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS AMPLE.—SECTION 14.** Members of this Church shall not become members of organizations which exclude either sex,—except they are Free Masons, or Press Clubs that give the toil-worn aged Journalists a Home. God requires our whole heart, and He supplies within the wide channels of The Mother Church dutiful and sufficient occupations for all its members.

### Occasions for Thanksgiving.

AN eminent minister once said, "So many are God's kindnesses to us that as drops of water they run together, and it is not until we are borne up by the multitude of them, as by streams in deep channels, that we recognize them as coming from Him. . . . We cannot recall all the

things He has done for us," and it is with this thought that Christian Scientists contemplate the approaching Thanksgiving Day services to be held in all their churches. While this day is set apart for the formal and ceremonial giving of thanks, every day must of necessity be a time of thanksgiving for our people, for surely the promises of the Bible are being fulfilled, "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." "Unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings."

The following excerpts from testimonies published in a recent issue of the *Sentinel* indicate the wide scope of the blessings which are coming to humanity each day through Christian Science. They show ample reason for the faith that is in us.

One of these testimonies is from an old soldier. He writes:—

"In 1885 I came to Southern California in search of a climate that was milder than Utah, feeling that I had only a short time to live, on account of the condition of my lungs. I had been a soldier in the army, and at the close of the war I came home a physical wreck, and a victim of the alcoholic habit. I located at Colton and soon afterwards my wife came to me. She too was an invalid, suffering from heart trouble, and often it would seem as though her life would go out, so grave and distressing were the symptoms. I did not find the help I had expected from the climate, and being very much discouraged, would try to drown my trouble in drinking and gambling, until we were reduced to the verge of poverty. My wife's mother, who was with us and in poor health, heard of Christian Science and was healed by it. Afterwards my wife was treated, and she too was made well. . . .

"After this, my cough became much worse, and knowing what Christian Science had done for my family, I thought I would have a few treatments, to see if I could be benefited, but had very little faith. . . . I was completely healed. My appetite for drinking, chewing and smoking, gambling, and the terrible sin of profanity had passed into oblivion, and soon all pulmonary trouble was destroyed; and glasses, which I had worn for ten years, were laid aside, and have never been used since. For these blessings, with many others that have come to us through this beautiful Christ teaching, I am very grateful to God, and to our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, who has so faithfully pointed out the way of Truth and Life to all mankind."

Another is from a woman who had been given up to die. She writes,—

"Neither words nor pen can express the love, joy, peace, and health I now enjoy. Just one year ago this month I was taken sick and was confined to my bed for three months with typhoid fever, tuberculosis, and peritonitis. . . .

"I must now state how I came to call the Christian Scientist. A few days previous, four of our best and most esteemed physicians held a consultation and fully diagnosed my case. They reported to my husband and mother that I was beyond any help, that all had been done that could be done, and that I could live but a short time. They also said my bowels were paralyzed. At the time the practitioner called I was under the influence of an opiate, to deaden the pain. She asked if we were ready to give up the medicine. I replied, all but the opiate, as it did not seem that I could do without it. I allowed her to go. . . . [Later] I gave up the drug, the false god, and recalled the Scientist. Mortification was then plainly visible. She came, gave me a treatment. . . . I began improving at once. The following Tuesday I was sitting up. On Wednesday I was in the dining room dressed and at the table eating dinner with my family. On Thursday I went to the table alone and ate whatever I wanted. In one week my mother took me out riding in a wheel-chair, in three weeks I rode



into the country several miles, and the day following I went with my mother to her home, sixty miles distant, on the cars; changed cars at Rochester, rode three miles in a carriage after leaving the train, ate a hearty dinner, had a rest, and felt refreshed. I improved right along and am now doing my household work. Other diseases have disappeared: liver trouble and severe headache having all gone now." M.

### The Higher Kinship.

To old-fashioned home-lovers, the dearest time of all the year is—

glad Thanksgiving, gathering in  
The scattered sheaves of home and kin.

Expressing a religious spirit and preserving a noble tradition, it would bring to all, grateful, self-subduing thoughts of the mindful provision and safe guidance of overshadowing Love. More than this, it has a childhood joy which is its very own, for on this day gladness and affection are enthroned, the tender ties which bind us to the parental fireside and the home circle grow to be strong and enduring, and memories are stored which will make men courageous and true in the far-away years, when, but for them, they would lose heart and fail.

Wherever it is observed, Thanksgiving has become the great kinship day, and if its sweeter joys are untasted, its richer blessings unwon, it is because we have not yet come to understand that only as the sense of human attachment is being merged into the consciousness of spiritual relation, can it yield us a real and abiding happiness.

In this life's experience "that was not first which is spiritual," but with our awakening to truth the mortal concept gives place, and our eternal kinship in Christ appears. This means the redemption of every human relation through the understanding that "There is one God and Father of all," and that "we be brethren," related not through the history and affiliations of the flesh, but in the bonds of Spirit.

The practical significance of this elimination of the mortal grounds of attachment from our thought, cannot be overestimated, for it rebukes the sense of physical personality, with all its allurements and repulsions, and supplies the only basis for a friendship and love which can conduce to our spiritual advance.

Fleshly ties have ever failed to bring satisfying joy and at-onement. Not only have nations and clans forgotten their common origin and common weal, to fall into world-wearying contentions, but members of the same family and household are oft at variance. Their common paternity did not stay the murderous jealousy of Joseph's brethren nor repress the bitter resentment which, in the parable of the Prodigal, crowds itself into the foreground, to desecrate a picture that was to have suggested the gladness of heaven. The petty, unloving impulses of selfishness,—pride, passion, and prejudice,—how they still desolate, as of yore, the nearest and dearest relations of human life! And yet it is blessedly true that home ties may be exalted, become channels for the expression of spiritual sense and affection, and in this possibility the genuine happiness of every family circle is grounded.

Christian Science reaffirms the teaching of Jesus, that as man is born of Spirit and hence spiritual, all his relations must likewise be spiritual, and that the holier sense of these relations, is to invest with new dignity our every thought of self and of others. Said he, "Call no man your father upon the earth; for one is your Father, which is in heaven." This does not authorize us to ignore our human relationships, but it does point us to the true basis of individual recognition and regard. Thought of our dear ones is thus lifted above the seeming and transient, above all that appeals to the weaknesses of fleshly impulse, and becomes for us a prayer, for them a benediction. Grounded

in spiritual thought, every affection gains in wholesomeness, refinement, and constancy. Our sense of the brotherhood of man takes on a deeper, more inclusive, meaning, its channels are filled with the tide of an ever-increasing affection,—a love which reflects infinite Love so far as to be indifferent to human incidents, yes, even the incident of entire unworthiness,—while the tender ministries of the Master toward every needy one by the way, begin to find more frequent repetition as we go about our daily tasks. To be more spiritual in our thought of kinship, is to be not only more loving and kind, it is to be more vitally helpful to those most dear, and many loving hearts are more thankful for this than for all else to-day, that through the teaching of Christian Science they have been led to understand and to prove the healing power of a spiritual consciousness and affection. W.

### Thanksgiving.

We give thee thanks, O Lord God almighty, . . . because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.—REVELATION.

OUR anniversary days come betimes and bring unfailingly messages from the past which point us to the heights beyond. Sometimes on the ascending path, thought is tempted to look back to the plane of sense, where perchance dear ones still linger, where we once sought peace and pleasure, but found only disappointment and defeat. With every such backward glance it would be well to recall the Master's words concerning the one who had started spiritward, "Let him . . . not return back. Remember Lot's wife."

In leaving behind the supposed treasures of mortality we lose, in fact, nothing but the sense which makes the unreal seem real; and if we ever entertain the suggestion that we have given up something for Truth's sake, we may be sure that such a belief is indeed "the measure of our imperfection." Rather should we give thanks that we have come to know materiality, at its best, as nothing more than a counterfeit of spiritual reality; and no one who is wise could lament such a discovery did he know that the real and perfect is within the reach of all God's children. Jesus illustrated this when he declared that those who had left all "for the kingdom of heaven's sake" should receive "manifold more in this present time" and "everlasting life," thus teaching that the unrealities of sense should be gladly and thankfully given up for the realities of Soul.

In one of our Leader's most impressive paragraphs, she says, "For victory over a single sin we give thanks, and magnify the Lord of Hosts" (Science and Health, p. 568), and another has written, "Far hath he gone whose foot treads down one fond offence." As beginners in Christian Science we give thanks for physical healing and for a new and brighter outlook upon life, and with added days and experience, the faithful give thanks for the truth which takes away sin and the desire for its supposed satisfaction. With one real overcoming, however, the price paid for spiritual victory seems small indeed. Christ Jesus gave his all for the Cause of Truth. To it he gave himself. For it he counted no effort too great. "With the great glory of an everlasting victory overshadowing him, he gave thanks" (Science and Health, p. 33). Illumined by the Truth of being we share his cup, partake of his victory over sin, disease, and death, and give thanks for his sublime career of which we may become partakers, in the revelation of Christian Science which leads us toward the sinless and deathless goal of divine Love. As we press on we may sometimes pause to ponder the poet's words,—

Cease the sin with the sorrow! See morning begin!  
Pain must burn itself out if not fuell'd by sin.  
There is hope in yon hilltops, and love in yon light;  
Let hate and despondency die with the night!

At this Thanksgiving season we measure our gratitude for the blessings of the year, and though the clash of arms

on Eastern battlefields is still heard, and earth cannot "cover her slain," yet we may be thankful that humanity is awakening to protest against the horror and sin of it, and is demanding that the reign of the Prince of Peace be recognized and honored as something more than a theological tenet. When all Christians are united on any question of right, the day is won, whatever be the issues involved.

To-day we give thanks for the Christ-truth which takes away sin and sickness, and we pray that with another Thanksgiving we may give thanks that there is an end of war, and that the plowshares and pruning hooks of Science have supplanted the swords and spears of so-called civilization. Then in the councils of the nations will be heard, "Be still and know that I am God." K.

### Letters to our Leader.

Hastings, Neb., October 6, 1904.

*Beloved Leader:*—Though these words may never meet your gaze, it will be a relief to my overcharged heart to write them. When I read this morning the account of the beautiful new book, "Bohemia," and the just recognition which it accords to you for your service to mankind, the grateful tears came to my eyes. In thought I saw the little attic room, the lonely days and the lonelier nights, when you kept your steadfast vigil that we who sat in darkness might see the great light. I thought of the years when you stood alone against the whole world, and I said, "Father, I thank Thee that Thy faithful servant has been permitted to receive in this world, some slight reward for her fidelity to Truth."

Gratefully and lovingly,

AWANA H. K. SLAKER.

Fort Smith, Ark., October 18, 1904.

Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, Concord, N. H.

*Dear Leader:*—Because this blessed truth you have given the world, has come to me, a Jew, I ask the privilege of telling you that I recognize how clearly and truly Christian Science intervenes and mediates, reconciling the belief of Jew and Gentile, which is so beautifully shown in your Message to The Mother Church in 1902. It is generally believed among Jewish people that they could never accept any Christian doctrine, but the fact that so many of the Jewish faith have accepted Christian Science, truly shows "that Christ is the Messiah, the true spiritual idea, and this ideal of God is *now* and *forever*, *here* and *everywhere*" (Message to The Mother Church, 1902, p. 21), and that Christian Science is demonstrating that "by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, . . . and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

"Blessed are the peacemakers." I am most grateful to you for this reconciliation.

Lovingly yours,

SAMUEL KAUFMAN.

Rochester, N. Y., October 20, 1904.

Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, Concord, N. H.

*Dear Leader and Teacher:*—It is sweetly, vividly, and renewedly borne in upon me that your teaching and work is a fulfilment of the Christian ideals of the past. When you said, some years since, "I love the orthodox church," etc., I had the confirmation that the ideals I had found through associations of the "orthodox" church, the ideals of Christian history, were not to be discredited, but honored and cherished; while all the more we should have gratitude and rejoicing for the understanding of Science, which shows how these ideals can now be to us the most vital and practical realities. That which impressed me most in the noble church at Concord was that it fulfils a type. As I entered and stood within, waiting for the first distinct impression, I felt strength, beauty, the historic associations of Christian architecture, and in the midst of it

all, a simplicity that just escaped severity. Here, I said, is the fruition and fulfilment, in type, of the Puritan ideal,—its rugged strength, its unswerving fidelity to conviction, its severe ideal of righteousness, all this is suggested, and yet there is added to it, freedom and beauty. That which our thought is to seek and hold shall be, and is, not only the things that are "true," "honest," "just," and "pure," but likewise,—what our sterner ancestors omitted,—the things that are "lovely" and of "good report."

With loyal and loving greeting, and with desire for a still closer, truer walk with good,

Yours most faithfully,

ARTHUR R. VOSBURGH.

New York, November 1, 1904.

Reverend Mary Baker Eddy.

*Beloved Leader:*—With deepest gratitude I wish to express my appreciation to you for making possible, in this city, the Central Christian Science Reading Room.

The wisdom of your words has been proven, "Nothing is more needed for the good of the Cause, than this Central Reading Room in New York City, except better healing." Since your letter with this message came to this Field, a year ago, the work in the Central Reading Room has steadily increased, and beyond expectations; the attendance has numbered eighty and eighty-one persons in a day, the demand for literature has been in proportion; most interesting experiences have been the cause of rejoicing, and there have been cases of healing, by simply reading our literature.

Scientists have registered in this reading room from every state in the Union, from Maine to Florida, from Washington to California, the West Indies, England, Germany, Switzerland, and the Philippine Islands. Above all does my heart rejoice that members of the different churches are here brought together to work with one interest for our beloved Cause, and to realize we are all members of the one Church of Christ, Scientist, destroying any unconscious selfish interest for merely one church, in thus working for the good of all. We are thus enabled to do better work for each branch church by individually bringing out the spirit of unity.

As a natural result of this united work, better healing is being manifested and will continue to be, in proportion as we gain a clearer and higher realization of our relation to God and to each other. Only love and harmony have been evidenced from the beginning in the meetings of the Board of Directors. This Board is made up of two members from each church. Each church has shown the most loving interest, and a willingness to sacrifice individual opinions for the good of all. Second Church has found that what might have seemed a sacrifice, in closing the reading room in the church edifice, has proved to be a blessing, if the growth of the church is an indication, for never has the attendance grown so rapidly as since this step was taken, in following, as they thought, the demands of divine Principle.

It has been a great joy and privilege to work for the interest of this enterprise, and thereby for the Cause at large, and each day I feel more grateful to you, dear Mrs. Eddy, for the wisdom which supplied this great need in New York City.

Most lovingly yours,

ELLA BERRY RIDEING.

Doubt and fear are twin brothers. Doubt always arrives first, and fear follows closely after. All that doubt affirms, fear confirms. When doubt falters and wavers, fear trembles and turns pale; when doubt stumbles and falls, fear cries out in terror; when doubt gives up in despair, fear is paralyzed with fright, until the light of Truth shows that there never was any reason for their seeming existence. Then their nothingness is seen and they "leave not a wrack behind."—J. W. B.

## Testimonies of Healing.

When a knowledge of the work of Christian Science first came to me, I was a student of medicine, having had a strong desire, almost from childhood, to do something to relieve the sufferings of mankind. In healing my parents, Christian Science accomplished for them what no system of medicine had been able to do. This impelled me to investigate the claims of this new religion, which had made them whole again and caused them to renew their youth, although they made no effort to change my plans in respect to my chosen profession. Being an enthusiastic student of homœopathy, I was almost startled by the statement in *Science and Health*, page 156, that "Metaphysics, as taught in Christian Science, is the next stately step beyond homœopathy." Then I recalled Hahnemann's teaching in the *Organon*, that it is the dynamic or spirit power of the drug that heals, and not the crude drug itself, and that in the college we were constantly instructed to look for the peculiar or mental symptoms of disease in the patient, some of the professors even going so far as to state that certain forms of disease considered most malignant had their origin in a mental shock. After this it was not difficult for me to understand that if disease had a mental cause, its cure should also be through mind without the intervention of matter. Thus the transition from a drug system of treatment to a metaphysical system was easy and natural, though I did not yet see what religion had to do with it.

While in no special need of physical healing for myself, having for the most part always enjoyed good health, I was painfully aware of a need of spiritual healing, spiritual awakening and growth. I was a member of an orthodox church and tried conscientiously to conform to its requirements, but this did not satisfy my highest spiritual desires. I felt there was something in the Bible that would bring me peace and joy if once found, but I failed to find any one who could give me the key which would unlock the Scriptures.

After a few weeks' study of the text-book, in which time Truth seemed no clearer or nearer than at first, I took up *Science and Health* one evening in sheer desperation, being much fatigued at the close of a hard day's work, thinking if my father could get so much out of it there must be something in it for me. Too tired to turn to anything wholly new, I opened to the Lord's Prayer and read it through with its spiritual interpretation, then began to question myself after this manner, "If there is a God, what is He? What must He be to satisfy me?" The answer came, "Good, not half-way good, but all good, the infinite good; if infinite, then He is limitless, boundless good, and must be all-knowing and all-powerful, always and everywhere present; and that means that this infinite Being is with me now and at all times; in fact, that I live, and move, and have my being in Him." Then I knew that the light which is brighter than the day was shining unto me, and my burden was lifted; for in that light I saw the nature of God and man and their relation to each other, and I have been able since then to do any amount of work required of me without any recurrence of the old tired feeling. The meaning of *Science and Health* and the Bible had dawned upon my consciousness, and this glimpse of Truth brought the peace for which I had been longing. Shortly after this experience, my father asked what preparations I was making to return to the medical college, and I replied that I saw no use in continuing the further study of an inferior system of healing,—I had found the Great Physician who healeth all our diseases.

Let me say here that in the beginning of my research I was quite critical of Mrs. Eddy, but after gaining this my first understanding of God, I had found what she wants everybody to find,—God, infinite good,—and I could only be grateful that, after nearly nineteen hundred years, one

had had the courage and faithfulness to stand alone and again present this truth to the world. That Christian Science is the Word which God has sent to heal the people, I am glad to be able to testify through the works that have been wrought in this community, for through that Word the lame have been enabled to walk, those who sat in darkness to see, the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak, those sick with so-called incurable diseases have been healed, and the poor have had the gospel preached unto them.

RITTA MAY METCALF, Anderson, Ind.

My cause of gratitude for all that Truth has done and is doing for me increases so rapidly, that every week I wait before giving my testimony, will make it more difficult to compress the testimony into reasonable limits; whereas, rather more than two years ago, the outlook upon life was one that often brought me into a state of mental depression which sometimes involved an actual physical sense of pain and heart-heaviness. Since the light began to break for me I have not once felt this, nor the attendant result of looking to self-destruction as the only possible way of escape. During the two years and four months since divine Love led me to open *Science and Health* for the second time (after an interval of some years from reading it through prayerfully, but as it then seemed in vain), I have drunk deeply of the hemlock-cup that means warfare with the false self within; but this has never caused me to swerve from the certainty that "God's in His heaven: all's right with the world," whatever the seeming may be, and this assurance does help one through everything. The way grows brighter, one's sense of the encompassing arms of Love grows in spite of outward manifestations that are slow in being made.

Since accepting the Christ-truth as Mrs. Eddy has revealed it to us, I have never touched medicine, and the result has been two years of almost unbroken good health, a capacity for hard work, and an endurance previously unknown. Clear proof has come to me that the harder the mental work, the greater the capacity to fulfil the day's duties aright, however arduous they may be, the "consciousness of truth" (*Science and Health*, p. 278) being our best rest. In June of last year I became a member of The Mother Church, a cause for much joy and humility. No words can say what I owe to the periodicals for the help they give. Gratitude for all this must henceforth be the motive-power of my life, and I know that gratitude expressed in selfless, impersonal love will lead to the outward manifestation which seems to be hard to attain; that sight, hearing, all the spiritual senses of man are eternal and are therefore mine now, since the Comforter, Divine Science, has been sent to show us the way of healing.

Great blessings make great demands upon us, and second only to the debt that must ever be owed, that must be daily and hourly repaid to our Leader, my chief cause for gratitude and the most potent incentive to work is found in the example of those whom God has selected for His service here in this English university town, those who conduct the Sunday and Wednesday meetings, under, perhaps, very exceptional difficulties, and who have been enabled to "strengthen, sustain, and cheer" all who have come under the influence of their pure and selfless ministrations. I have also other Scientists to thank for healing work done for me. Words alone, expressing thanksgiving to God, would be idle, but "prayer is the heart's sincere desire," and I know that I have the sincere desire so to live that others may through me be led to Christ.

EVA S. W. WILLIAMS, Cambridge, Eng.

Christian Science was brought to my notice several years ago by a dear friend, who had investigated it. I hold her

in grateful remembrance for the self-sacrifice and patient love with which she endeavored to help me in time of need. I am also truly grateful to my strong and loyal teacher, who guided my thought into the way of understanding, when I learned the beauty of holiness and the true sense of healing from sin and sickness, which is embodied in Christian Science. Only my heart can tell God how grateful I am for His goodness in giving us dear Mrs. Eddy, even choosing one from among us to lead us out of bondage, that we might know our Father and gain the true birthright of every child of God. We owe our dear Leader untold love for listening to the voice that called, and for obeying the commands from on high. What a work has been hers! With long-suffering patience, loving and true to her calling, she has gently led us on and on, and to make our journey safe, that we may not go astray, she has given us the guide-book of Truth, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." We treasure this blessed book in our home, for we have proved by our healing that it is divinely inspired. It gives us an understanding of the Scriptures, which indeed makes it a book of revelation. The *Sentinel* and *Journal* are also great benefits to me and mine. We have found help and comfort many times from the contributions, so filled with admonition and love, and we have a kindred affection toward all who contribute aid to the needy; strength to the weak, food and drink to the hungering and thirsting ones, through those sacred pages. The gospel of Truth and Love, seems to fill the cup of salvation to the brim, until nothing is left but God,—good. For all these manifold blessings we are unspeakably grateful.—ALICE LURA JONES, Chicago, Ill.

Having received so much benefit from reading the many beautiful testimonies in the *Sentinel*, I feel in duty bound to add my mite in the hope that some suffering brother may pluck up hope and come and drink of the waters of Truth, and find rest as I have done. I am a miner and work in the mines for my living. A few days ago I was taken with a very severe case of grip. I had suffered from it in February or March of each year for the past fourteen years and was quite well acquainted with its symptoms. When treated by *materia medica*, which has always been the case up to two years ago, the attack usually lasted from two to four weeks, and then left some after-effects, such as cough, shortness of breath, etc., which would remain with me until the following summer. This time I was taken with it in the morning, and it appeared more than usually vicious; however, I did not allow it to stop me from going to my work, but I kept growing worse, and by evening I was scarcely able to walk to my home, about a mile from the mine. As soon as I arrived there I asked my little daughter Ruth, who is only eleven years old, to give me a treatment in Christian Science, which she did at once. I sat down by the fire and attempted to read Science and Health, but instead of reading I fell asleep and slept for an hour. When I awoke I found that my headache and sore throat had entirely disappeared; in fact, I was feeling perfectly well, and my belief in grip had vanished into its native nothingness.

I am indeed grateful for the truth as presented by our beloved Leader, Mrs. Eddy, and to our Christian Science friends who have so kindly assisted us in gaining an understanding of the truth that makes men free. Truly did the prophet say, "A little child shall lead them."

J. G. GRADY, Georgetown, Col.

It is over ten years since I first heard of Christian Science. At that time my husband, who is a hardwood finisher, was wearing a strap upon a weak and painful wrist. He had used this many years in order to do his work. One evening he came home saying he had heard of something new,—Christian Science. A fellow-workman had

given him a treatment in the afternoon, which had entirely healed his wrist, and from that day he never again wore the strap. I was very glad for his relief from pain and inconvenience, but took no further interest in the matter for some time. My husband was, however, greatly interested, and soon brought home a copy of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs. Eddy. I read the book with interest, but did not understand it, and I felt that it was not for me,—that I could never attain to such purity and goodness as the book demanded.

Shortly after this, things began to go wrong in the family. Work became scarce, money less plentiful, and at last it seemed that we had lost all we ever had. I became fearful, discouraged, impatient, discontented with myself and every one else. My husband, however, was happy through it all, and often said, "If you could see this as I see it, everything would be different for you." I, however, continued in my discontent, making no effort to do otherwise, until one day the conviction came home to me that if I would derive any benefit from that which was helping my husband, I must study and do my own mental work,—that no one else could do it for me. I left my housework at once, found a Bible, the copy of Science and Health, and a *Quarterly*, and for hours I sat reading and thinking. When I got up, I realized that I was free. A great peace had taken possession of me, which then I could not explain. Within a week my husband had work, and has not been without it since.

Six years have passed since then, and in all this time we have had cause only for rejoicing. In our family of five the temptations have been many and varied, and the way has seemed dark at times, but by going to the Bible and Science and Health we always learn more of God, and have always found Him a help in times of trouble, and a shelter in the time of storm. We have found a church home which is a source of great comfort and strength to us, and we have gained much from class instruction. The study of each week's Lesson-Sermon brings the thought of Christ feeding the multitude, and the bread is still fresh.

Words cannot express my gratitude to Mrs. Eddy for the way in which her book has lifted me from dark despair into the liberty of Truth and Love. The light which shines from Science and Health is glorious. The *Sentinel* and *Journal* are truly welcome visitors. My heart is filled with gratitude, first to God, for raising up one who could proclaim His gospel of Love, then to Mrs. Eddy, for so nobly fulfilling this mission. I am also grateful to our editors and contributors who give us so many loving lessons, to the Readers and every member of our home church, who are so happy and loving that I feel I miss a feast if I am not regularly among them.

MRS. SUSIE HENDERSON, Portland, Ore.

I wish to tell of a little demonstration I had one day. I broke the bone of my third finger and crushed two of the others very badly. I at once went into a room alone and realized the truth. The words of our Leader in Science and Health, p. 424, came to me: "Accidents are unknown to God, or immortal Mind." I knew that as God's child I could not be injured, neither could a bone be broken. Within a few minutes all pain had ceased and I proceeded about my duties as if nothing had happened. The fingers were very discolored for some days, and people in the house wondered how I could use them, but I felt no inconvenience whatever. This is only one of many testimonies I might give if space permitted. Some seeming business troubles of many years' standing were met and brought to a satisfactory termination through my little understanding of Truth.

For all these many proofs of God's love to me and to others, above all for the great spiritual uplifting and the understanding of the Bible I have received through the



reading of Science and Health and Mrs. Eddy's other works, I wish to express heartfelt praise and thanks to God. I also wish to express my gratitude and love to our Leader, who, through her pure life, has given us the revelation of truth that has brought such joy and peace to the world.

ALEXANDRA C. E. GIBBS, Sydney, Australia.

As I have been greatly helped and encouraged by the reading of other testimonies, I find it a privilege, rather than a duty to obey the words of the Master, who said, "Freely ye have received, freely give." I have the most of our Leader's works, also our periodicals, and derive pleasure and profit from the study of them. We have no Christian Science church here, so have not the helpful influence of church association, but I have an abiding faith that in God's good time the seed will fall on good ground, spring up, increase, and bring forth fruit, the same as it has done in other places.

I would like to say, for the encouragement of those who distribute Christian Science literature in different places, that I was led to the truth by taking up *The Christian Science Journal* while waiting in a public reception room. I became deeply interested, and from that reading, now six years ago, I feel that I have found the truth as never before in the church of which I was an interested member, and which I still hold in love and respect, as the stepping-stone to the higher and more spiritual truths of Christian Science. I became interested for the physical healing, of which I was greatly in need, as well as the spiritual up-building of thought, and it has been my experience that the spiritual is the first necessity, and that the physical healing follows. I feel that it has been one demonstration since coming to the Christ, Truth; not that I can say that I have been able to work out of all the claims of error, but I have to such an extent that I can say Christian Science is an ever-present help in all the conditions of daily life.

In consideration for all the physical and spiritual blessings I have received, I feel there is no better way for me than to make constant endeavor to follow in the faith our Saviour taught. I would express my deep-felt gratitude to Mrs. Eddy, the one whose heart was pure and whose ears were spiritualized to hear the call of Christ Jesus. I also wish to express my love and appreciation of my practitioner, who first told me of the truths of Science and turned my material thought toward the spiritual; and last of those who work so faithfully to send out the different publications into the Field. It is my daily prayer that I may live up to this beautiful truth and bring no discredit upon Christ's teachings.

MRS. LAURA L. CORBIN, Rockville, Conn.

This morning, after reading some testimonies and being helped so much by them, I cannot wait longer but must write mine. I was a church member, and I tried to be faithful until these commands would come up to be honestly obeyed, "heal the sick" and "preach the gospel to the poor." While in a state of uncertainty our little baby girl was born. We used to give her paregoric and other drugs to cure the colic, and at last we gave her whiskey and water enough to strangle her. The thought occurred to me, Here am I, a Christian, and yet depending on these poisons to relieve my little darling. It is a pretty weak god that I am serving. My mother and sister were Christian Scientists and had helped me more than once, and they asked me to try Christian Science for the healing. I finally took the whiskey, drugs, etc., and threw them out doors, then repeated the Lord's Prayer with its spiritual interpretation, also the scientific statement of being (*Science and Health*, pp. 16, 468). Needless to say, our darling baby was relieved, and from that day till this, nine years,

Christian Science has been our only physician. Space will not permit me to write of the many different forms of error that have been healed by knowing what God is, and by abiding in divine Love.

E. W. DICKERSON, Blaine, Wash.

I became suddenly and seriously ill in the night and suffered excruciating pain. In the morning, when I looked at myself in the mirror, I found to my dismay that my face was quite crooked and one eye very much enlarged and protruding. A friend seeing me exclaimed, "You have had a stroke of paralysis; you must have galvanic treatment at once. I once suffered from the same thing and was under medical treatment for a year." My friends were all very anxious and wished me to send for a physician, but I firmly refused, and as soon as possible I sent a telegram to a Christian Science practitioner, asking for absent treatment. The result was marvelous, for in five days I was healed. The declaration on page 375, *Science and Health*, "Muscles have no power, . . . Mind is supreme," helped me wonderfully. Those around me who had been so adverse to my having Christian Science treatment had to acknowledge that it really was very extraordinary how quickly I recovered.

Words fail me when I try to express how grateful I am to Mrs. Eddy for her wonderful book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." It is through the understanding which this book has brought me, that I am able to realize what the Christ love is, and to understand the spiritual meaning of our Master's teaching.

I. M. G., Manchester, Eng.

I wish to testify to the healing power of God, which came to me through Christian Science. I had a spinal trouble, which brought on nervous prostration of twelve years' standing. I was in bed sometimes six weeks. Words cannot express how I felt: I could not sleep, would go as long as forty-eight hours without a moment's sleep, in fact I was a physical wreck and grew very despondent. I had the best physicians, and each in turn would say that he could do me no good; then, of course, I gave up all hope.

About two years ago, when first I knew of Christian Science, I went to church. I enjoyed the services very much; on Wednesday evening I went again, and am now a member. I got *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy, and began reading it, and so I was healed,—I am perfectly well without taking a single treatment from any one.

I feel very thankful that our Leader has shown us the way so perfectly by giving us the "Key to the Scriptures." I strive each day and pray for a better understanding of this truth, which has done so much for me. I owe my life, all I am, to Christian Science.

MAGGIE L. LIGON, Atlanta, Ga.

If I wait longer to acknowledge the benefits received from Christian Science, I shall feel that I do not deserve more. During the last five years I have been studying Christian Science, and in that time, through the reading of *Science and Health*, granulated eyelids have been cured, sore throat has left me, colds are much less frequent and less severe, fatigue has become unknown, and the "blues" have taken their flight. The discipline of pupils in my school is no longer difficult, and a good many times I have been able to help others. These are only a portion of the blessings received, for a day does not pass in which there is not a manifestation of the omnipresence of good.

Each day I realize more and more how pure Mrs. Eddy's life must be, that she can give us through her writings an understanding which so truly meets our need.

MABEL K. PETERS, Carbondale, Ill.



### From Our Exchanges.

If every public officer were really a Christian, if every employer and every laborer were really a Christian, if every merchant, every householder, every man, woman, and child were really a Christian, of course the kingdom of heaven would not be far away.

If that is true, then the sensible thing to do is to make Christians just as fast as we can, and in proportion to our success will the kingdom of heaven approach the earth. The point of all this is that the most vital element of life to-day, from the standpoint of the world itself, is religion, for if there is any truth in the observations of pessimists who find conditions so deplorable and hopeless, it is because religion has been pushed into the background while we experimented like our brethren of olden time in Egypt, in making bricks without straw; we have the clay and sand and water, needed properties, but nothing to hold them together!

The chief need of the world to-day is religion; we need it in our officials, high and low, we need it in our voters, we need it in our rich men and poor, we need it in our stores and factories, we need it on our streets, we need it in office and study and studio, we need it in society, we need it in the newspapers and in our literature, we need it in our amusements, we need it in our schools and colleges, we need it in our homes, we need it most of all in our churches.

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We make a great mistake when we think that Christianity has won its way in the earth because its preachers have been such strong logicians. The secret of its power and its triumph has been that it has actually done something for men in the transformation and re-creation of the inner life of thought, desire, and purpose. It has brought peace and strength and life. No matter how much discredited skeptics throw upon documents, so long as men by following the directions of those documents come to a spiritual experience that purifies and expands and vitalizes their souls. Christianity is unassailable, and the spiritual experience reflects back a new and strong evidence upon the documents.

But, it is said, this spiritual experience is only valid for the individual soul that shares it. It cannot be imparted to another. That is certainly true. But it is also true that the soul that is born from above bears a witness to the truth in the certainty and intensity of its conviction that is of the highest moment in propagating its own convictions. Carlyle truly says, "Soul is kindled by soul, and to teach religion the one thing needful is to find a man who has religion."—*The Watchman.*

Religious union is in the air, and Christian unity is on the way, but consolidation will never come excepting among religious denominations that have advanced toward central truth so far that forms of baptism, methods of communion, systems of church government, and the authority heretofore delegated to consecrated persons shall be classed among the non-essentials of religion. We are glad to see that the *Churchman* is approaching this point of view in a recent editorial. As, for instance, when it said that "converting congregations to the Prayer Book is hardly more intelligent than converting individuals to the processional cross and the litany desk. The first principle of a real programme of religious peace is the recognition of what the religious life of America is and has been, with a generous recognition of the part that each fraction of the Church has played in its development."—*The Christian Register.*

No philosophy, no theory, no art, can change eternal verities. To-day, as ever, it is true that the pure in heart shall see God. Nothing can change the nature of that truth. Jesus, as ever, leads to purity of heart, leads to God.

W. B. FLANDERS in *Christian Messenger.*

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