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

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Items of Interest.

National.

Greetings have been exchanged between President Roosevelt and Mutsuhito, the Emperor of Japan, over the American cable connecting the Island of Guam and Japan, which was recently completed. Following are the messages:—

The White House,
Washington, June 25, 1906.
His Majesty, the Emperor of Japan,
Tokio:

I am glad to send to Your Majesty, over the American cable which has just been completed between Guam and Japan, and thus unites our two countries across the Pacific, a message of sincere good will, and the assurance of the earnest wishes of the Government and people of the United States for the welfare and prosperity of Your Majesty and Your Majesty's Empire.

(Signed) Theodore Roosevelt.

The Emperor's reply:

Tokio, June 26, 1906.
The President,
Washington:

I have just received, with great interest and appreciation, the kind message sent by you over the cable which has recently been laid between Guam and Japan, and which will shortly be open to the public. I am highly gratified to know that the first telegram by this new line which unites our two countries should convey to me the assurances of the friendly sentiment of the Government and people of the United States for myself and my people. I most cordially reciprocate your expressions of good will and good wishes.

(Signed) Mutsuhito.

The Chicago Board of Trade is taking the lead in commercial interests, in promoting a plan to have Congress, at its next session, make an appropriation to build a canal on the line between Indiana and Michigan to connect Lakes Michigan and Erie. The plan is also to widen the Erie Canal to permit large lake boats to go from Erie to the Hudson River, and thence to New York, making a waterway between the two cities that would be practically as short as the shortest rail route. This, in connection with the Henne-

pin Canal and the Mississippi River, would give Chicago two waterways to the coast. The survey for the Michigan-Erie Canal was made nearly fifty years ago, but the project was abandoned. It has been estimated that the canal could be constructed for less than \$100,000,000.

The Treasury closed the fiscal year June 30 with a surplus for the year amounting to \$25,693,459. A year ago there was a deficit of \$24,305,903. June 30, 1904, there was a deficit of \$41,352,325. The customs receipts for the fiscal year have passed the \$300,000,000 mark, nearly \$40,000,000 more than last fiscal year. Internal revenue receipt for the fiscal year has been heavy, the total being \$249,063,867, or about \$17,000,000 ahead of the last fiscal year. The total receipts for the Government this fiscal year have been \$594,914,714, not including postal receipts, against \$543,423,859 last fiscal year. The expenditures total \$590,221,255.

The commission appointed by Congress to investigate second-class postage has perfected its plans for making a thorough inquiry covering the total amount of second-class mail matter handled each year, the amount in weight of different kinds of publications that go to make up the whole, etc. The Post Office Department, by which the statistics will be gathered, has already begun to keep a record of second-class matter received in every post office in the United States for the next six months.

Within a short time prosecution will be begun in Chicago, under the Sherman anti-trust act, against the \$50,000,000 "Powder Trust." Since the recent revelations regarding the alleged powder trust before the Senate Committee, which led to agitation for the passage of a bill in Congress appropriating a sum for the establishment of a powder-making plant for the United States Army, President Roosevelt and Attorney-General Moody have been preparing for the prosecution of the trust.

About thirty thousand parcels addressed to foreign countries have been held as unavailable in the last eleven months and sent to the Division of Dead Letters because they were not properly prepared for the forwarding by parcels post. The inclosures in many instances consisted of articles of considerable value, and also included "samples," and were in excess of the weight (twelve ounces) prescribed for the transmission by ordinary post.

The lengthy litigation between R. H. Macy & Co. and the American Publishers Association, in which the department store firm claimed the right to sell copyrighted books at less than the prices agreed upon by the publishers, was advanced last week by the announcement that the United States Circuit Court of Appeals had handed down a decision sustaining the contention of Macy & Co.

The first session of the Fifty-Ninth Congress closed June 29. The conference report of the Railroad Rate Bill was adopted by the Senate, thus passing the bill, and soon after signed by the President. He also signed the Naturalization Bill and the bill for the construction of a lock canal across the Isthmus of Panama.

Five ice dealers were sentenced at Toledo on the 25th to a fine of \$5,000 each and imprisonment in the workhouse for one year. They had been convicted under the Ohio anti-trust law of entering into a combination in restraint of trade, in the matter of controlling the price of ice.

The final steps in the United States District Court at Kansas City in the rebate cases were taken July 2, when appeal bonds were perfected upon behalf of the seven convicted individuals and concerns and when bills of exception were filed.

Attorney-General Moody has directed that suits be brought against a large number of railroad companies to recover penalties for

violation of the safety appliance law, through failure to keep their equipment in proper condition.

Exports of manufactures from the United States in May, 1906, were over \$56,000,000, an average of more than \$2,000,000 for each business day of the month.

Harvard granted 993 diplomas at its last commencement and Yale 597.

Foreign.

The Chinese Government has instituted a military programme which, if carried out as planned, will take sixteen years to complete. At the end of that period the Chinese army will consist of forty-two divisions, each division comprising two infantry brigades (twelve battalions), one cavalry regiment, one artillery regiment, and one battalion of engineers. In the organization, drill, and equipment of this large force the Japanese are taking the chief part.

Walter Wellman, leader of the Wellman-Chicago *Record-Herald* Arctic expedition, arrived at Tromsø, Norway, on June 29, accompanied by three French aeronauts and some mechanics. The airship material and all the party will go to Spitzbergen next week. The reports that the members of the expedition have no intention of going north by airship this year are declared false. Mr. Wellman still believes that their chances of making an aerial voyage to the pole in August are good.

The Cuban Senate has passed the railroad subsidy bill, appropriating \$6,000 per kilometer for the construction of twelve branch railroad lines which will be feeders for the Van Horne system. The subsidies will be paid at a rate not exceeding \$500,000 annually until all the roads are completed. President Palma has decided to approve the bill.

It is announced that the Mutual Life Insurance Company has decided to withdraw from writing new business in France on account of the new French law compelling reserves to be kept there against all the French business both of the past and of the future.

The ordinary Government receipts of Russia for the first four months of 1906 showed an increase of \$30,600,000 over 1905. Savings bank deposits showed an increase from \$12,500,000 to \$57,200,000.

Industrial and Commercial.

Seldom in the history of chemical industry, says the *Scientific American*, has any chemical product undergone such marked variation of price within a few years as thorium, the principal constituent of incandescent mantles. Early in 1894 thorium nitrate was sold by the German combination at 2,000 marks per kilogramme, and by January of the next year it had fallen to 900 marks; in July of the same year it stood at 500 marks, and in November at 300 marks. In 1896 it fell in May to 150 marks, and in October to 90 marks, touching the low price of 30 marks in 1899. After that the price was pushed up to 53 marks, less seven per cent discount, in May, 1904, a figure which the "Convention" succeeded in maintaining till January of this year, when it dropped to 27 marks, less three per cent discount.

Precious stones of every variety were imported into the United States last year in larger quantities than ever before. The importation of rough diamonds was seven times larger than in 1897, the diamond cutting industry having greatly increased in recent years. The total value of importations of gems for last year amounted to \$34,998,513.

A raise in wages for nearly twenty-five thousand cotton mill operatives in Rhode Island and Massachusetts has been announced. The advance will go into effect on and after Monday, July 9, a week later than the date on which an increase will be given in Fall River, New Bedford, East Taunton, Fiskdale, and other places.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SENTINEL

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

An Appreciative Letter to Mrs. Eddy.

[WE give the following letter a prominent place, feeling sure that its loving and grateful reference to the faithful Board of Directors will be heartily approved by all Christian Scientists. The building of the Extension of The Mother Church of Christ, Scientist, was a tremendous undertaking, and when we consider how much had to be accomplished in the given time, and the many intricate problems which presented themselves, it is easy to see that it could only have been brought to a successful termination by heeding the Master's injunction, "Have faith in God," by constant and intelligent reliance upon the divine Mind. When the date of the dedication was definitely announced, regardless of the fact that all the needed funds had not yet been contributed and that much work yet remained to be done on the edifice itself, a lesson was given the members which they will never forget, and for which they will never cease to be grateful.

Mr. Rome's loving tribute to our revered Leader, and his recognition of her vital relation to this great achievement in Christian Science, will touch a tender chord in the hearts of all Christian Scientists, and they will echo his prayer for her happiness.—THE ASSOCIATE EDITORS.]

Boston, Mass., June 30, 1906.

Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy,
Pleasant View, Concord, N. H.

Dear Leader and Guide:—Now that the great event, the dedication of our new church building, is over, may I ask a little of your time to tell you of the interesting part I had to perform in this wonderful consummation. On the 25th of last March I was asked by one of the Directors if I would care to do a little watching at the church. I gladly answered in the affirmative, and have been in the building part of every night since that time. To watch the transformation has been very interesting indeed, and the lessons I have learned of the power of divine Mind to remove human obstructions have been very precious. At first I thought that, since it seemed impossible for the building to be completed before the end of summer, the Communion would likely be postponed until that time. Then came the announcement that the services would be held in the new Extension on June 10. I saw at once that somebody had to wake up. I fought hard with the evidence of mortal sense for a time; but after a while, in the night, as I was climbing over stones and planks and plaster, I raised my eyes, and the conviction that the work would be accomplished came to me so clearly, I said aloud, "Why, there is no fear; this house will be ready for the service June 10." I bowed my head before the might of divine Love and never more did I have any doubt. One feature about the work interested me. I noticed that as soon as the workmen began to admit that the work could be done, everything seemed to move as by magic; the human mind was giving its consent. This taught me that I should be willing to let God work. I have often stood under the great dome, in the dark stillness of the night, and thought, "What cannot God do?" (Science and Health, p. 135).

As I discovered the many intricate problems which must necessarily present themselves in such an immense undertaking, I appreciated as never before the faithful, earnest

work of our noble Board of Directors. With unflinching faith and unfailing fidelity they have stood at the breast-works in the battle, and won the reward, "Well done, good and faithful servant; . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

But what of this magnificent structure? Whence did it come? To me it is the result of the love that trembled in one human heart when it whispered: "Dear God, may I not take this precious truth and give it to my brothers and sisters?" How can we ever thank God enough for such an one,—ever thank you enough for your unselfed love. May the glory which crowns the completion of this structure shed its brightest beams on your pathway, and fill your heart with the joy of Love's victory.

Your sincere follower,
JAMES J. ROME.

From our Contributors.

A Divine Demand.

CLARENCE W. CHADWICK.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways.—HAGGAI.

THE idea of Christian healing as presented in Christian Science has set in motion the thought-forces of a Christian world. Why is this so? Because the coming of Christ, Truth, means spiritual activity in individual consciousness, a higher order of thinking than even professing Christians have been accustomed to with their limited sense of God "and the power of his Christ."

Thousands upon thousands have opened their doors to receive this new-old idea and are daily proving for themselves and for others that Christ "the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding" of God's all-power and presence. The builders of a man-made theology, however, still reject this full appearing of the Christ which heals the sick, and declare it to be "contrary to law and order;" but to thousands of thinking people it has again become the head stone of the corner: "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes." If it were of men it would come to naught. Those who have partaken of its healing balm know that it is of God, and that it is destined to multiply, and to replenish the whole earth with a demonstrable understanding of the power and activity of omnipotent good.

The advent of Christian healing in our day calls to mind the words of Harriet Beecher Stowe: "By what strange law of mind is it that an idea long overlooked, and trodden under foot as a useless stone, suddenly sparkles out in new light as a discovered diamond?" In answer to this oft-propounded query it can only be said that the idea of the Christ-healing has been discovered by one who was living near enough to God to receive and spiritually interpret to a famished world the practical significance of the ever-operative activity of good in human consciousness. Christian Science, therefore, has no apologies to offer for being before the world. It goes without saying that, had there been no need of it, it would not have come when it did. Had the Christ-healing not been lost sight of through the substitution of material theories, ways, and means, Chris-

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tian Science would be no innovation upon twentieth-century thought and customs. It is here to-day because the "new and living way" to the kingdom of heaven on earth had been lost sight of by a professedly Christian world, and would necessarily have to be discovered and be presented to humanity by some human instrumentality, else mortals would be left without hope and without God. Did not the Master say in plain language to those whose claim to faith and righteousness was not made manifest in healing, "The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof"? The healing of sickness and sin is humanity's first real taste of the kingdom of heaven, for the Master said, "If I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you."

The appeal of Christian Science to an unbelieving world may be expressed in the language of Haggai the prophet in admonishing the people for their manifest lack of spirituality: "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways." Our Leader says on page 329 of *Science and Health*, "Science is a divine demand, not a human." It is God's message of redemption and salvation, and not the selfish exactions of any person or individual. The modern prophet who has reached out far enough to take hold of God's right hand has the same authority to say, "Thus saith the Lord," as did Moses, Haggai, or any other of the ancient Christians. Those who see this one most important point; viz., that Mrs. Eddy is a divinely appointed messenger to voice to the world her discovery of the lost art of Christian healing, and who are ready to apply the rules laid down in the Christian Science text-book, very soon "know of the doctrine, whether it be of God" or whether she speaks of herself. Those who hold to the thought of finite personality in religion not only lose sight of God, but also of His sacred promises, which He is ever ready and willing to fulfil in individual consciousness when the individual will humbly acknowledge that God has spoken to this age through an inspired Teacher and Leader.

The vital significance of the divine demand of Science is to "consider your ways." Having once admitted that Christian Science is right, it takes but a short time to realize that mortal thinking is wrong, and herein lies the test of our humility and sincerity. We soon begin to see that the Christ-idea demands, yea, compels a spiritual activity of thought, which brings not peace, but a sword to all false views and opinions concerning God, man, and the universe. We find that we cannot blend the material with the spiritual, but must forsake the one to make room for the other. We find that mortals' ways are unequal and God's equal; we find that instead of acknowledging the omnipotence and supremacy of Life, they have been both consciously and unconsciously holding to the thought of death as the inevitable termination of a well-lived life. In Christian Science, however, Jesus' words, "Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat," have a new meaning, and we face about mentally, and not only seek, but "strive to enter in at the strait gate" which leads to a present understanding of eternal Life. We find that the belief in the reality and possibility of death has poisoned every avenue of human thought and endeavor with the discouraging supposition that man is a poor, helpless mortal, doomed to return to dust. We at once part company with this belief and begin to obey understandingly that divine demand of Science, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." We begin to apply the Principle of perfection in overcoming evil with good in daily thinking and living, just as the student in mathematics appeals to and applies its rules in correcting and eliminating a mistake in calculation. We assume the same spiritual attitude of thought as did our divine Exemplar when he said, "I am from above." It is this scientific recognition of man's unity with his Maker that gives us power and authority to correct

our unequal ways and to bring out man's God-given dominion over sin, disease, and death. This dominion can never be realized so long as we entertain the belief of mortality and insist that man must die before he can reach heaven.

"Amend your ways and your doings" is a divine demand that will continue to knock at the door of each human heart until "every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: . . . for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

Right Doing and Its Reward.

E. E. S.

WHEN I began to discern the beauty of this grand truth, Christian Science, I yearned to be in the Field, at work for the Cause; and I regretfully returned to the business world, with perhaps a thought that I was not worthy of the higher service; little realizing that an earnest desire to do makes it impossible to be idle, since every thought should mean "work." I had been in my present position three months, when one Saturday morning my employer called me into his office, and told me that because of insufficient business I was to take a two-weeks holiday; then, if conditions warranted it, I could resume work. My first thought was of our Leader's words, "In the way Thou hast" (*Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 400). I next asked, "Is God's way ever unjust? Would I leave my employer at two hours' notice?" "No." "Does not the same law govern employer and employe?" "Yes." Then came the conviction that since I knew right, I must have courage to voice it if necessary. It did prove necessary and I said, "Mr. —, if you were busy in your factory (and that you are not, is no fault of mine), would you expect me to leave you at two hours' notice? because I would not do it; however, I am willing to do whatever you think is just and right." I returned to my table and continued my work, when in about ten minutes I was recalled and reinstated for one week longer, at the expiration of which I would be expected to take a vacation of two weeks. To this I cheerfully agreed.

On Monday morning, when the first mail was opened, one of the partners said that a fresh order for goods had been received; the next day one much larger came, and the following day I was told that I might not have any vacation at all on account of the pressure of work. A little later a mistake of one hundred and fifty dollars was made, in my employer's favor. He asked me what I thought of it, and I at once declared for the Golden Rule. In a few moments he came to me again and said, "I would not like any one to keep that sum from me, and so I shall call them up and tell them about it;" which he did, with the result that they asked him to enter upon another transaction. He did so, and received an extensive order.

A few days later my employer asked what I thought of the week's business. I replied, "I think it is only the beginning, and a reward for your willingness to see right and then do it. I also think that your one reading of 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures' by Mrs. Eddy is beginning to have its effect." "I see," was his only reply. To me it was beautiful to "stand still and see the salvation of God."

In this experience I was shown clearly that if one were placed upon a desert island he would find work to do, if he wished to do it. I also saw the reward of courage and of loyalty to Principle. I saw the reward of honesty and justice, and above all else, I saw the value of Christian Science in the business world. We surely need more honesty in business transactions,—more justice between employer and employe, which will beget more confidence between them to the end that the employe will not look upon the

employer as his natural enemy, but as a good friend; and that the employer will not look upon the employe as a slave for so much money per day. I know no need so great as to establish the understanding of the universal brotherhood of man in the workshop to-day, and our Leader tells us how it is to be realized when she says, "There is but one way to heaven and harmony, and Christ, divine Science, shows us this way. It is to know no other reality than good, God and His reflection" (Science and Health, p. 242).

The Christian Science Text-book.

E. M. B.

ONE who takes up the Christian Science text-book for the first time must be impressed by its simplicity. One does not need book knowledge nor dictionary to help him understand what he reads, for what he reads is drawn out in words so simple it is easily understood. One's attention is not diverted from what is written to consider the time and work it cost to write it well. The style is forceful and clear, and there is no attempt to impress us with a show of learning or to dazzle us with fine writing. It is thought, not its dress; great themes of eternal moment, not perfumed phrases, that is ever uppermost. We sometimes see a painting where the workmanship is so brilliant that we lose the idea. We sometimes hear a sermon of which many say, "How beautiful;" but in fact the sermon is a failure. Its real object, the purpose for which it should have been prepared, is buried beneath rhetorical brilliancy. The real test of an address is not its entertaining quality, but results; the changes wrought out in the hearts and deeds of men. We never ask if a lawyer made a beautiful plea. We always ask, "Did he win his case?" In this book there is a wealth of ideas and suggestiveness. And what is written is so plain and interesting we might regard it a product of the highest art were it not that we know it to be the logical outcome of a clear apprehension of spiritual truth.

Strong men, men of culture, tell us that they have bent over this book in reverent study for years, and have not exhausted its depth of meaning. New revelations come to them daily. The book contains seed-thoughts that the most conscientious student has not yet mastered. Those who come after will discover meanings and applications not yet disclosed. There are germs of development to be unfolded as time goes on; to be unfolded in future years, possibly future ages; but not unfolded till the circumstances come up to which they apply. These are the deep things of the book, for they are the deep things of God which the book is commissioned to reveal to mankind. Truly wonderful in simplicity, in depth, in far-reaching significance! The book declares God to be all. Your little girl understands this, and God bends the very heavens to recognize her understanding. This explains how your child can be instrumental in healing the sick. How simple! simple enough to engage the understanding of a child, deep enough to dilate the understanding of an angel.

It is well enough to try, but probably no one of our time will be able to sound the depths of this book. Thor, the peasant god of Scandinavian mythology, was stronger than Hercules. He was challenged to drain dry a simple cup. He put it to his lips but the water did not sink below the rim. He tried again with the same result. Then he addressed himself to the task with all his godlike strength, but the water did not recede. Why? The cup was invisibly connected with the ocean, from which it drew a constant supply. No god Thor can drain dry this cup, no Hercules in intellect of our time can sound its depths, for it is invisibly connected with the great ocean of infinite Truth.

Selected Articles.

The seeds of Christian Science, sown in the stoniest of places in the [English] metropolis, have fructified and invaded the aristocratic West End. The religious skepticism often associated with the wealthy classes has been overcome by the creed set forth by Mrs. Eddy, and it is among the leaders of society that this faith has made its most substantial progress on this side of the Atlantic. Society has taken to Christian Science, not because of the arguments launched in its favor, but because it has seen with its own eyes the cure of people actually known to it, by the efficacy of faith and prayer.

Moreover, there are those in perfect health who, hearing of cure after cure, have been so astounded that they have flocked to the Wednesday evening public services in the Portman rooms, or Aeolian Hall, and seen for themselves. As a result, they have enrolled themselves.

Christian Science came to us ten years ago, when ten or a dozen persons met together in a little flat near Baker Street, in the heart of the West End residence land. Slowly the movement progressed, necessitating removals to larger quarters, until at last the members of the aristocratic and wealthy classes were aroused. An old synagogue in Bryanston Street was remodeled into a Christian Science church, and until recently this has been the center of the faith in London. So crowded became the congregations that the aisles and staircases were blocked, and now another move has been made to Wilbraham Street, Sloane Square, the present headquarters. So rapid has been the growth, however, that another church has been added, making three in the city, and additions are being made to the Wilbraham Street church, so that it will accommodate sixteen hundred people.

(By special cable from London, England.)

Cleveland (O.) Leader.

Christian Science treats of infinite truth, the emanation of the divine, omnipresent, all-powerful, and all-governing intelligence which created and controls all, from the atom to immensity. Inasmuch as the term righteousness (rightness, strict accord with the unalterable and undeviating Principle of right) has come to be considered synonymous with the terms holiness (wholeness) and morality, it takes no tortuous process of reasoning to conceive that morality is but a strict conformity to some underlying spiritual law, entailing, of course, a knowledge of that law. We fail to see how the good doctor can possibly overlook the fact that a proper development of the moral nature is in the true sense of the term a process of higher education. A system that conduces to higher morality, as our critic admits Christian Science to be, is educational, is pre-eminently worthy the exercise of the best mental faculties, and entails indeed a keener insight and perspicuity than are required to grasp the most abstruse "scientific" truths. The learning of Jesus, who best understood spiritual truth, was wondered at by the wise men of his day, and it was said of him that he taught as one having authority and not as the scribes, while he himself said very significantly of his disciples on one occasion that while he had much to say unto them in addition to what he had already taught, they were not able to bear (understand and appropriate) it, until their capacity to grasp the truth had increased. Men are beginning to see that to be made free by truth (free from all forms of error, including sin and disease), that truth must be known. In other words, morality is rightness with God, unattainable without a knowledge of Him. Christian Science treats of so infinite a theme as to render it impossible of pursuit without imparting to the human mind great elasticity, rendering it more capable of taking in truth, thus enhancing and facilitating educational possibilities. The facts of the case also bear out this statement,

for commercial, professional, and educational men in large numbers to-day bear witness to the fact that a knowledge of Christian Science, as outlined by Mrs. Eddy in her text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," broadens the intellectual horizon, develops latent forces, and imparts a deeper insight upon the basis of the Scriptural injunction, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

R. STANHOPE EASTERDAY.

Morning Graphic (Greensburg, Ind.)

The noblest possession of the English people is the English Bible—the book that has exercised an incalculable influence over the conduct of the nation. Nevertheless, it would be impossible to pretend that this influence has not been limited by the dogmas in which Christendom has swathed itself since the invasion of Constantine. First, the power of healing was set aside as supernatural. Then the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount was relegated to the domain of beautiful but unattainable transcendentalism. And, finally, science was declared irreconcilable with revelation.

It was to a world of such failing ideals that Science and Health, the text-book of Christian Science, was given. That Christian Scientists have gained some knowledge of this Science of Christianity, this full, exact knowledge of God as the text of the Bible describes it, they owe to the study of Science and Health. It is their commentary on the Bible. For the knowledge they have gained from it they give the honor and glory to God, and to His servant who wrote it shall they not give their thanks?

FREDERICK DIXON.

Daily Mail (London, England).

The Rev. Dr. van Allen of Boston, who devoted his pulpit time on Sunday to an attack on the Christian Scientists, prefaced his remarks with the statement that it is as useless to argue with a Scientist as to wrestle with a fog-bank; which was quite true, the result ordinarily being that the attacking party gets lost in the fog. But the preacher took his chances and wasted his time, just the same, having little effect on the Scientists who heard him or who read his attack, and still less on the non-Scientists, who wondered what all his effort was wasted for, if there were nothing but a delusion that needed such a vigorous assault. Are there not more important problems of the day for the pulpit to tackle than that of Christian Science? The followers of Mrs. Eddy are accomplishing some great things, even if the world is not quite ready to admit that they can accomplish all that they claim; and, even if one is inclined to believe that there is some buncombe in it all, there must be the admission that there is a deal of reality and that in many a direction the "regular" churches might well take a few points from the Scientists. We fail to see what harm they are doing in the world, and there are evidences of good being done of which any organization concerned in the welfare of mankind might well be proud.

Haverhill (Mass.) *Gazette*.

Whether anybody believes in Christian Science or not, the fact remains that it has had a wonderful growth. It is less than thirty years ago that Mrs. Eddy organized the first Christian Science church in Boston. It started out with twenty-six members and now it has forty thousand. Churches of that faith have sprung up all over the country and there are hundreds of congregations that meet regularly in hired halls, who as yet have no edifice of their own. The orthodox churches do not subscribe to the doctrines and dogmas of this new faith, but they are not as active in pitching into it as they were formerly. Christian Science must stand or fall on its merits, just like Presbyterianism,

or Methodism, or any other faith. People need not worry themselves about it very much, for its adherents are good citizens, law-abiding people. In this country it is everybody's blessed privilege to worship as they please and believe as they like, so long as there is no violation of or interference with the laws of the land. The wisest way for all the other denominations is to work along their own lines conscientiously and zealously, and all the faiths that are false will eventually fall of their own weight.

Utica (N. Y.) *Press*.

To those who seem to see no good in Christian Science it must stagger their faith not a little to read the account of the dedication of the vast temple located in the heart of the city of Boston, the supposed fountain of knowledge and seat of learning of America; the spectacle of thirty thousand people assembling to gain admission to the temple shows an enthusiasm for Christian Science seldom witnessed anywhere in the world on any occasion; and this occurred in staid old Boston, and the fact was heralded in flaming headlines in the leading newspapers of the world. According to the dispatches that assembly was not a gathering of "the vulgar throng;" the intelligence and wisdom of the country were there. There certainly must be something more than a fad in Christian Science, which was placed upon a far higher pedestal by that demonstration than it ever occupied before.—*Norfolk* (Neb.) *Tribune*.

Whether one believes in Christian Science or not, the period has been reached when it commands respect, attention, and admiration. Its followers are respectable not only in numbers but in make-up. Its essential acceptance has overflowed its own communion, and affected many persons in all denominations of Christians, and even Hebrews as well. It has the powerful advantage, as a cult, of mixing itself with its people's health and daily lives. It has grown with great rapidity, gaining probably a million of open adherents in thirty years, and there can be no question that it will gain many more. Among its local adherents is a gentleman who this week sought the nomination for the highest office in the gift of the people of Pennsylvania.

Scranton (Pa.) *Times*.

A careful study of Christian Science will reveal the fact, fundamental in its teachings, that sickness is the child of a material consciousness, conceived in sin and born in iniquity, and the antidote or remedy is not more of the same thing, disguised as you please, but still the same by nature. The remedy is the opposite of this sinning human mind, that is, the Mind which knows no sin. Then to heal in Christian Science is to have much of this divine Mind, to be like God, or Godlike, to be good, and concentration of the human thought has nothing to do with the process. Nor is it suggestion.

H. CORNELL WILSON.

Courier (Buffalo, N. Y.)

The last issue of the *Christian Science Sentinel* contains a rather remarkable announcement to the effect that friends are requested to send no more money for the building of the church which was recently dedicated at Boston. This structure cost about two million dollars, and all of the funds required to build it were raised in a little less than three years. It was dedicated absolutely free of debt, and no member of the church anywhere, in this country or elsewhere, was asked to contribute a dollar. Contributions were entirely voluntary. No resort was had to any of the latter-day methods of raising money. The record is one of which any church might well be proud.

Portland (Ore.) *Telegram*.

Among the Churches.

Seneca, Kan.

A sense of gratitude moves all our hearts for the opportunities and blessings which have come in various ways to the Christian Scientists of Seneca, Kansas, since their reorganization as a church two years ago. Our membership is small, but we have a nice little church property and are growing both in numbers and in interest in our great Cause and its Leader.—*Correspondence.*

Church Dedication at Meadville, Pa.

The pleasant little First Church of Christ, Scientist, on Sherman Street, was formally dedicated Sunday [Jan. 14] in the presence of a large attendance.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, was formerly a residence. The interior has been made into one room, with a seating capacity of about one hundred persons; a Reading Room is attached.—*Meadville (Pa.) Republican.*

Oneida, N. Y.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Oneida, has purchased of Franklin R. Crandall his residence at 21 Spring Street. The building will be remodeled to make an auditorium large enough for present needs and Reading Rooms will be arranged and furnished. When in the growth of the work this building becomes too small a church edifice will be erected in its place.—*Oneida (N. Y.) Dispatch.*

The Lectures.

Muncie, Ind.

Nearly a thousand persons attended the lecture on Christian Science delivered last evening [June 21] in the Wysor Grand Theatre by Judge Septimus J. Hanna of Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was introduced by Attorney James Bingham, who said in part,—

In these days of commercialism, when greed and avarice are absorbing all conscience, when heart and soul count for nothing, and that is not valued which can be obtained without price, it is well that people should pause and consult that true monitor of every human being, the life and teachings of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, and we are glad to know that there are still those who are devoted to teaching and exemplifying them in the midst of all this strife for material welfare. While I am without the temple and cannot speak authoritatively of your creed, I am advised that Christian Scientists are pledged "to love one another; and to be meek, merciful, just, and pure" [Science and Health, p. 497]; that within the sacred precincts of your church its members are taught to drink from the refreshing fountain of human sympathy that ever waters the sweet flowers of friendship and brotherly love; to be mild of temper, humble, submissive, gentle, merciful, and just to all the world, and to be pure in spirit. These are God's teachings and after God's own words. These are the fundamental teachings of all true Christian Scientists, and your conscientious devotion to these obligations means the uplifting of all mankind, and all right-thinking men and women will bid you Godspeed in this noble work.

The Press.

Englewood, N. J.

Mr. Bicknell Young of Chicago addressed an appreciative audience at the Lyceum [April 10], on the subject of Christian Science. He was introduced by Mr. Charles E. Finlay, president of the Ætna National Bank, of New York, who said in part,—

I am an optimist. Why? Because I believe in God. Every semblance of doubt within me as to the omnipotence and omniscience of God has been removed after a careful and comprehensive study of Christian Science. I know beyond peradventure that God is all-powerful and an ever-present help. Amid the engrossing duties of an active business life it is sometimes difficult to keep foremost in our minds that mammon is not the real goal we are striving for. Your aim and mine should be for a better and closer acquaintance with God. Confidence in and acquaintance with infinite good can be cultivated and matured by first learning what Christian Science is; second, by demonstrating its utility.—*Englewood Times.*

Lectures at other Places.

- Montgomery, Ala.—Rev. Arthur R. Vosburgh, April 15.
Cleveland, O.—Edward A. Kimball, May 13.
Louisville, Ky.—Judge Septimus J. Hanna, May 13.
Arkansas City, Kan.—Hon. Clarence A. Buskirk, May 13.
Pueblo, Col.—Bicknell Young, May 13.
Goshen, Ind.—Edward A. Kimball, May 14.
Leadville, Col.—Bicknell Young, May 14.
Colorado Springs, Col.—Bicknell Young, May 15.
Eureka, Kan.—Hon. Clarence A. Buskirk, May 15.
Canton, O.—Judge Septimus J. Hanna, May 15.
Osceola, Ia.—Rev. Irving C. Tomlinson, May 15.
Sherman, Tex.—Miss Mary Brookins, May 15.
Tiffin, O.—Edward A. Kimball, May 15.
Springfield, Mass.—Edward A. Kimball, May 17.
Oswego, N. Y.—Judge Septimus J. Hanna, May 17.
Des Moines, Ia.—Hon. Clarence A. Buskirk, May 17.
Pittsfield, Mass.—Edward A. Kimball, May 18.
Yonkers, N. Y.—Judge Septimus J. Hanna, May 18.
Lawrence, Mass.—Edward A. Kimball, May 20.
Hartford, Conn.—Judge Septimus J. Hanna, May 20.
Redwood Falls, Minn.—Hon. Clarence A. Buskirk, May 20.
Centralia, Ill.—Bicknell Young, May 20.
New York, N. Y. (Fifth Church).—Edward A. Kimball, May 21.
Cranford, N. J.—Edward A. Kimball, May 22.
Easton, Pa.—Judge Septimus J. Hanna, May 22.
South Haven, Mich.—Edward A. Kimball, May 24.
Elgin, O.—Bicknell Young, May 24.
Benton Harbor, Mich.—Edward A. Kimball, May 25.

[Written for the *Sentinel*.]

Questions.

LAURA E. CARTER.

"WHAT do you think, little thoughtful one,
When the firelight flickers low,
And shadows o'er the hearth's gray stone
Are flitting to and fro?"

"I think that my mother loves me,
And the dark I do not fear,
With her watchful face above me
And her guiding hand so near."

"What do you think, little sailor lad,
When the fog, like a curtain gray,
Shuts out the beacon-light from view
As you'd enter the harboring bay?"

"I think that the harbor still is there,
And its light I soon shall see,
If I follow my Father's pilot—truth—
He has sent through the night to me."

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.

Personal Contagion.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

THE following letter is so right and requisite that I hereby endorse it for the benefit of the reader.

At a time of contagious disease, Christian Scientists endeavor to rise in consciousness to the true sense of the omnipotence of Life, Truth, and Love, and this great fact in Christian Science realized will stop a contagion.

In time of religious or scientific prosperity, certain individuals are inclined to cling to the personality of its Leader. This state of mind is sickly; it is a contagion—a mental malady, which must be met and overcome. Why? Because it would dethrone the First Commandment, "Thou shalt have one God."

If God is one and God is Person, then Person is infinite; and there is no personal worship, for God is divine Principle, Love. Hence the sin, the danger and darkness of personal contagion.

Forgetting divine Principle brings on this contagion. Its symptoms are based upon personal sight or sense. Declaring the truth regarding an individual or Leader, rendering praise to whom praise is due, is not a symptom of this contagious malady, but persistent pursuit of his or her person is.

Every loss in grace and growth spiritual, since time began, has come from injustice and personal contagion. Had the ages helped their leaders to, and let them alone in God's glory, the world would not have lost the Science of Christianity.

"What went ye out for to see?" A person, or a Principle? Whichever it be, determines the right or the wrong of this following. A personal motive gratified by sense will leave one "a reed shaken with the wind," whereas helping a Leader in God's direction, and giving this Leader time and retirement to pursue the infinite ascent—the comprehending of the Divine order and consciousness in Science—will break one's own dream of personal sense, heal disease, and make one a Christian Scientist.

Is not the old question still rampant? "When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?" But when may we see you, to get some good out of your personality?

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (St. John). This great truth of God's impersonality and individuality and of man in His image and likeness, individual, but not personal, is the foundation of Christian Science. There was never a religion or philosophy lost to the centuries except by sinking its divine Principle in personality. May all Christian Scientists ponder this fact, and give their talents and loving hearts free scope only in the right direction!

I left Boston in the height of prosperity to *retreat* from the *world*, and to seek the one divine Person, whereby and wherein to show others the footsteps from sense to Soul. To give me this opportunity is all that I ask of mankind.

My soul thanks the loyal, royal natures of the beloved members of my Church who cheerfully obey God and steadily go on promoting the true Principle of Christian Sci-

ence. Only the disobedient spread personal contagion, and any imaginary benefit they receive is the effect of self-mesmerism wherein the remedy is worse than the disease.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., June 30, 1906.

The letter to which Mrs. Eddy refers in the first paragraph of the foregoing article reads as follows:—

Boston, Mass., June 26, 1906.

Dear Leader:—Being about to leave the States for South America, to make my home in Ecuador for an indefinite season, I took the liberty of visiting Concord and driving out to your home, some days since.

I just wish to say that the lesson learned during that visit will not soon be forgotten, and I came away with a sense of having intruded upon your much-desired, yea needed, seclusion.

The significance of your words, "time to assimilate myself to God" came to me with renewed force, and I saw how, under the guise of loving interest, we might become tedious hindrances to the fulfilment of not only your highest hope, but our own as well. Therefore my next visit to Concord can only be upon special invitation from an authorized source.

From the "genial tropics" my love will go out to you, as it ever has here. In joyous anticipation of future good news to tell you, I am

Earnestly yours,
(MRS.) NINA M. HENDERSON,
Guayaquil, Ecuador, S. A.

Our Leader's Article.

WE are much pleased to give the place of honor in this issue to our Leader's timely, brave, and significant article, "Personal Contagion," which appears above, because we look upon it as one of the most important statements of inspired truth that she has given to the world since the publication of the Christian Science text-book. We feel sure that all true Christian Scientists will so regard it and, as they ponder its vital message, they will express their gratitude for it in good works.

ARCHIBALD McLELLAN.

Christian Science and Progressive Physicians.

THE authoritative pronouncements of many speakers at the late medical convention in Boston certainly furnish food for thought, and in many respects they give promise of better things. Especially is this manifest in the readiness with which the facts are being recognized by leading physicians, however unsavory and discouraging they may be. For example: a distinguished gentleman from abroad who is rated as one of the leading authorities of Europe on the treatment of cancer, conceded that its present medicinal and surgical treatment is altogether experimental, that old methods must be discarded and new ones found. Another physician declared that "the United States Pharmacopœia is a relic of mediæval barbarism, and is still crowded with things which belong with the stuffed alligator." Commenting upon the above statements, the editor of a leading daily has well said that these are startling admissions "for those who take the prescriptions."

The dilemma of the honest doctor is a serious one. He has been educated to think that his healing art is a science; that its asserted specifics have been divinely provided, and that his ministry is therefore of the highest significance to humanity. He is now discovering that its most intelligent exponents are led to speak of the practice of his profession as but an oft-repeated experiment which gives no suggestion of a divine ordering, and which has proved to be wholly unequal to the occasion. While recognizing the seriousness of the position in which physicians are placed, Christian Scientists can but rejoice that the awakening to truth is thus advancing, and that it has already rendered general thought accessible as never before to the healing Science of Chris-

tianity. Both the physicians and their patients are seeing that drug-treatment is wholly unscientific; that the nostrum used is relatively unimportant; that the "providential provision" idea respecting *materia medica* has wholly broken down, and that physical ills are the manifestation of a false mental state which can be rectified by Truth alone.

Moreover, intelligent physicians are realizing that, having failed in many lines of experimentation and having recognized a long list of diseases as "incurable," they are bound, both by their interest in humanity and by their hope of success, to be considerate toward any proffered remedy which is commended by undeniably good results. Speaking of this obligation laid upon physicians, the author of "Pro Christo et Ecclesia" has recently said: "If religion, by a new faith in God, should bring strong reinforcements to the innate vitality of the body, strong enough to keep the body well, or to restore it without medical aid when it is diseased, . . . this would be a result that every physician worthy of the name would hail with delight, whether he agreed or not with the religious view of the how and why of the increased vitality. It is a conservative religious sentiment which has made objection to the exercise of faith in regard to health, never the scientific spirit. What every medical man desires for his patient is life, more abundant life; and he knows far better than laymen the limits of his power—the diseases which he cannot cure, the disabilities which he cannot remove" (*Hibbert Journal*, April, 1906).

From all this it would seem that though they may not yet be able to identify Christian Science with the teaching of the Master, honest, truth-seeking doctors cannot ignore the divine means of healing to which Mrs. Eddy has called the attention of a suffering world, and the value of which has been established in such a multitude of unquestionable instances. These men, in so far as they are earnest and sincere in their desire to help those whose tear-stained faces are turned to them with the sad longing of an imperiled hope, must thoughtfully weigh the evidence which this great movement is supplying, that Truth is the one panacea for human ills; that mortal thought must be purged if humanity is to be set free, and that the gracious promises of the Master which were based on this cleansing may be fulfilled to-day by the healing of sickness in the Christ-way.

It would be difficult to find a greater contrast than that between the depressing doubt and uncertainty of physicians as revealed in their own candid statements, and the buoyant and inspiring confidence of those who are continually proving the availability and adequacy of the Christ-truth, as revealed in Christian Science, for the salvation of men from both sin and disease.

JOHN B. WILLIS.

Promises of Good.

At a time when the question of national existence, with all it implies, is a prominent theme throughout this country, Christian Scientists may well ask themselves to what extent they as individuals are contributing to the general weal. No one denies that right is the fundamental idea of all government, or that "righteousness exalteth a nation;" the all-important consideration is, how righteousness may be most speedily and surely attained and permanently established. The belief that wrong has even a temporary claim to consideration—or toleration—is fast dying out, and this proves the recognition of a higher standard than has been held in the past. The present outlook may be either cheering or discouraging, according to the viewpoint. If we are tempted to think that evil abounds, we should remember the great Teacher's statement that the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, must "reprove [convict, Rev. Ver.] the world of sin," before He can guide "into all truth;" in other words, sin must be seen to be "exceeding sinful," as St. Paul says, before men will turn from it with loathing.

To the human sense it is not easy to associate the thought of "the Comforter" with the uncovering of evil, but without this uncovering there can be no true comfort, no abiding peace, and on this point the teaching of Christian Science is most emphatic. Our Leader says, "Nothing short of this divine Principle, understood and demonstrated, can . . . uncover the myriad illusions of sin, sickness, and death" (*Science and Health*, p. 572). We may therefore rejoice when evils which would sap the very foundations of national existence (whether manifested as personal or political corruption) are being brought to the light to be forever wiped out by the action of divine Truth and Love. Let no one question that the divine arm is made bare when evil is exposed. Error does not destroy error; it requires the majesty and might of Truth to do that. What is more, it requires the human recognition and understanding of Truth to effect the destruction of error, and to this age has come a revelation of Truth's power, greater than has ever been known before. It has come where the foundations of free government were truly laid. It has come when the world is weary of wrong and would fain throw off its yoke. Because it has come, all thinking people are beginning to see the cruel tyranny of material sense, and to admit that the remedy for it must be found in greater spirituality. The lust for material pleasure and possession can never be sated by its indulgence, which is ever attended by disappointment and followed by misery.

Well is it that we may seek comfort for this misery in the knowledge that evil in its every manifestation—whether sin or sickness—is unreal because it is not of God. But this is not all that Christian Science has to offer for the world's need. It proves that good in its every manifestation is divinely real and satisfying, and this is the experience of the thousands who walk in the light of Truth and know what it means to be "rich toward God."

ANNIE M. KNOTT.

Letters to our Leader.

Lawrence, Mass., June 18, 1906.

Mrs. Mary B. G. Eddy,

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H.

Dear Leader:—Twenty-five years ago I was healed in Christian Science of consumption, after eight years of invalidism. Soon after commencing treatment, under the care of one of your students, I purchased a copy of the third edition of *Science and Health*, published by that good man, Dr. Asa G. Eddy, at No. 8 Broad Street, Lynn, Mass. Well do I remember that you advised me to wait a few weeks for the book, as you were about to issue a new edition. Greatly do I rejoice for having been a faithful student of the Bible and your book, because these books have enabled me to be loyal to Christian Science throughout all these years. I have known much about your struggles with the different phases of mortal mind, and of your triumph through ever-present, divine Truth and Love.

It was my blessed privilege to attend the dedication of The Mother Church in 1894, and its "excelsior Extension" in 1906. Who can tell the full significance of all this great work? However, as the spirit of Christ, Truth, dawns upon one's consciousness, through Christian Science, he can say, in the words of Simeon uttered as the parents brought the child Jesus into the temple at Jerusalem, "Mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."

Lovingly yours,

LEWIS PRESCOTT.

Geneva, Switzerland, May 31, 1906.

Beloved Leader:—In sending our check to Mr. Chase we thought we would like to tell you how our little group here are trying to be obedient followers of the Master,

through your message of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." We often wish you could hear the voices in our little meeting of from forty to fifty—French people—singing the Christian Science hymns in English and singing with so much love and gratitude and joy. Seeing how important it is that each one should be able to read the "little book" for himself, we commenced English classes the first of this year and finished the first class of sixty lessons in April. It is gratifying to see how the dear ones have learned English enough to be able to read the book for themselves and study the Lesson-Sermon each week. It was also beautiful to see how divine Love provided the payment for the lessons, which has encouraged us to continue having at least one, and we hope two classes, each year. Those who are healed love you for what Christian Science has brought to them, through renewed health, and above all for the clearer understanding of the word of God, which each patient invariably confesses.

Little by little Geneva is coming to see that Christian Science is a religion of love with "signs following," and it is not looked at askance as something foreign and intangible, but to be judged by its fruits—healing, spiritual uplifting, a messenger of "peace to good, willing men."

We pray for grace to live more and more the lives of Christian Scientists, so that in this dear old city of Calvin, it may be said of you, as the "Wayshower" to this age, "Her children arise up, and call her blessed."

Yours lovingly, in the name of the Christian Scientists of Geneva, Switzerland,

CHARLES and MARGUERITE VOUGA.

White Sulphur Springs, Mont., June 10, 1906.

Dear Leader:—This beautiful day, when so many hearts are lifted in gratitude to God for Christian Science, I want to tell a part of what it has done for me. How I love you for standing against the whole world for the truth which you knew was all.

Eight years ago this summer, after years of suffering, I was hurried from this place in the high Rockies to a lower altitude, with hope of relief from heart difficulty and stomach trouble. Two years before this I had gone to Helena for an operation which seemed the only hope held out of relief from ovarian trouble. After three months of agonizing suffering I was brought home. For two years I did not stand on my feet, though all was done for me that could be done by kind doctors and friends; but what was called phlebitis in my limbs seemed to bind me hopelessly, and the heart trouble growing worse, my kind husband started to California with me, but stopped in Missoula, Mont., to visit friends, where I learned of Christian Science. In three weeks after beginning treatment I left my wheel-chair, going about the house, but the fear of our cold northern winter sent me to California the next winter. While in San Francisco I found in the dear book that climate was not my help, and in the southern part of California I learned more of this truth from kind friends. I had ceased to pray, for the God of whom my mother had taught me seemed so far away, but thanks to you I have learned He is not far away. My healing was slow, but as I overcame many things in disposition, physical ailments would leave me one by one. I am thankful to be able to help others a little, and am living for the past eight months here again in this high altitude without fear of it. A few of the citizens of this place meet at the house of a friend and we have our Lesson-Sermon each Sunday. My dear mother, who is eighty-one years of age, reads the Bible at these meetings. She has been a life-long member of the Friends' church, but is thankful for Christian Science. My kind husband and friends were very grateful to see me able again to do my housework, and much besides. The only return I can give is to try to follow where you lead.

Lovingly yours in truth,

MRS. HATTIE E. JONES.

Testimonies of Healing.

Having been benefited so much through Christian Science, I feel that I must tell some of the things that it has done for me. For twelve years I was in the habit of using strong drink, and was unable to give it up until I received treatment from a Christian Scientist. At this time I was healed of the drink habit, and lost all desire for intoxicants. I had never attended church, neither had I known any Christian influences before learning of Christian Science. I have been led to see the very great need of being in the church since I have known Christian Science, which has been about fifteen years. Once during this time I was taken with malarial fever, which lasted a few days. I had read Science and Health and remembered that Mrs. Eddy had said death is not a reality, and I lost all fear of death. I had not rested any for three or four nights because of the suffering, but as soon as I realized that there was no reality in death I fell asleep and awoke next morning feeling better than I had ever felt before. I got up and went to work and have never had a return of the trouble. That was fifteen years ago. For all this I am very thankful to God, and to our Leader. This demonstration, however, is nothing in comparison with what I have been through since then.

A little more than nine months ago I was working in a coal mine, and had lighted one shot to blast some coal and was trying to light a second one. I was so slow in lighting the second shot that I decided to go out and let the first shot go off and then come back and light the second one. The second shot was already lighted but I did not know it, and just as I got over to it, it exploded, making me unconscious. As soon as possible a surgeon was called, and when I knew enough I called for a Christian Science practitioner. The surgeon dressed my wounds temporarily, but hardly expected me to live to reach the hospital. There it was found that I had sustained a double fracture in both legs and other serious injuries. The Christian Scientist met me at the hospital and was in the room when the surgeons made their examination. They said that the left knee-cap was in five pieces and the right one in seven. The right leg was broken below the knee and two ends of bone stuck out through the flesh. It was also broken through the knee, and the thigh-bone was broken. The left leg was broken about midway between the knee and the hip, broken into small pieces, and the left thigh bone was crushed clear up to the hip in such a way that the surgeons could not operate on it to straighten it. There were three ribs broken, and my upper lip was cut down to the teeth, while I was burned and bruised from head to foot. Some time afterwards my wife asked the doctor if I had received any internal injuries, and he said, "Yes, some very serious ones; he passed blood and water for the first ten days." I was forty-seven years of age at the time of this accident. The bones were not only broken but they were twisted in such a way that the surgeons despaired of being able to straighten them. On account of my being so weak they thought I could not stand any more surgical work. During all the time of setting the bones I was not conscious of any pain, which seemed quite remarkable to the surgeons and the nurses. At various times they had little hope of my recovery, but through the Christian Science treatment I came out of every seeming crisis all right. This healing was something wonderful to me, the most wonderful I had ever heard of. At the end of eight weeks I was trying to walk on crutches when I fell and broke the left leg again, just above the knee. During all this experience I had no pain, and I knew there was no pain at the time of the last break, because I was conscious all the time. I feel that my freedom from pain was because of the Christian Science treatment which I was receiving.

For this I thank God, who gave Mrs. Eddy the understanding of Truth to give to the world, through which mankind can overcome pain and sickness. I am also thankful that I was in a city where there were Christian Science practitioners who had enough understanding of Truth to know the nothingness of even such seemingly serious injuries as I had, and who were willing to help me through this trouble. Science and Health (p. 518) says, "Blessed is that mortal who seeth his brother's need and supplieth it," and I can certainly say that the Christian Science practitioner who helped me fulfilled that Christian requirement.

After the second break healed and I began to walk again, it was found that my left leg was about one inch shorter than the right, and the physician said it would have to remain so; but the Christian Science practitioner told me that God was able to bring about perfection, and normal conditions of the limbs. After three weeks' time I found that both limbs were nearly the same length. Another feature of the work which I feel should be mentioned is this: When I called the practitioner I already owed him some money for other help which he had given me, but he came to my assistance as soon as he received the word and stayed right by me until I was on my feet again. There was forty dollars to be raised immediately at the hospital, and the practitioner furnished that, not knowing whether he would ever receive any money from me or not.

I have not told all there is to tell about this accident, for there were many things that would have laid me up for weeks, and perhaps months, if I had not known of Christian Science. I must also say that although my limbs are not yet entirely restored I am able to walk without any assistance, either from crutches or canes, and am able to do a day's work again. I would also like to say how thankful I am that Christian Science was such a great help to my wife at the time of both cases mentioned. She and I came into Christian Science at the same time, and it was certainly wonderful to see how Truth sustained her and enabled her to help me night and day. She also wishes to express her gratitude to God for the blessings which Christian Science has brought to our home.

JASPER KINNEY, Des Moines, Ia.

It was early in 1900 when I took up the study of Christian Science, it having been brought to my notice by the healing of my sister, who was in the last stages of consumption. The deep gratitude expressed through the testimonies in the *Sentinel* first appealed to me, for I was hungry, and this led me to "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs. Eddy, that I might learn of that which had given cause for such grateful hearts. I soon found myself joining in that song of joy and thankfulness, for in the above-named book I found the truth for which I had many years longed and looked, and the proof was made manifest to me in the removal of sadness and depression which had become almost unbearable. I came to know that to be a present fact, which before I had looked upon only as a future possibility,—that God's will can be done on earth as in heaven. For this spiritual uplifting I can never cease to be grateful to our dear Leader, Mrs. Eddy, who through the power of God has labored unselfishly to make plain to the world this healing and saving truth. The result of this uplifting through the study of the Bible and Science and Health was also made manifest in physical healing; weakness was overcome by strength, pain replaced by harmony, and disease destroyed.

Very shortly after buying Science and Health my faith and understanding were tested, for I became ill with quinsy, which I had had several times, and each time had been under medical treatment for at least a fortnight. This time I turned to Christian Science, with the result that next morning my throat was perfectly clear, whereas the day before I could scarcely speak, and I gratefully say I have

had no return of the disease. Other diseases have vanished as darkness before the light, such as influenza, indigestion, chronic headache, defective eyesight, chapped hands, as well as other troubles and difficulties which arise in human experience.

I wish to express my loving thanks for our periodicals, the *Sentinel*, *Journal*, and *Quarterly*, for all are lights by the way, enabling us to "magnify the Lord" for his goodness."—LUCY HAMMOND, Bedford, England.

Over two years ago I turned to Christian Science because everything else had failed to help me. I was almost an invalid for twenty years; twelve or fifteen years a sufferer from asthma with all its horrors. During all this period of suffering I was attended by many eminent physicians, several specialists, and had an operation for polypus of the nose. I spent almost every summer away from home, in the care of the best doctors, seeking benefit in change of climate, spending large sums of money with no lasting benefit, and only looking for relief in death. When Christian Science came to me I saw that God is Life, and this brought many and great changes. The wonder now is, how I could live without knowing this truth that makes free. When I first turned to Christian Science I little knew of the wonderful blessings in store for me. After those years of suffering, when almost bereft of hope, when *materia medica* and hygiene had failed me, and when my son, a surgeon in the U. S. Marine Hospital Service, said that this disease could not be cured by *materia medica*, I found in Christian Science a God who is "a very present help in trouble." Now I am healed and in better health than for forty years. Not only have I found relief from physical suffering, but a better understanding of God and man and all that is good. I have had no return of asthma, although a year has passed since this truth made me free.

Words fail to express my gratitude to God for this revealed truth; to Mrs. Eddy for her pure life, sublime faith, and selfless love, which enables her to reflect this truth and bring countless blessings to mankind.

L. C. McMULLEN, St. Petersburg, Fla.

It is now over a year since I heard of Christian Science and came to it for help in a chronic nervous trouble which doctors had failed to cure. I received treatment from a practitioner for about ten days and obtained immediate relief. During the time which has followed, I have only twice had slight attacks of the old trouble, and these have been speedily and effectually met by the power of God as taught in Christian Science. My first treatment rid me of two ailments which I had not thought of mentioning to the practitioner. I could not read without glasses, and even with them my eyes pained me very much, but the day after the first treatment I read without them and have never had the least pain since. I still have a sense of short-sightedness to overcome, but it is yielding gradually to the knowledge that the only true senses are the senses of Spirit. I was also able during my first week in Christian Science to throw away an elastic anklet, without which I could not walk very far, as my instep would give way. I have never required one since. The truth seemed so clear to me at first that I felt as if it were impossible to be ill again; but I now see that every discord overcome is a step forward, and the mental work which it necessitates is the narrow gateway into fresh pastures that divine Love has provided for us. My mother and sister have also reaped many benefits from their study of Science and Health.

I am deeply grateful to Mrs. Eddy for her discovery of this truth.—HELEN M. INMAN, London, England.

It is seven years since I first received physical benefits from Christian Science. I was then healed of a cancerous tumor on the stomach which had baffled many physicians then in this State. I was thoroughly cured of this trouble

in a very short time, through Christian Science, and was able to return to work. Some three years later I was working in a quarry, when a large piece of loose rock rolled from its lodgment above, and struck me a glancing blow on the right side, breaking two of my ribs. The workmen around rushed to pick me up, fearing that I was killed or that I would never recover. I was taken home (about two miles and a half) and immediately called a Christian Scientist to help me. The treatment was so effectual that in a week's time I was able to go to work, feeling none of the bad effects which usually accompany such an accident. Shortly after this I went to work in a mine as foreman. One day I went into the mine and took a man with me. As the rock was very hard it was necessary to use a double-handed ten-pound hammer. I was holding the drill and the man was swinging the hammer, striking the drill I held. As he had never done this striking before, he was very full of fear, and after a few blows on the drill he missed it altogether and struck me on the very place where the rock had broken my ribs. From that time until recently, I have suffered untold agony from the side. I sought help from others, but the relief was only temporary. The pain seemed to grow worse until I was unable to raise my arm as high as the shoulder. One night when the suffering was so intense that I could not rest, the thought came to me like a flash that I must do my own work, that I must not always depend on others. I took up *Science and Health* and read on page 385, from line 22. I read the paragraph several times, lay down to rest, and in a very short time the swelling caused by the blow burst and all the contents came out. I have thus learned the grand truth of the saying, "Heal thyself." It was a lesson I shall never forget. From my inmost heart I can say I am thankful to God, to our Leader, and to Christian Science.

A. R. STRANG, Vernon, Utah.

The most important events of my life I consider to be the healing of my wife in Christian Science, after doctors' remedies and changes of climate had failed to bring permanent relief, and my own bettered condition physically and morally through the same agency. Three years ago I was suffering with intestinal difficulties, experiencing much discomfort when indulging in certain foods, and for which the physicians stated I should never find a cure. In addition to this I was given to worrying over the most trivial matters, business in particular. I was constantly harassing those about me with my seeming troubles and was always sure to make mention of every ache and pain with the belief that I had some new added disease. To-day I am in better health than ever before, for which I am grateful to God, and to our dear Leader, who has given us "*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*," for through its study the physical betterment has been brought about; but the greatest blessing is the spiritual uplifting, the desire to live nearer to God.—OMAR T. FRICK, Tiffin, O.

I had all my life been frail and delicate, and with the cares and duties incident upon maternity, conditions grew worse. After nine years of invalidism, under the constant care of faithful and conscientious physicians (eight in number), who greatly disagreed in opinions regarding me, and whose treatment included massage, electricity, etc., one whole year in bed, and a four-months stay at a hospital, where temporary relief was obtained through the loving care and thought expended on my case, the spring of 1900 found me a constant sufferer, with nothing but surgery held out to me, to which I would not submit, as experience and observation had taught me too much. With the weary hope that I might find help through the ministrations of my parents' family physician, I went to Washington, and the day after my arrival consulted him. I carried from the office the remedies he prescribed, but his

diagnosis had further shaken my already disappointed faith in *materia medica*, and they were never used. The next day a dear Christian Scientist in the home invited me to go with her to the Reading Room and meet some of her friends.

I had never heard of Christian Science, except when a friend had timidly suggested the subject to me six months previous, as a possible solution of my trouble. I very indignantly repudiated the idea that it could be of any avail to one so sick as I, and forbade any further mention of the matter; whereupon she meekly subsided. Hence, in my ignorance and prejudice, I was not at all prepared for what I learned that day. Never shall I forget my first impressions of that peaceful, quiet room,—the gentle consideration shown to all inquirers, and the compassionate love manifested by the dear practitioner whom I asked to take my case. Her words in that first conversation brought to me the abiding conviction that the healing work of Christian Science was the same that Jesus taught his disciples. I caught a glimpse of the true spiritual healing which is the result of spiritual renovation, and I began at once to apply the teaching of the text-book to the task of the evangelization of self, and I saw that in exact ratio to the corrected thought the body responded.

Many times in our experience we have had occasion to thank God that our first steps were guided by the loving counsel of one whose discerning and unquestioning loyalty to Mrs. Eddy, and her full recognition of the importance of a just estimate of our Leader's position, undoubtedly may have saved us from bitter lessons which we might otherwise have been forced to learn. Day by day I improved, and the tenth day made the astonishing discovery that a difficulty I had neglected to include in my long list, when stating my case to the practitioner, was entirely removed. I was much impressed with her manner of receiving my announcement of this. I think I expected her to be as much surprised as I was, but she assured me that as "Love" was "the universal solvent" (*Science and Health*, p. 242), it was divinely natural. Then I immediately expressed the fear that it would come back, which she met by saying that there was nothing to return, and these intervening years have proved it so.

At this time also glasses, carefully fitted by the oculist and used for two years, were laid aside—no longer needed. Every proof strengthened my hope and courage. The text-book was faithfully studied, services attended, and much time spent in the Reading Room, where all I learned confirmed my confidence that at last I had found "the truth" which Jesus said should make us free. During this period I wrote nothing home about my absorbing new interest. When at the end of six weeks I returned home, my husband found me so wonderfully improved that he was eager to know what had wrought the change, and the first reading of the text-book found him a willing disciple of the doctrine it taught, sufficient proof of which he already saw before him. So, gladly and thankfully, we and our boy set out to prove its teachings in our daily lives, and Christian Science has not only been our only physician since, but has brought us all the real happiness we have ever known. Gradually a few wished to hear more about this beautiful scientific Christianity, which led in due time to the establishment of regular services in our own home, and much good has thus been accomplished. More than one hundred different individuals have heard the Lesson-Sermons read here, and the "fruits" have followed in the healing of sickness and sin. Gratitude has many times been expressed for the wisdom of our Leader, in thus making possible these services in many places where years might have elapsed before one would have been found sufficiently advanced in understanding to bring this truth to a worthy expression in sermons, as formerly.

Divine Love has provided for our every need at the right time, and can any one wonder that we love Christian Sci-

ence, for only lives of devotion can in any measure meet our indebtedness. Our hearts are full of gratitude to God, the giver of all good, and of good only, that our agonizing prayers for a knowledge of Him are now being answered through Christian Science; and we thank Him for our Leader's wisdom, fidelity, and unbounded love for mankind, in giving this truth to the world. God speed the time when the prophecy of Habakkuk shall be fulfilled, "The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." May we aid in the answering of our prayers by working assiduously and intelligently for the establishment of the truth in individual consciousness.—MRS. FLORENCE B. DEAN, Danielson, Conn.

Christian Science has done so much for me during the six years that I have been trying to make it my rule of conduct, that I am always glad of an opportunity to express my gratitude. I came to Christian Science originally for physical healing, but I was not long in discovering that my physical troubles were only a small part of the inharmonies that could be cast out by the truth. For many years I had doubted even the existence of a God, and had thought that every man's hand was against me, but I soon found such overwhelming evidence of the efficacy and power of divine Love, that my thought about my fellow-men was changed, and I was led to exclaim fervently, as did the heavenly host at the birth of the Messiah: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." It was indeed the coming of the Christ to my consciousness. During the past six years I have had occasion to test Christian Science in many ways, and have always found it an efficacious and ever-present help in time of trouble, whether the trouble was physical or mental. Another reason why I am grateful is that through the little understanding I have gained, I have been able to help others as well as myself. For a long time after I began demonstrating Christian Science for myself, I was loth to attempt the treatment of those outside my own family, fearing that I might not be able to afford the relief expected, but when I fully realized that God is the only healer; that there are no failures with God; and that "God will heal the sick through man, whenever man is governed by God" (Science and Health, p. 495), then this fear was destroyed, and the results corresponded with the realization of the truth gained from the study of our text-book.

HORACE W. HEBBARD, Lincoln, Neb.

It is only a few months since I began the study of Christian Science and I could never tell how much it has done for me both mentally and physically. For six years I had been a great sufferer, had tried many physicians and gone through three serious operations, but still continued to grow weaker. I could not eat the simplest food without great distress. I was said to have liver and kidney trouble, and my bowels were partially paralyzed; I also had malaria, etc. After this I was taken with chills and fever, and all my other troubles seemed to have reached a climax. I felt that I was about to die, and at this point my mother, who has been a student of Christian Science for several years, suggested my trying it. I had little faith in it, but I consented, and a practitioner who was then at the house kindly undertook to help me. He gave me a treatment every hour during the night, and by noon of the following day I was able to sit up and could eat anything I wanted. In three days I traveled fifteen miles without fatigue. My healing in other troubles has been slow, but I know that as fast as I put off the old and put on the new, errors will vanish.

Words are inadequate to express my gratitude to Mrs. Eddy, who has made it possible for me and for others to understand the truth.

MRS. RUBY D. GRAVES, Butler, Pa.

I desire to express through the *Sentinel* my love and gratitude to God for what Christian Science has done for me. When I first heard of this saving truth, about twelve years ago, I was over seventy-two years of age and had been in poor health for years. I am now in almost perfect health, do all my work, and have time to visit and help my friends and neighbors. I am considered a wonder by many. I will only tell of a few of the many wonderful demonstrations I have had. A broken arm, which was never set, did not keep me from doing my work. It healed perfectly in a short time. I had the same results with a sprained ankle, my work keeping me on my feet most of the time. A severe attack of inflammation, for which I asked help, was healed in one treatment. Pneumonia, typhoid fever, and other diseases have been overcome through the study of Science and Health, but greater than the physical healing has been the spiritual uplifting. Can any wonder if I say,—God bless Mrs. Eddy for making my advanced years my brightest ones.

MRS. J. KEIL, Woodstock, Ont.

I was badly poisoned last summer from eating what was called cabbage snake poison. My mother became alarmed and telephoned to a Christian Science practitioner for help. Next morning I was able to go to Howard for treatment, as there was no practitioner here, and in a short time I was healed. This is only one of many ailments that have been banished through Christian Science. We have most of Mrs. Eddy's books and read them every day. My heart is full of gratitude to her for finding the true path that leads us to our eternal home, and for showing us how to be good.

LEAH V. RECORD, Moline, Kan.

I wish to express my gratitude for what Christian Science has done for me. It is a year since I became interested in it. I sought it for spiritual help, more than for physical healing, and this has been the happiest year of my life. A few weeks ago I was healed of astigmatism of several years' standing, having been obliged to wear two pairs of glasses. It was a blessed day for me when I took up Christian Science, for it has helped me in every way, and I have been able to help those dear to me. The literature is a great comfort and help, and words cannot express my gratitude to our Leader for what she has done for all mankind.—MRS. M. L. RAUSKOLB, Medford, Mass.

The clergy of all men ought to make it their one strenuous effort to free themselves from bias, to examine into facts and give credence to nothing calculated to provoke nor which is not irrefutably established, to make their deductions rationally and dispassionately, to exhibit a due sense of proportion, to realize that a drastic remedy can never be justified save for the most desperate disease, to discountenance appeals to passion and prejudice, and to rebuke sternly the spirit of hatred and uncharitableness.

JOHN GEORGE GODDARD.

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