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Understanding

LLOYD EDMUND WHITNEY

THE belief that God's law operates as a material law of nature, and that God at infrequent intervals sets aside this law when some special proof of His power becomes necessary to teach mankind a needed lesson, has never helped humanity to have faith in God. In fact, to attempt worship of God while holding in thought such a concept of His law begets a lack of faith in His unchanging goodness and infinite intelligence and love. It is even believed that the various ills of the flesh are experienced as a punishment visited upon mankind by God for disobedience of this law of nature, and this, irrespective of whether or not the offender was aware of his mistake. Mankind, believing themselves deprived of reliance on God by this teaching, are directed to the ever changing opinions of materia medica for instruction as to what constitutes proper obedience to God's will. This has left humanity at the beck and call of various material systems, which are not in agreement among themselves as to the proper method of caring for the body, except that all believe prayer an unimportant element.

Religious teaching which accepts this material belief of God's law, or which makes a theoretical condemnation of "the things of the flesh" in the nature of a compromise with materiality, cannot furnish mankind the spiritual guidance which they have been taught to seek in the church, nor can such teaching give a concept of prayer in which God is known to be Spirit, Love, and His law absolutely spiritual, in accordance with the teachings of Jesus as summed up in his talk with Nicodemus, when he said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." This necessity for the rejection of materiality was also taught by Paul, for he declared, "The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other."

In Christian Science God is understood as Love, divine Principle, infinite, unchanging, eternal; and because it deduces all its conclusions from this spiritual basis, Christian Science rejects all material sense testimony of man and creation and contends for the reality and allness of Spirit and its spiritual creation. This understanding of God enables one to demonstrate His law to be a law of love, not a blind and often destructive force, but an ever beneficent, intelligent power, constantly manifesting good throughout creation, protecting and sustaining His creatures. To material sense, however, love is a variable condition of human thought, and to undo the errors which this falsity imposes, this finite belief must be eradicated and a true concept of Love as divine Principle, the only God, must be established. It is then necessary to reject the counterfeit or spurious evidence of the material senses and to affirm and demonstrate the true understanding of Love.

To learn how to reject this material sense testimony and to manifest the spiritual sense, one must test each mental concept which presents itself to his consciousness, with the

truth concerning divine Love, God. If there seems to be a concept of sickness, it needs to be refuted with the understanding that infinite Love never created an inharmonious sense, but that where the belief of erring sense claims to exist, the power and presence of God must in reality be manifest. If the sense belief should claim reality as sin or animality, it can be proved unreal and without power with a courageous knowing of the infinite power and perfection of God and His eternal reflection in man. The belief of lack or want is proved to have no reality or being by the same process of realizing that such a claim is not of Love, but a false belief of finite sense which is contrary to the nature of God, who supplies all His ideas with the abundant harmony of infinite good.

A belief in a God of nature with changeable, material laws leads to an excuse for failure to do the works of spiritual understanding, and results in the contention that Jesus and his disciples did their healing works under a special dispensation of power, through which God set aside His laws for the purpose of supporting the claims of Messiahship in the Master. This explanation may seem to satisfy a merely superficial sense, but does not, and indeed cannot, fulfill the hungering desire of one who seeks relief from disease or sin. To such a one the message of the healing power of Love as revealed in Christian Science comes as a ray of light to the sufferer, and he joyfully and gladly accepts its promise with a faith that is spontaneous.

Jesus knew the omnipotence of Love to the utter exclusion of any belief in a power apart from God, and through this understanding he performed his mighty works. As Mrs. Eddy has written in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," beginning on page 476, "Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick."

When blind Bartimæus heard that Jesus of Nazareth passed by, he cried, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me;" and it is worthy of note to one who has not received healing at his first appeal, that this blind beggar could not be silenced but cried the louder that he might be healed. The Master, conscious only of man's perfect reflection of divine Love, asked, "What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee?" and answered the petition for healing with instantaneous proof of God's love for man. The record in the gospel of Luke concludes with the statement that this man followed Jesus, "glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God."

To the Master, then, the creation of God was not to be found in the expression of disease, blindness, or any of the ills of the flesh; nor were such conditions to be accepted as having dominion even to the human sense of existence; neither was God to be known as "a God afar off," governing His creation through the operation of heartless and blind laws. His teaching and practice exemplified an understanding of God as a tender, loving Father, ever expressing

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throughout His universe the infinite perfection and goodness of perfect love, producing absolute harmony, in which health, joy, peace, are forever the result of obedience to God's law.

To-day Christian Scientists are again bearing grateful testimony to the omnipotence and tender care of divine Love, and they are sanguine that eventually all mankind will know and demonstrate the truth of Mrs. Eddy's statement (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 82): "Man is the offspring and idea of the Supreme Being, whose law is perfect and infinite. In obedience to this law, man is forever unfolding the endless beatitudes of Being; for he is the image and likeness of infinite Life, Truth, and Love."

The Unfolding of God's Purposes

HENRIETTA A. FIELD

THAT every student of Christian Science may learn to differentiate between the ideas of Spirit and the beliefs of material sense is evident, for Mrs. Eddy says in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" (p. 505): "Spirit imparts the understanding which uplifts consciousness and leads into all truth. . . . Understanding is the line of demarcation between the real and unreal." To realize that there is a line of demarcation between truth and error and that consciousness can be so enlightened as to see this difference and choose intelligently, is to lay a sure foundation of confidence that a right decision is possible of attainment under any circumstances.

Science and Health provides a most exhaustive study of the character, qualities, and activities of spiritual ideas, and so furnishes the means for their identification; while experience soon makes it possible to apply some of the simple, practical tests that will guide into a right choice between ideas and illusions. One of the first steps in discerning whether that which is presented has the origin and character of an idea, is a frank and fearless investigation of the motives and desires that lie back of it. Is it the child of reason, justice, and love, or the product of some wayward mesmeric influence? Whither does its development tend,—toward the promotion of spiritual betterment or toward self-gratification and self-advancement? Will it bring clearer views of God or bury one deeper in materialism? The answer to these questions will go to the very root of the matter, for Mrs. Eddy says of the exalted thoughts or spiritual ideas (Science and Health, p. 299), "These upward-soaring beings never lead towards self, sin, or materiality, but guide to the divine Principle of all good, whither every real individuality, image, or likeness of God, gathers." Thus by their character and probable leadings, ideas may be recognized and accepted, and their opposites rejected.

The next step is a perfect willingness to be led, whether the leading harmonizes with human desires or not, a determination to put aside human will and endeavor, to give up outlining, and to recognize Spirit as that which outlines and creates. Then will the unfolding of the right idea be in every way natural and orderly, for "order is Heaven's first law." Spiritual ideas never appear as a confused mass out of which good may be drawn at random, but like the flowers they come in the fullness of time, each clothed by Spirit with appropriate and diversified expression, suitable to its place and mission. The Science and art which pervade all spiritual creation find their most delicate expression in this perfect fitness of things to their surroundings, for there are no misfits or misplacements in Truth and Love. Every vague longing and unformed thought, if right, will be directed into

its proper channel of expression, if one will but wait patiently on God. And according to its kind or intelligence will it manifest some degree of true love, strength, beauty, and usefulness.

Again, the unfolding spiritual idea rouses into living action everything associated with it, finding willing allies in what before had seemed of little value, as well as enlisting the unseen forces of the spiritual universe; for when God moves in the affairs of men "all things work," and they so "work together" that the result is concerted, harmonious action. More than this, the energy of all the component parts will be directed toward one definite and worthy achievement, because "all things work together for good to them that love God," as Paul says. While erroneous beliefs, selfish desires, and false limitations may be rudely jarred by the spiritual power of an unfolding purpose, yet it is certain the gathering energy and activity will not cause damage or do wrong to any of the useful and natural surroundings, but will rather bless and multiply all good, as its nature and behest require. When Spirit has thus been given full sway in consciousness, and permitted to lead and designate, the message of John to the angel of the church in Philadelphia is again heard, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it."

One may therefore go out with joy, certain that with each succeeding footstep the way will grow more plain, and that every obstacle which would hinder this broader outlook and higher development will be overcome or removed by Truth's omnipotent touch. In the words of one of our hymns (Hymnal, p. 65):—

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding ev'ry hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

To Realize

MARY MEXIA FORD

TWO definitions of the verb "realize," which seem to express most clearly the scientific viewpoint are, "To comprehend completely," and, "To bring home to one's own experience." The latter especially is the "open sesame" by which we enter the kingdom of God on earth and perceive, though faintly at first, "the ability and power divinely bestowed on man" (Science and Health, p. 393). One is seldom willing to profit from another's experience, probably thinking that the fruit he gathers for himself will be of a better flavor. In the end, however, one finds that all mortal experiences are about the same. Then tired, weary, and heartsick, one turns to divine Love, and begins to see that the most valuable experience one can have is to bring home to one's own self the realization of God's goodness, and prove it conclusively in overcoming the woes and trials of mortal existence.

Suppose we should be told of great wealth unexpectedly inherited, or of rare talents unknowingly possessed; of what avail would they be, unless we were brought to realize the truth of the statements, and to use the wealth or develop the talents? Some one, for instance, realized the possibilities of arid land under irrigation, put thought into action, and lo! the once sterile sands blossomed like the rose. So it is with the treasures of Truth given to us in the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs. Eddy, which reveal and make available our inheritance to "every good gift and every perfect gift" which divine Love has always for His children. We may read of

them, talk of them, think of them, and believe in them, but unless we absolutely realize their truth by incorporating them into our daily lives,—learning through a right understanding of God and His law how to put out the erroneous thought and replace it with the true, just “here a little, and there a little,” striving patiently each day to prove what we have been taught—we are still echoing that centuries-old cry of inability to realize the Christ, Truth, “Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.”

Had the rich man in the parable realized the true nature of substance, no fear of exhausted supply, no thought of hoarding in bigger barns, would have been entertained; rather, the desire would have been to share with the less fortunate. So, too, with the young man of many possessions who came to Jesus inquiring about eternal life. In reply to Jesus he said that he had kept the commandments from his youth up; yet when he was told to sell all that he had and give to the poor, he went away sorrowing. Jesus perceived that his thought of substance was wholly material and must change to the realization of God, Spirit, as the only source of supply and substance. In thus acknowledging a source of good apart from God this young man was all unwittingly breaking the first and fundamental commandment.

What else did Jesus mean when he said so plainly, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you”? The understanding that God has already provided for our every need, brings the result in “things added,” in the form of whatever that need may be. The blindness of mortal belief and the futility of looking to or depending upon anything but God, is shown when we look to mortal methods to aid us, and depend upon human so-called wisdom to guide us, which is unsubstantial, frail, and powerless to give real help.

When we grow in the understanding that we “live, and move, and have our being” in Him who is infinite Life, Truth, and Love, surely we, too, will say with the psalmist, “I will fear no evil: for thou art with me.” As we see one after another of error’s claims destroyed, we thereby prove that by the demonstration of Christian Science we can realize how all evil will ultimately vanish from consciousness; for the great taproot, fear, is withering away under the radiant “sun of righteousness” which brings “healing in his wings.”

The Little One

JESSIE L. REMINGTON

IT is the common experience of Christian Scientists to be grateful. If their gratitude is not the result of some specific demonstration over illness, sin, poverty, or inharmony of any nature, there are manifold instances when they recognize and are grateful for unfoldment,—a daily, hourly experience to those who are working under the guidance of Truth. The Word is ever unfolding to bless. As if to prepare thought for the true wonders of the Word, even words have a way of unfolding.

Does anyone think that when Jesus said, “Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven,” he meant to exclude the grown people? Obviously not. He knew, and we are learning to know, that there are little children in all states and stages of unfoldment. Those like unto little children are of the kingdom of heaven. How shall we find them? We have not far to go in our search, for the meaning of the word “little” begins to unfold to us.

If we, as Christian Scientists, see not the little one in our own consciousness, it is time to stop and question ourselves.

The little one is humble. Let each ask himself, Do I find humility in myself? The little one is dependent on Father-Mother God. Again, Am I conscious of this sweet dependence? Self-righteousness plays all kinds of tricks to hide from us the little one in our own consciousness and in that of others. In “Miscellaneous Writings” (p. 130) Mrs. Eddy writes, “The greatest sin that one can commit against himself is to wrong one of God’s ‘little ones.’” How is this too often done? By a depreciation or an undervaluing of one’s true self; by a false estimate of man; by not appreciating the right motive; by failing to recognize the proportion of our acts which are right.

It is quite possible to be mesmerized into the error of thinking that there are no indications of progress if a problem or difficulty seems long in the solution. Here and now is the time to search diligently for the little one. Perhaps one is confronted with a case of illness that seems slow in yielding to the action of Love. Let him be careful that he does not overlook the little one, which may appear in a more loving attitude, in a trifle more of cheer, in greater patience and appreciation; or the so-called invalid may be more interested than formerly in other people, in some slight occupation.

Time may seem to claim importance as a factor when one is being healed of a false appetite. Those watching may be eager for the healing in its completeness. Do they recognize the striving? Do they show understanding and appreciation when an attempt, however much of a failure it may seem to be, is made to do better? It is the little one again. Take care of it. How well was the little one guarded from Herod! Mrs. Eddy nurtured, nourished, and guarded the Christ-child as it came to her. When it grew stronger she gave her understanding of it to the world. Still she guarded it, and as its truth dawns on individual consciousness, we, too, have our duty in this direction, knowing the great need of protecting still this little one.

“Peace, be still”

R. C. MCCLAY

THE availability of the presence and power of God as understood through the teachings of Christian Science has been experienced many times by the writer, and when earnestly and honestly relied upon has never failed of proof. On one occasion when it became necessary to return home from one of the island resorts off the coast of California, a distance of some twenty-five miles of open sea had to be crossed. Our boat was an open launch thirty feet long and five-foot beam. Everything was made ready the night before, and at seven the next morning we shoved off. The party consisted of my wife, our small daughter, and myself. As soon as we were out in the open sea we encountered a heavy wind, with resultant rough water. We ran along slowly for a while, but we finally decided to turn back and lay over another day for smoother weather.

Early the next morning we again started, and when we reached the open sea the same conditions presented themselves. We reluctantly turned back again. As there was a lecture on Christian Science to be given on the mainland that evening and we were anxious to hear it, we decided to face the wind and waves once more and trust in God to carry us across. On our course again it was hard beating against the “chop.” The waves seemed higher, and for a while it seemed impossible to go on. At this moment my wife shouted from the stern that she would read the Lesson-Sermon, as we always take the Bible, “Science and Health with Key to the

Scriptures," and the *Quarterly* with us, while I did my best at the helm. She began to read, and now and then I could hear a word—such words as it seemed I never had heard before, although I had read them many times. As soon as we had taken our stand with God, fear subsided, and the assurance of a power not our own started us to work. Never a thought of turning back came, for, as Mrs. Eddy says on page 67 of *Science and Health*, "when the ocean is stirred by a storm, then the clouds lower, the wind shrieks through the tightened shrouds, and the waves lift themselves into mountains. We ask the helmsman: 'Do you know your course? Can you steer safely amid the storm?' He answers bravely, but even the dauntless seaman is not sure of his safety; nautical science is not equal to the Science of Mind. Yet, acting up to his highest understanding, firm at the post of duty, the mariner works on and awaits the issue."

We were now in mid-channel, about fifteen miles from the mainland. All at once I scanned the horizon, having been too interested in hearing a word of the Lesson now and then and in watching the compass to do so before. I saw that the wind was slackening and there were not so many whitecaps. We had not gone a mile farther before the water became smooth as glass. We could hardly believe our eyes, at the smoothness and calm that prevailed. Needless to say we attended the lecture.

To face the seeming waves of mortal belief and steer a true course toward the golden shore of spiritual understanding where divine Love reigns supreme, we must be willing to follow God's word as it silently and meekly appears to those who trust Him. Then the joy of working out our salvation is at hand, because each experience brings progress and confidence. To stay at the false mental resort of supposed material pleasure and try to gratify the desire of the senses is not struggling to lift our heads above the drowning waves of error. It is only when our eyes are opened to the nothingness of this fleeting dream that we have the moral courage to start on the true course, and find true what Mrs. Eddy says on page 254 of *Science and Health*, "If you launch your bark upon the ever-agitated but healthful waters of truth, you will encounter storms." Steering by the compass of God's ever present directing, with the charts, the Bible and *Science and Health*, before you, the winds of error may blow and lash the waters white, but the "Peace, be still" of infinite Mind silences forever the seeming tempest of evil.

Relief

FREDERICK R. RHODES

A LARGER sense of what rightly constitutes the true idea of relief has been gradually but surely unfolded to humanity through the activities of the Christian Science War Relief rooms, through which splendid work was accomplished all over the United States of America, France, and the United Kingdom. Many are the expressions of deep gratitude not only from those who were at the head of the various departments of the service, but especially from the women and men who found these true resting places a real help in their various needs. Although good work was done through various agencies in providing for the material comfort of those wearing the uniform of the Allies, a great opportunity certainly remained for the Christian Science movement to supply that which would minister to the higher needs of the soldiers.

It has been the privilege of the writer to see a great deal of work done through The Mother Church War Relief fund, and also through the Camp Welfare activities, and it is ex-

tremely gratifying to watch the splendid results obtained through the spiritual understanding which lies back of these various activities. If we do our best to think in accord with right, then our Father-Mother God, who is always working with us, will see that this best is blessed and will give the increase. This is the direct result of right desire, and conscious, constant right desire is prayer without ceasing. This consistent and persistent effort to think rightly, has therefore the omnipotent power of omnipresent Truth behind it and must successfully overcome all the many and varied attacks which mortal mind opposition can claim to launch against it. This conscious desire to think in harmony with divine Love is the procurer of the only true relief from any discordant human condition. Spiritual thinking, being man's conscious ability to reflect God, is in reality his true prerogative, and when once he becomes conscious of this fact, he is lifted above the power of any discordant conditions to interfere with his constant sense of harmony; in other words, he enters into at-one-ment with true relief.

The one who is determined to gain a genuine victory over the world and its lying suggestions of poverty, sin, sickness, and the like, soon realizes that such a victory can be gained only by meeting the erroneous beliefs of the carnal mind or physical senses, and overcoming them through exact knowledge of the truth. As our Leader says (*Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 118), "The warfare with one's self is grand." Therefore one sees that every adverse circumstance, of whatever name or nature, can be overcome through the knowledge of Truth, and thus used as a stepping-stone to a higher recognition of the omnipotence of God, in whom we have placed our trust. We, like Paul, can then take pleasure in overcoming the adverse conditions which come up to be met. The spiritual atmosphere of our Christian Science War Relief rooms proved the power of right thought to draw those desiring the enduring and true, and also to show those who come how to gain such a state of consciousness. This is clearly indicated by the fact that it was not necessary to placard the walls with a number of "Don'ts," since it was assuredly the pure atmosphere of truth and purity which did the work.

A sailor walked into the rooms one day smoking a pipe. Obviously noticing the cleanly appearance of the place, he looked round to see if there was not a notice forbidding smoking, but not seeing anything of the kind, continued to smoke. Very soon he gave another glance round, and saw the other boys had removed their hats, so he removed his; then he walked across to the fireplace, knocked the tobacco from his pipe, and sat writing for over an hour, leaving with the remark to the welfare worker that "it would be a pity to spoil such a handsome place."

One constantly heard expressions of surprise concerning the good behavior which was consistently maintained in our Welfare rooms, notwithstanding the apparent simplicity of the methods employed; yet it is this very condition of thought, which, although childlike in its simplicity, appeals with irresistible power to the true consciousness of all those who feel its beneficent influence. Thus the true nature of those using our rooms was appealed to, and they found themselves unconsciously yielding themselves servants to obey this higher model rather than the human propensity to mimic or to accept and follow unconscious suggestion, which usually determines the activities of those using public assembly rooms.

Probably one of the greatest joys a human being experiences is the realization that he is manifesting a higher sense of true being, or real manhood, and when he finds a resting

place in which he consciously feels this true reflection of his creator being unfolded, he is always only too ready to take full advantage of that for which he has often felt a great need. Thus has our beloved Leader's divine message to humanity been able to offer to those in need the true, lasting, and scientific understanding of welfare or harmony, and mankind in ever increasing numbers are learning with heartfelt gratitude to God, to accept His "unspeakable gift."

Uprooting Error

ELIZABETH H. MURPHY

ON page 188 of the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," Mrs. Eddy has written, "Sin and the fear of disease must be uprooted and cast out." The writer learned a helpful lesson one day while overseeing the uprooting of an elm tree. Two strong men dug long and faithfully around the roots that held the tree firm in the soil. Each root was immediately cut off as soon as the dirt was cleared away from it, leaving the tree less secure in the ground. There were, however, many roots to be cut, making it a long and tedious job. It was interesting to note that it was not until all of the roots had been severed down to the taproot, the very largest and most important root of a tree, that the workmen were able to budge the tree or feel that it was loosening from its place. After digging much deeper directly underneath the tree the large taproot was eventually found and cut off, and this left the tree entirely uprooted.

How many times the student of Christian Science feels that his problem is a long and tedious one, and fails to see that each root of error he cuts off is a great step toward the complete uprooting of every belief connected with his problem. As to the onlooker the tree appeared firm and unshaken in its place until the very last and deepest root was struck, so our human problems may seem slow in being solved, and the error appear real, until every belief connected with them is uncovered and severed. As Mrs. Eddy says in *Science and Health* (p. 37), "Consciousness of right-doing brings its own reward; but not amid the smoke of battle is merit seen and appreciated by lookers-on."

[Written for the *Sentinel*]

Alone, Yet Not Alone

CASSIUS M. LOOMIS

HAVE friends forsaken thee? and do thy days
Drag wearily along? Think not
That Love thy yearnings hath forgot.
Look up to God and voice to Him thy praise;
Scorn not thy humble lot.

Contentment shall be thine the very day
When thou hast learned to seek Truth's own,
And, into broader freedom thrown,
Canst tread with joy the perfect way
Alone, yet not alone.

A mighty Presence, greater far than all
That human kinship can supply,
Surrounds thee even now. Then why
Look down? However dark the way,
Heed not the baneful lie;

For he who trod Judea's hills looked up
To God and prayed, with tongue unknown
To those whose hearts had turned to stone.
Canst thou not share with him the needful cup
Alone, yet not alone?

Selected Articles

["Speaking with Authority"—*The Christian Science Monitor*,
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Man's authority is derived from God, from Principle, and from no other or lesser quarter. The authority of the individual is the result of his understanding of Principle, of his living in accordance with Principle, and of his demonstration of Principle. Pilate discovered that when he boasted to Christ Jesus of his authority, and recognized its limitations in the roar of the despised rabble outside his doors, "Thou art not Cæsar's friend." Cæsar himself realized how little it all meant when he hid himself from his assassins, in the curtains of his window. The authority of Cæsar, the authority of Pilate, then, was nothing but the simulated authority of the human mind, the counterfeit of the only true authority, which is divine. Neither Cæsar nor Pilate had ever dreamed of the authority which said to the blind man, See, and to the deaf man, Hear, which ordered the storm to cease and the dead to come forth from the tomb.

Cæsar and Pilate were of the earth earthy, as has been every Cæsar from Augustus to Napoleon, and every Pilate from Pontius to Warren Hastings. True authority comes from unknowing every thing which has ever been most real to Cæsar and his pro-consuls. It is born, in the human consciousness, in repudiating matter for Spirit, and deserting the footsteps of Cæsar for the footsteps of the Christ, as is made absolutely clear by Mrs. Eddy, in a well-known passage on page 14 of *Science and Health*: "Entirely separate from the belief and dream of material living, is the Life divine, revealing spiritual understanding and the consciousness of man's dominion over the whole earth. This understanding casts out error and heals the sick, and with it you can speak 'as one having authority.'"

To understand the full significance of this it must be remembered that the common people who had followed Christ Jesus "from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judæa, and from beyond Jordan," brought with them their sick, all who "were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy." All these Jesus healed. And it was because he demonstrated the truth of his teaching through his healing, that the people recognized the power of his doctrine, and declared that "he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes."

The scribes were but a subdivision of the Jewish ecclesiastical hierarchy, a hierarchy which relied, after the manner of Cæsar and the Pontifex Maximus, on ritual, creeds, and denunciation, to establish and to maintain their authority. They appealed to matter, where Jesus trod it under foot, and found their argument in the services of the jailer and the executioner, where Jesus found his in healing the sick and raising the dead. Such a thing as the new gospel was unknown, almost incomprehensible, to the fishermen and plowmen, accustomed to run from the whips of the Roman centurions or to bow to the decisions of the Jewish doctors of the law. And so it was that these fishermen, finding the elements themselves subservient to the commands of this man who wore neither the scarlet tunic of the centurion nor the phylacteries of the Pharisees, asked one another in astonishment, "What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him."

What manner of man was Jesus the Christ? The disciples should have been better able to answer the question themselves than any other human beings. They appear,

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however, never actually to have grasped the meaning of Christ Jesus until after the resurrection, and then one, and one only of them, John, the beloved disciple, sufficiently to himself meet and master death. It took the resurrection, apparently, to impress upon these men, who had seen the sick healed and the dead raised, the multitudes fed and the storm calmed, the utter unreality of matter. Yet without a scientific understanding of this the mighty works of Jesus can never be repeated with any compelling influence. But the reason of the human failure to accept and rise to the grandeur of the teaching of Christ Jesus, Mrs. Eddy makes perfectly clear on page 345 of *Science and Health*: "This thought of human, material nothingness, which Science inculcates, enrages the carnal mind and is the main cause of the carnal mind's antagonism." The rich young man "went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions."

It is just those great material possessions, though they may not necessarily be numbered in gold or silver, in houses or cattle, which obliterate the footsteps of the Christ under men's very eyes. Mankind is willing enough to surrender its pains and its sorrows, but its sensual pleasures are very dear to it. It will make every excuse for them, and even argue that they are a positive necessity to it. Many of them seem harmless, but it is doubtful if any concession to matter can ever be entirely free from harm. Some particular surrender may be altogether beyond the understanding of the individual, and it is no man's business to judge another lest he be judged himself. None the less the scientific fact remains that the rich young man went away sorrowing because he was not willing to sell all that he had and give to the poor.

What has a man to sell, to part with? Plenty of things often much more difficult to give up than the purple and fine linen, and the sumptuous living which held Dives as in a vise,—envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness. Many a man who thanks God that he is not as the common thief, will steal his neighbor's character or opportunity without blenching. The thief risks his liberty. The slanderer risks, as he thinks, nothing; but in reality he risks his life. "What shall it profit a man," Jesus demanded, "if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mrs. Eddy put the same warning, even more forcibly, on page 426 of *Science and Health*: "If the belief in death were obliterated, and the understanding obtained that there is no death, this would be a 'tree of life,' known by its fruits. Man should renew his energies and endeavors, and see the folly of hypocrisy, while also learning the necessity of working out his own salvation."



[Aaron E. Brandt in *Warren (Pa.) Chronicle*]

Thousands of Christian Scientists will unhesitatingly say that all kinds of sickness and sin have been overcome by an understanding of the absolute fact that God, the only creator, never made them, and that therefore they can have no more reality or power than erroneous belief gives them. It is also true that the lives of many people have been prolonged thereby.

Why should a clergyman, of all persons, find fault with those who have found a better way of obtaining a present salvation from such ills? Evidently our critic deems it against the rules, as it was in Jesus' time, for individuals unauthorized by ecclesiasticism to do spiritual healing more successfully than the ecclesiastics themselves. Our critic has yet to learn that in these days it is merit that will count with the people rather than worn-out dogmas. The answer given by some one to the question why Christian Scientists are

happier than others is pertinent here: "Because they have found what others are seeking."

Again the critic finds fruitless fault with Mrs. Eddy's teaching to the effect that the real man of God's creating cannot depart from holiness and is incapable of sin, sickness, or death. But we need only turn to the first epistle of John to confirm her position: "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." Being without sin he is, therefore, not subject to sickness or death, as Jesus proved. Before criticizing Mrs. Eddy one should at least make a reasonable attempt to understand her. "Anybody," she writes on page 345 of *Science and Health*, "who is able to perceive the incongruity between God's idea and poor humanity, ought to be able to discern the distinction (made by Christian Science) between God's man, made in His image, and the sinning race of Adam." ✦

[Willis D. McKinstry in *The Blue Rapids (Kan.) Times*]

It is just as impossible for our clerical critic to render invalid the teachings of Christian Science through his erroneous statements and arguments based upon popular Christianity, as it is for a mariner to keep his vessel in a direct course without a rudder. Spiritual truths are not capable of an explanation based upon materiality or human opinions. Christian Science deals with the Scriptures from a spiritual basis and reveals God's means and methods of helping humanity as demonstrated by His Son, Christ Jesus, who declared, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing." If this statement of the Nazarene is accepted as true, why does our critic make such ado about matter? Why should he feel disturbed because of what Christian Science teaches about the unreality of matter?

To declare for the reality and substantiality of matter is to oppose the teachings of our colleges and universities of to-day. Let us read what some of the world's eminent scholars and instructors have to say upon the subject of matter. Mr. Huxley says, "After all what do we know of this terrible matter except as the name of the unknown hypothetical cause of states of our consciousness." Such eminent natural scientists as Lord Kelvin and Sir William Crooks, according to newspaper reports, have concluded that atoms in their last analysis are forces, a conclusion which shows a tendency toward mental, rather than material causation. Grant Allen says, "The charges of materialism could only be brought against such a man by those abject materialists who have never had a glimpse of the profounder fact that the universe, as known to us, consists wholly of mind, and that matter is a doubtful and uncertain inference of the human intelligence." Professor Fiske expresses his opinion thus: "Apart from consciousness there are no such things as color, form, position, or hardness and there is no such thing as matter."

Christian Science does not teach that matter and material things do not exist as human phenomena, but it does demonstrate that the appearance to which the senses testify is not a creation of God, Spirit. However, this human sense or appearance of a natural universe and a matter man does not destroy the spiritual fact of existence, and Christian Science awakens mankind to understand and prove his divine sonship, existing in a spiritual universe governed and controlled by God, infinite Love. "Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. . . . For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Our critic takes exception to the use of the term Principle as a synonym for God, as used in Christian Science.

Principle is primary, it is that from which something proceeds or emanates. The Bible teaches that God is first, that He is cause, origin, or basis of all real existence, that it is He who created the universe and all it contains. Then is it not a logical conclusion that God being first of all and having made all that was made, must be the Principle of it? God is Love, therefore the cause, origin, or Principle of the universe, including man, must be Love. Christian Science defines God not only as Principle or Love, but as infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Truth, Life; and only as we recognize God in this infinite way, do we understand or know Him as Supreme Being, the one and only creator.

Our critic quotes from the first chapter of Genesis the true record of creation. Then he endeavors to have others believe that Christian Science treats this creation purely as delusion, which is wholly untrue, for upon this record of creation, and the First Commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," rests the truth of scientific being as taught and demonstrated by Christian Science. This Scriptural record sets forth the spiritual facts of existence, including man created in the image and likeness of God, yes, male and female. No element of materiality or matter enters into it; it manifests the substance of Spirit, God. When referring to man, our friend ignores this first record of spiritual creation by taking up the second account of creation which states that the "Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground." Right here is the parting of the way from the perfection of spiritual being or existence as created by God, divine Mind; it is the entrance of the finite, human, or perverted sense of the carnal or mortal mind's creation, which Paul declared was "enmity against God." With the erroneous belief of a matter man, comes all the discord of human living,—sin, disease, hatred, dishonesty, selfishness, envy, jealousy, sensuality, and death.

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[Ernest C. Moses in *Decatur* (Ill.) *Herald*]

My attention is called to the report of a sermon in which the speaker commented on physical and mental reconstruction. He said: "Most modern nervous diseases are the result of self-attention. Get the mind on something else and the symptoms disappear; this simple fact is the fundamental of Christian Science." We would not disagree with the clergyman's first proposition, and are grateful for the recognition of the fact of mental causation, which Christian Science teaches. I would request, however, that you permit me to make a correction of the gentleman's statement as to the fundamental basis of Christian Science. It is not the change of the human or mortal mind from thinking disease to thinking of some other phase of this mind, for that would be sheer will power, or self-mesmerism.

The basis for Christian Science is given in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," on pages 138 and 192, where, in referring to an experience in apostolic times, Mrs. Eddy states that "divine Life, Truth, and Love, and not a human personality, was the healer of the sick, and a rock, a firm foundation in the realm of harmony. . . . The supremacy of Spirit was the foundation on which Jesus built;" and that "we walk in the footsteps of Truth and Love by following the example of our Master in the understanding of divine metaphysics. Christianity is the basis of true healing." From these authoritative statements by the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, it is indeed clear that nothing in the human mind, either in its thinking through declaration or diversion, can form a basis for true Christian healing; but that the basis is the spiritual understanding of God on which

Christ Jesus founded Christianity. The results of the practice of this Science of Christianity prove this to be true. We are in hearty accord with the statement wherein the clergyman says that "the loving trust in God and a life of self-forgetful service," constitute "moral reconstruction."

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Funds of The Mother Church

"The inclosed check for three dollars is sent to The Christian Science Benevolent Association in grateful recognition of a recent demonstration over a claim of limitation; this being a small part of a loving, generous gift wholly unexpected, but which came only after demonstrating supply and stepping out ready to stand on God's promise, which Christian Science has shown me how to do. The Christian Science Benevolent Association has interested me much since its inception, and I have longed many times to be able to send something, realizing the great good it can and will do. I wish this might be a larger amount but am glad to be able to send even this mite."

"Please find inclosed money order for three dollars, one for my church dues, one for the Real Estate fund, and one for The Christian Science Benevolent Association fund. I am more than ever thankful this year for Christian Science. My boy has been so wonderfully protected while in France; it was Christian Science that brought him back to me safely."

"Inclosed is another small donation which I am sending with so much love and gratitude to The Christian Science Benevolent Association fund. From time to time I send on what I can spare at the moment, rather than wait until I could send a larger amount, thinking that it is better to keep something continually flowing into the treasury for this splendid work for suffering humanity, than for larger sums to come at intervals. It is always a pleasure and privilege to give toward The Mother Church activities, and I shall avail myself of the great blessing of giving to them as often as I can. With loving cooperation in this benevolent work, I am . . ."

"Please accept the inclosed ten dollars as a contribution to the Real Estate fund. I have just returned from one year's service in France and feel very grateful for the protection that was manifested on many occasions. I have received everything that I now hold dear through the teachings of our dear Leader, Mary Baker Eddy."

"Inclosed herewith please find a check for five dollars to be applied as follows: two dollars to pay my per capita tax to The Mother Church and three dollars to the Real Estate fund and The Christian Science Benevolent Association fund. Though this contribution to the above mentioned funds is small, it carries with it my heartfelt gratitude that I am enabled, through the ministrations of divine Love, to do even this little."

"I am inclosing a check for fifty-one dollars, one dollar for the per capita tax and the remainder to be divided between the Real Estate fund and The Christian Science Benevolent Association fund. I am sending this in deep gratitude for the many blessings that have come to me and are coming to me daily through Christian Science, this wonderful truth that was given to the world by our revered Leader, Mrs. Eddy."

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Editorial

Divine Good Will

IN some of the doctrinal statements made in past days regarding God's dealing with men, it used to be given out that some men are to suffer disadvantage throughout all eternity, and this "according to the good pleasure of his will." It is difficult for the people under such instruction not to think of God's will as arbitrary and capricious; whereas if one speaks of God as acting according to the benevolence of His will, there comes a glow of answering love to God and a sense of safety. Human wills are many and urge human action into diverse ways. Divine will is one and good; hence its government leads only into the way of good.

It should be easy to accept the divine will and obey it, but mortals do not find it so. Men are troubled by their wantings and their vauntings, by secret covetings and clamorous desires for they know not what; hence the command of the Decalogue, "Thou shalt not covet . . . any thing that is thy neighbour's." The basis of anarchy and frequently of revolution is desire for the possessions of the neighbor. Indeed the proclamations of some agitators might be: We covet all that is our neighbor's. It is as if they said of the neighbor: We wish to destroy his church, his government, and his peace of mind, to destroy the very law and order under which he is wont to live his life and accomplish usefulness and service. But revolution does not cease once it has begun. The agitator who overthrew the erstwhile ruler finds his own seat of power overthrown, and then to him is done in turn just what he did to others. The confusions of the world have been due to mortal minds trying to work out the good pleasure of their wills. Mrs. Eddy says of this in "Miscellaneous Writings" (p. 208): "Mortals have only to submit to the law of God, come into sympathy with it, and to let His will be done. This unbroken motion of the law of divine Love gives, to the weary and heavy-laden, rest. But who is willing to do His will or to let it be done? Mortals obey their own wills, and so disobey the divine order."

Wherever there has been the peace of order, wherever there is a country truly prosperous, there will be found men who regard honor and truth and righteousness, because they have some sense of the government of Principle and so obey the benevolence of the divine purpose. Does it involve sacrifice to be obedient? Men seem to think so. A woman was once asked: How did you know when a child if a thing was wrong? and her quick reply was: Because I wanted to do it. The problem, then, is to change the desire within so that in the achievement which is made in accordance with the right desire, there may be a joy adequate for a full satisfaction. Mrs. Eddy speaks of the satisfactory form of resurrection when the seeker after God reaches the point of knowing and doing the divine will. Of this she says (Miscellany, p. 258): "To the woman at the sepulchre, bowed in strong affection's anguish, one word, 'Mary,' broke the gloom with Christ's all-

conquering love. Then came her resurrection and task of glory, to know and to do God's will,—in the words of St. Paul: 'Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.'"

Men have spoken of the war as being world-wide, but now there appears to be a condition of confusion also world-wide. The clamor of those who have remedies to offer is added to the outcries of those who suffer. Many of the remedies offered would cheat the patient of the healing needed. What can either lower prices or higher wages do to remedy the pain within the heart over the golden rule unkept? Ravaged countrysides or pillaged warehouses bring no healing for the covetous desire which burns insatiably within. Evil passions are not satiated by that which they destroy; but these passions, as fire, consume the cherisher of evil desire until purified desire becomes his prayer, and by prayer he aspires for deliverance from his self-created hell and longs for the heaven of obedience to God. Then his desire may be expressed in the words of the psalmist: "I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly. Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land. . . . Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase. Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps."

The printed records of the false beliefs and unkind acts of mortals attempt to make these things history; but history is being written by the noble and the true of every land, who in self-abnegation are working for the humanities. Silently but irresistibly is the will of God prevailing. It is uniting the hearts of the upright and blessing their obedience to the best they know. It comforts the honest man struggling against unfair dealing. It strengthens the loving woman trying to quiet the violent ill-will of others. It blesses with heavenly grace those who as children of God in all lands are laboring to be peacemakers. Mrs. Eddy, in her poem "Satisfied" (Poems, p. 79), most beautifully sets forth assurance and promise:—

Love looseth thee, and lifteth me,
Ayont hate's thrall:
There Life is light, and wisdom might,
And God is All.

The centuries break, the earth-bound wake,
God's glorified!
Who doth His will—His likeness still—
Is satisfied.

WILLIAM P. MCKENZIE.

Obedience

FROM cover to cover the Bible proclaims one necessity. "Hear my voice and obey it," is God's perpetual demand of the children of men. Never has the world been without such constant admonition. Never has it been left in ignorance as to what the command involves. At one time it has been stated with all the authority of Deity, "Walk before me, and be thou perfect." At another with the tenderness of infinite Love it has declared, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee." Again the demand for obedience to infinite good has been presented in the "Thou shalt nots" of the Mosaic Decalogue; and yet again there has been the care of the loving Father pointing out the dangers which must result from disobedience. Never has it been other than the divine voice declaring the omnipresence,

omnipotence, omniscience of the one infinite God, the All-good, always caring perfectly for His creation.

To obey God is a harmony-producing activity. Mrs. Eddy tells us (*Science and Health*, p. 183): "Divine Mind rightly demands man's entire obedience, affection, and strength. No reservation is made for any lesser loyalty. Obedience to Truth gives man power and strength. Submission to error superinduces loss of power." Obedience to God is the law of freedom. Law seems prohibitive only to the disobedient. The obedient are never conscious of any restraint from law. Law is protective to them and is welcomed as a beneficent provision. It is a strong tower of defense where one may hide from the assaults of the enemy.

But the question has always been, What constitutes the voice of God? How can one know when God is speaking? Christian Science answers this with wonderful clearness. Starting as it does with the truth that God is infinite Mind, it immediately deduces the conclusion that man must know God through His thoughts. In *Science and Health* (p. 462) we find: "Anatomy, when conceived of spiritually, is mental self-knowledge, and consists in the dissection of thoughts to discover their quality, quantity, and origin. Are thoughts divine or human? That is the important question." And again, on page 581, we have the definition of Angels: "God's thoughts passing to man; spiritual intuitions, pure and perfect; the inspiration of goodness, purity, and immortality, counteracting all evil, sensuality, and mortality."

Christian Science teaches that humanity's necessity is to watch for the thoughts of God. It must also live in obedience to them, yield to their government, cling to them, reflect them. One obstacle in the path of the Christian Scientist who starts out to conform his life to this standard is the claim that good thoughts belong to human intellectuality. Even though one may believe he is thinking good thoughts, if he in any way considers them as having originated in a human mind, to his consciousness he immediately divorces them from the power of God. To believe in them as human in origin, is to find them but cold, valueless counterfeits.

Then one must constantly give God, divine Mind, all the glory for every least thought of good. Thus, he will continually increase his sense of unity with God, which means an ability to obey and also to reflect the thoughts of good. He will come so to understand their power, since they are God manifest, that the mighty works which Jesus did will follow. These works Jesus insisted were the only proof of man's obedience to God and His Christ. Always to watch for the thoughts of God is to be mentally alert and to allow no thought to pass the door of one's consciousness without the challenge: Is it divine? To the beginner this may seem difficult. His thoughts have been allowed for so long to run riot without let or hindrance that when he is called upon to be a sentinel for God, he discovers what great earnestness of purpose, what great love of good is demanded. A faithful beginning, however, prophesies steady progress. With progress there comes the quicker ability to divide and the greater power to reject; and God never asks more than one is able to perform.

Then there is ever the wonderful goal ahead! The goal of opportunity to reflect all the power of God's thoughts. Christian Science, in its insistence that God is all good, shows from the outset that everything is to be gained and nothing lost through obedience to God. It is foolish to imagine that evil could come out of good, that from obedience to good aught but good could come. To be sure, a mistaken sense as to what constitutes good has to be corrected in every mortal's concept of things. But with the light of Christian Science there is ever the assurance that this can be accomplished and

that infinite Love includes all that is desirable, and is certainly sufficient to satisfy every one. Then let us hasten to lift up our sense of obedience to the joyful perception that to obey our perfect God each day more perfectly must inevitably result in the blissful blessing of ultimate perfection.

ELLA W. HOAG.

The Christian Science Benevolent Association

In a letter written in 1905, and published in the *Christian Science Sentinel* of October 7, 1916, Mrs. Eddy states in speaking of the establishment of a Sanatorium: "Our cause demands a wider circle of means for the ends of philanthropy and charity, and better qualifications for practical purposes." Since the announcement that definite steps had been taken toward supplying this demand, The Christian Science Board of Directors, in whose charge Mrs. Eddy placed this work, as stated in another letter published in the same article, have endeavored to bring the project to fulfillment in as substantial and prompt a manner as wisdom and economy would permit.

When it was stated in the *Christian Science Sentinel* of December 2, 1916, that it would cost "to erect and equip the buildings and provide a maintenance fund for the first institution of The Christian Science Benevolent Association, not less than \$600,000.00," it was proposed to erect immediately but one large building, and to place this on the most convenient site on the property; but subsequently it appeared clear that while such a proposition could be worked out satisfactorily it would prove in the future to be the part of wisdom and economy to begin on a comprehensive plan for a thorough development of all the property. The work was begun when building operations were at a standstill because of the war but it has proceeded without interruption, and many beautiful instances showing divine Love as the source of our supply could be related.

The plan which we are now following will eventually include eight large dormitories, an administration building, and three separate smaller buildings containing a garage, power house, laundry, electric lighting plant, and heating plant. The administration building and two of the dormitories are now nearing completion, as are also the garage, power house, laundry, electric lighting plant, and heating plant. These have been so constructed as to constitute a working center for the present buildings and those that will be established in the future. Besides this the grounds have been improved with a view to the future needs of the group of buildings, although the work involved a present expenditure of a large amount of money.

The furnishings are now being installed and it is expected that the buildings will be ready for occupancy not later than November 1, 1919. It is clear that the extra expenditures will prove wise and economical, but because of them and the increased costs for all material and labor, the completion and equipment of the first unit will call for a total expenditure of over \$900,000.00, and of this amount \$675,964.13 has been received. Besides this there should be a substantial maintenance fund on hand to care for current supplies and running expenses.

The opportunity is now presented to the field to contribute further in establishing this new channel of usefulness.

All contributions should be sent to Edward L. Ripley, Treasurer of The Christian Science Benevolent Association, 236 Huntington Avenue, Back Bay, Boston, Massachusetts.

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Among the Churches

Current Notes

BOSTON, MASS.—The First Church of Christ, Scientist. Sunday services, 10:45 a.m., 7:30 p.m.; Sunday school, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday evening meeting, 7:30 p.m., in the church edifice, Norway, Falmouth, and St. Paul Streets. The church is open to visitors Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Reading rooms: Little Building, corner of Tremont and Boylston Streets (fourth floor); open daily, except Sunday and Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. International Trust Company Building (second floor), 45 Milk Street, near Devonshire, opposite post office; open daily, except Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Coolidge Corner Building, 1316 Beacon Street, Brookline; open daily, except Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

MISSOURI.—On July 6 there was delivered at the Missouri State Penitentiary, in Jefferson City, a lecture on Christian Science by Dr. John M. Tutt. The committee which had this in charge represents the five Christian Science churches in Kansas City, the church in Independence, and the Mt. Washington society, these places all being in Jackson County. Through its efforts Christian Science services have been held in the State Penitentiary, the different penal institutions, and the County Home in Jackson County. The Christian Science churches and societies throughout the state support the services held at Jefferson City. About thirteen hundred inmates attended this lecture. The closest attention was paid and great interest displayed. Earnest expressions of gratitude were received from those permitted to talk.

Admission to Membership in The Mother Church

The next admission of candidates will take place on November 7, 1919, as provided in Article XIII, Section 2, of the By-laws of The Mother Church. Application blanks may be obtained by addressing the Clerk of The Mother Church, and should be returned to him on or before Friday, October 24, 1919. Consideration of any applications received after that date will be deferred until the June 4, 1920, admission.

An application sent to the Clerk does not constitute the applicant a member. Notice of election will be sent to those who are admitted to membership.

Those who have made application for membership prior to May 30, 1919, and have not received notice of election, may communicate with the Clerk if they so desire, and are especially requested to do so before sending in a second application.

CHARLES E. JARVIS, Clerk,
236 Huntington Avenue, Back Bay, Boston, Mass.

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The Lectures

BURLINGTON, VT. (Society).—William D. Kilpatrick, lecturer; introduced by Franklin H. Dewart, who said in part:—

It may be worth while briefly to tell how Christian Science first penetrated the armor in which I was incased not so very long ago. I had boarded the train one morning, in the course of business, and was soon delighted to observe opposite me a father, mother, little son, and daughter, all radiating a beautiful, harmonious spirit which is always attractive. Not one alone, but all, beamed with unconcealed yet

unobtrusive peace, joy, and health, so much so that in a wearisome journey of some length not a trace of aught discordant appeared. After settling down comfortably, the parents, with a delightful unity of spirit, became so absorbed in a book that I could not feel satisfied until I had, by furtive glances, made out the name. And then I was less satisfied than before, and roughly repulsed, on seeing that it was "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs. Eddy. The scene kept recurring to thought at intervals, and led to the serious question, Is it possible that there is truth in this book at which I have so often scoffed? But I had to admit in fairness that if these people, having seen in it what I had not, were thereby made happy, I must have been hasty or superficial in judgment.

NEW HAVEN, CONN. (First Church).—Paul Stark Seeley, lecturer; introduced by Howard M. Hopkins, who said in part:—

Christian Science does heal. The truth of this statement can be proved by each and every one who is willing to lay aside prejudice and look into it with an open mind. Christian Scientists all over the world are proving each day that they have the same Principle, the same Christ, Truth, which was demonstrated by the Master over nineteen hundred years ago. They are preaching the gospel, healing the sick, and casting out evils; for the promise reads, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

DECORAH, IOWA (Society).—John C. Lathrop, lecturer; introduced by Harry C. Goddard, who said in part:—

The message of Christian Science brings light and peace, abiding and permanent, to those who hear it. To those who seem to be behind the prison door of suffering and disease, of poverty and sin, the word of Truth comes with the joyous statement that there is an open door for each and every one, as stated by the Revelator, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Christian Science is that open door, through which all may enter.

LYNN, MASS. (First Church).—The Rev. Andrew J. Graham, lecturer; introduced by Joseph C. Lewis, who said in part:—

Christian Science is distinctively a religion of right thinking. If each person in the world were thinking right at this moment and should continue to do so, there would be no wrongdoing, as action must be preceded by thought. Christian Science therefore is a religion of doing, a religion which proves its teaching by its works.

OTTAWA, ILL. (First Church).—Miss Mary G. Ewing, lecturer; introduced by Miss Isabella Sanders, who said in part:—

The world, war-weary after the suffering and destruction of the past four years, and looking forward to the complex problems of reconstruction, realizes at length to some degree that this recent fiery ordeal would have been averted, had mankind obeyed this simple command given them by Jesus of Nazareth twenty centuries ago: "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself;" and that the hope of a permanent future peace, through the establishment of a League of Nations bound by the bond of universal brotherhood, can come only by the practical application of Christianity.

This has been called a pragmatic age. Each new theory presented, in every line of human activity, has been challenged by the question, Will it work? Christian Science stands ready to be judged by its results, since "by their fruits, ye shall know them." It demonstrates the efficacy

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of the word of God in producing and maintaining harmony, health, and happiness, thus fulfilling the whole law, healing the sick as well as preaching the gospel, and so meeting the needs of the world.

MAMARONECK, N. Y. (First Church).—John Randall Dunn, lecturer; introduced by Walter Lockwood Stevens, who said in part:—

The religion of Jesus of Nazareth was a living, pulsating truth that not only spread the gospel but healed the sick. His commands that we should do likewise have come down to this age, and the recognition of the potency of these commands is the distinguishing difference between the religion of Christian Science and that of other churches. By restoring to Christianity its lost element of Christian healing, Christian Science is holding up to the view of the world the lessons Jesus taught of works rather than words. Christian Science is demonstrable; it proves its words by its works. A lecture on this subject is given to make known that its teachings are not some strange, mysterious thing, but the simple teaching of Christ Jesus applied to human needs.

FRESNO, CALIF. (First Church).—William W. Porter, lecturer; introduced by Berton Einstein, who said in part:—

At this time the world is facing many problems of social, economic, and national readjustment. So far-reaching are these questions that they affect each and every one of us. On what foundation shall we build each needed structure? What standard of measurement, what measuring rod, shall we apply to the work? Christian Science, in this hour of confusion, presents the key with which to unlock that immense storehouse of wisdom, the Bible, whose leaves are "for the healing of the nations." It strips away all the false and unimportant so-called facts and gives a clear view of the fundamental truth of each problem. Being Science, it is equally potent in the proper regulation of our individual daily lives, including the healing of disease, and in the solution of great world problems, which are after all only the problems of larger numbers of individuals. It will enable us to avoid the building of other towers of Babel, with their diverse tongues and inevitable conflicts, and will turn us to high cooperation in the establishment of that eternal city "which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

Fresno Republican.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (Second Church).—John Sidney Braithwaite, lecturer; introduced by Clinton Baum Weamer, who said in part:—

Christian Science teaches mankind that God is Love. It heals sin, sickness, and disease in the same manner our Savior, Christ Jesus, did two thousand years ago, and gives to all true seekers health and peace, joy and gladness, for which Christian Scientists are profoundly grateful to their Leader, Mrs. Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science.

CANTON, OHIO (First Church).—Dr. Walton Hubbard, lecturer; introduced by Miss Ruth Schilling, who said in part:—

On each Sunday in every Christian Science church in the world this announcement is made from the pulpit: "The Bible and the Christian Science textbook are our only preachers" (*Quarterly*, Explanatory Note). In James we read: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering." The first sentence of the first chapter of our textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs.

Eddy, is, "The prayer that reforms the sinner and heals the sick is an absolute faith that all things are possible to God,—a spiritual understanding of Him, an unselfed love." This church has invited you here to hear something of what Christian Science teaches about this faith, this spiritual understanding and wisdom spoken of in the Bible; of this religion which when understood and applied heals the sick, reforms the sinner, comforts the sorrowing, and rests the weary and heavy laden to-day just as it did centuries ago "when Jesus was here among men."

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Lectures to be Delivered

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CALIFORNIA—Santa Rosa: I. O. O. F. Hall, 8 p.m., Sept. 19.

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ENGLAND—Darlington, County Durham: Mechanics' Hall, 7 p.m., Sept. 29.

Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey: The Lecture Hall, Epsom, 8:15 p.m., Oct. 3.

London (Third Church): Church Edifice, Curzon Street, Piccadilly, Mayfair, W. 1, 8 p.m., Oct. 2.

Redhill, Surrey (auspices Richmond, Kingston, Croydon, Sixth and Eighth Churches, London): Kings Hall, Colman Institute, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 25.

IDAHO—Salmon: Odd Fellows Hall, 8:30 p.m., Sept. 12.

ILLINOIS—Chicago (joint lecture): Cohan's Grand, 119 North Clark Street, 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. (noonday lecture), Sept. 16.

Chicago (Fourth Church): Church Edifice, Harvard Avenue and West Marquette Road, 8 p.m., Sept. 16.

Chicago (Thirteenth Church): Church Edifice, 10317 Longwood Drive, 8 p.m., Sept. 6.

Evanston: Church Edifice, Chicago Avenue and Grove Street, 8 p.m., Sept. 12.

INDIANA—Indianapolis (joint lecture): Tomlinson Hall, 3 p.m., Sept. 14, and B. F. Keith's Theater, 12:15 p.m. (noonday lecture), Sept. 15.

KANSAS—Garnett: People's Theater, West Fifth Avenue, 3 p.m., Sept. 14.

Olathe: Gem Theater, 3 p.m., Sept. 14.

MASSACHUSETTS—Adams: St. Paul Universalist Church, 3:30 p.m., Sept. 14.

MISSOURI—Kansas City (Third Church): Church Edifice, Fortieth and Walnut Streets, 8 p.m., Sept. 16.

Springfield: Church Edifice, 330 East Center Street, 8 p.m., Sept. 15.

St. Joseph (joint lecture): First Church Edifice, Twelfth and Felix Streets, 8 p.m., Sept. 11.

MONTANA—Butte: Broadway Theater, 4 p.m., Sept. 14.

Missoula: Sept. 15.

OHIO—Fremont: High School Auditorium, 8:15 p.m., Sept. 11.

Zanesville: Church Edifice, 129 South Seventh Street, 8 p.m., Sept. 15.

OREGON—Portland (joint lecture): Municipal Auditorium, 3 p.m., Sept. 14.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Aberdeen: Church Edifice, 307 Sixth Avenue, S.E., 8 p.m., Sept. 8.

WASHINGTON—Aberdeen: Grand Theater, 506 East Market Street, 8 p.m., Sept. 11.

Bremerton: Municipal Hall, on the Wharf, 3 p.m., Sept. 21.

Seattle (Fourth Church): Masonic Temple, Pine and Harvard Avenue, 8 p.m., Sept. 15 and 16.

Vancouver: High School, Twenty-sixth and Main Streets, 8 p.m., Sept. 14.

Yakima: Masonic Temple, Yakima Avenue, 8 p.m., Sept. 9.

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Testimonies of Healing

Several years ago I took up Christian Science, not particularly for physical healing but more because it appeared to me to be a sensible religion. At that time, while reading the textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs. Eddy, I was healed of the tobacco habit. The healing came before I had finished reading the chapter on Prayer, the first chapter in the book.

We thereupon had treatment for our six-months-old baby, who was suffering from a bronchial cough, which had manifested itself in a very severe form. A cure was effected in one treatment. Since then the healings experienced have been many. Chronic as well as functional disorders have been overcome, including malaria, chills and fever, coughs and colds, headaches, chronic bowel trouble, and chronic catarrh. Beneficial results are always experienced according to the extent that the fundamentals of Christian Science are inculcated in my life and daily actions. As a Government employee my annual ratings have been increased from a very low grade to a rating as high as is ordinarily obtainable, and work which formerly seemed a burden to perform is done with ease and great satisfaction.

I am grateful for the authorized literature, especially *The Christian Science Monitor*, the only paper of its kind in existence filled with authenticated news destined "to injure no man, but to bless all mankind" (Miscellany, p. 353). For the many blessings Christian Science is bringing to me and mine I am also very grateful.

C. A. TOCKSTEIN, Fresno, Calif.



Over six years ago I took up the study of Christian Science, and it has never failed me since. I had been in bed for six months after an operation and had been told by the most prominent physicians in this country that nothing more could be done for me. For five years I had been ill and my stomach had been pumped daily for a year.

A friend who had been healed through Christian Science brought it to my attention, and I was convinced that it was the truth. After she left and I had decided to try Christian Science my first temptation came. My medicine bottles had been refilled and some medicine was brought to me to take. Then the thought came that if I were obedient to the little I knew of Christian Science, I would thereby be knowing the truth that makes men free. The story of the blind man also came to me. He did not ask why he should go and wash in the pool; he was obedient and was healed. So I took my stand. I threw out my medicine in spite of the advice from members of my family that I had better save it for I might need it. I found myself healed and ordered a good supper.

I was also said to have a tubercular hip. The fear of this trouble was so great that I never told anyone but hid my hip-corset under the mattress. No one knew about it except the girl who helped to dress me. It was many weeks after Christian Science treatments were given me that the light came which brought the healing of this diseased condition. I was going upstairs depending on the banister for support, when the voice of Truth woke me up. I got a glimpse of the fact that man's real strength is in Mind. All fear left me and I walked perfectly free. Within a week or two the sore on the hip was healed.

Two years ago I was called upon to visit a relative who held a position in a hospital in Chicago, and I had to room with the head nurse. In the night I was taken with an ailment at the appearance of which I had always asked help

from a practitioner. I waited until the nurse was asleep, then got up and read the Lesson-Sermon for the week. I was healed! I had proved the truth again, that "one on God's side is a majority."

As regards the permanence of my healing, I wish to state that I am perfectly well and have been able to work steadily in a store every day for the last five years. I am grateful for these blessings, grateful to God and also to our dear Leader, Mrs. Eddy, for the truth that has made me free. I am very grateful also for class instruction and for our literature. Many times I have been healed while reading it.

(Miss) GERTRUDE SHERMAN, Red Wing, Minn.



Christian Science has helped me spiritually, morally, physically, and I am truly grateful. My first knowledge of the healing power of Truth came when I turned to Christian Science in physical need, and found an immediate answer. On page 494 of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" Mrs. Eddy tells us, "Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need." To me that has been a steadying help again and again. The sense of freedom and joy and gratitude grows each day; while the desire and opportunity for service is a prayer which is beautifully answered. As a result of my study of Christian Science I am a healthy, happy woman. In the years before I came into Science there were long periods of ill health and loneliness, which now never occur. The study of this demonstrable religion acts as a preventive as well as a curative, and I am learning to recognize any seeming difficulty as an opportunity to demonstrate the truth.

Very recently I had two experiences that clearly demonstrated the healing and helping power of Christian Science. When I woke up one morning I seemed to be almost speechless, able to whisper and that was all. I treated myself and read our literature through the day, but when at four o'clock that afternoon the condition had not been overcome I went to a practitioner. My work made it necessary for me to speak in public that evening, and I was able to speak so as to be understood, and the next day was entirely healed. The following week a young girl associated with me in the same work was taken ill and we were told the doctors considered it dangerous, if not impossible, for her to attempt to go to her work; consequently, the work in which we were all engaged would have to be abandoned for the time, with the loss to all concerned of occupation and money, unless some one could take her place. I was quite unacquainted with her part of our work, but turning to divine Mind and relying absolutely on divine intelligence, for four days I did the necessary work, and besides overcoming a false sense of self and position I was also shown how to overcome a sense of inharmony.

I have been healed and uplifted so continuously by Christian Science that it is indeed a joy to feel that my testimony may be a help to others.

(Miss) KATHERINE GREY, New York, N. Y.



To me Christian Science is the most wonderful thing in the world. It has been my only physician and comforter at all times and under all conditions for the past eight years. At the time I first heard of it I was suffering from stomach trouble in its worst form, also from chronic appendicitis. I went to see a practitioner and after treatment left her house feeling like a different person. In three days I was healed. I continued treatment for about three weeks in order that I might gain some understanding of the all-loving God who

had healed me. Glasses were discarded at the same time, after I had worn them for seven years. My little boy has been healed of measles, mumps, whooping cough, and croup by Christian Science. Many times discouragement would try to creep in, but knowing that God is all-power, that there is no problem too small to take to Him, I was encouraged to press on. The sense of lack has been wonderfully overcome by knowing that our supply comes from God.

Each day I am earnestly striving to learn a little more about the truth so as to help others as others have helped me. I am grateful for our literature and the Lesson-Sermons and for the privilege of membership in both The Mother Church and a branch church. It would take too much space to tell all that this healing truth has done for me, the blessings have been so numerous. I am sending this testimony that it may help some one who has need of the great Physician. My heart overflows with thankfulness to God and gratitude to our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, for all that Christian Science has done for me and mine.

MRS. E. E. PARNELL, Duncan, Okla.



With a heart filled with gratitude to God and also to our beloved Leader, Mrs. Eddy, I give my testimony of what Christian Science has done for me. Over five years ago I came to it for healing after all medical theories had failed me. I had been in a hospital for several months and had undergone different treatments, but all seemed to leave me in a worse condition physically and mentally, and I was a nervous wreck. When commencing the study of Christian Science, I had very little faith in its healing power, but upon my first reading of *Science and Health* I realized that I must give up medicine. After my first visit to a practitioner I destroyed all the drugs in the house and have never resorted to material remedies since. Heart trouble, malaria, nervousness, and many other discordant conditions have yielded to the power of Truth, and thought has been corrected in trying to overcome sensitiveness, criticism, and resentment.

I am grateful to all those who have helped to guide me along the way, and for the *Sentinel* and *Journal*.

(Mrs.) ALICE AMBJONSON, Oakland, Calif.



With the deepest love and gratitude to God I give this testimony. After having treatment from several doctors, among them some specialists, the verdict was given that I had from twenty-four hours to possibly one or two years to live; in fact, some of them stated that one could never tell what the next minute would bring forth for anyone with organic heart trouble and other complications such as I had.

Then Christian Science was brought to my notice and *Science and Health* was given me to read. I read faithfully and had treatments for about three months and was healed. I began to do my housework and had several piano pupils. For nearly three years I walked from one to three miles one day of each week giving five lessons, and also gave other lessons at home. Then I went South to a place where there was no one in Science. Gradually I left off studying the Lesson-Sermon and finally allowed mortal mind to creep in and dictate. Neighbors and relatives urged me to have a doctor. I took four small bottles of medicine and then began to see that I had left the best friend I ever had for material remedies and was losing ground all the time. With my eight-year-old boy I returned to Denver and again turned to Christian Science for help. A practitioner treated me all winter and spring, and I am glad to say I have put my trust entirely in God since then. Four years ago I laid my glasses

off after wearing them steadily for seventeen years and have never had any need of them since.

I am so grateful for all our Christian Science literature and that my boy is a member of the Sunday school. Words are inadequate to express my thankfulness to God for the many blessings we have received and for Mrs. Eddy, who was good enough to make known to us again the Christ, Truth, the bread which "cometh down from heaven."

(Mrs.) NETTIE CLARK THIMYAN, Denver, Colo.



I consider it a great privilege to testify to the working of truth in my consciousness. My first reading of the Christian Science textbook, "*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*" by Mrs. Eddy, was on the evening before our little boy, now six years old, was born. I read far into the night and awoke in the morning with a wonderful sense of peace. At seven o'clock the child was born and so-called physical laws were to a great extent set aside. Two years later when another child was born the freedom from material laws was yet more remarkable.

About five years ago our small daughter was healed, through the work of a Christian Science practitioner, of a skin disease, believed to be inherited. Many material remedies had been applied and an operation performed removing the skin of the lower part of the face. As relatives bore scars from this same disease, great fear was held over the child, but thanks to Christian Science the healing was perfect and no traces of the trouble remain. Through the help I received during this healing, a great burden of anxiety over the children was removed, and I long to have all mothers know of this loving Comforter which says "Fear not" to every anxious thought.

For over a year we have lived many miles from a Christian Science organization, and I deeply appreciate the Lesson-Sermons so lovingly prepared. By conducting Sunday school services in the home, the children are learning to overcome error with Truth, and are thus being fortified with the law of Love to meet the experiences of life. I wish to express my gratitude for the *Sentinel*, which seems to meet my need each week; as I read the testimonies and various articles I feel a sense of comradeship with those who are working their way "from a material sense of existence to the spiritual, up to the glory prepared for them who love God" (*Science and Health*, p. 566). I thank our Leader for the gift of the daily prayer (see Manual, Art. VIII, Sect. 4), which blesses all mankind, and my greatest desire is so to conduct my life that this prayer may be fulfilled.

(Mrs.) ADA M. WAYMIRE, Mesquite, Nev.



I would like to tell just a few of the things that Christian Science has done for me, that my experience may bring encouragement to others. When the Christian Science literature was brought into my home I was on the verge of a nervous breakdown, weary and discouraged, trying to keep up a semblance of courage to the outer world but inwardly sick at heart. Many times I had tried to turn to God for help, only to find that I did not understand Him, and so I was thrown back on my own resources, which failed me one after another. At the time of my greatest need Christian Science was presented to me. First I read the literature, trying to put into practice in my daily life the things I read, and I was greatly benefited. Later I went to a practitioner for help, and as my understanding of God increased, many physical healings were experienced. The old nervous trouble disappeared, sick headaches from which I had suffered for years

were overcome, also palpitation of the heart, kidney disease, and a spasmodic contraction of the throat that left me speechless at times.

A little more than a year ago I fell on an icy pavement, hurting one hand and wrist very badly. Thinking there might be a broken bone I had it examined by a surgeon, who told me that there was no bone broken but there were other serious injuries and I would have very little if any use of that hand or wrist again, as they would always remain stiff. My faith in God was such that after a talk with a Christian Science practitioner I decided that we did not need the service of a surgeon, and I have my reward in the perfect use of both hand and wrist, and both are in perfect condition.

I am deeply grateful for these physical healings, for the help that I have had in a business way, and for the overcoming of many faults. I am grateful for the understanding of God that has come to me, an understanding that has given me faith in God and faith in man; indeed, I cannot put into words my gratitude for what Christian Science is daily teaching me. I can only say in the words of the man who was blind from birth and to whom Christ Jesus restored his sight, "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see."—(Mrs.) MILLICENT FORESMAN, St. Joseph, Mo.

My mother's healings have been just as she has given them. I have also had several physical healings and have been wonderfully protected from what might have been serious accidents. One time a big touring car ran over one of my legs, but the wheel bounded up and passed over leaving only a red mark, which quickly disappeared. This accident was witnessed by a number of people who could hardly believe their eyesight when I got up and walked as usual. Another time my bicycle broke when I was riding very fast and threw me headforemost to the pavement. A lady ran to me thinking I had been killed, as I struck on my head, but I was only stunned and badly bruised and lamed in one knee. I was completely healed in one treatment.

I am grateful for my knowledge of God that has given me freedom from fear.—EDWARD FORESMAN.



Christian Science has healed me of false appetites, an impatient and irritable disposition, and many other tendencies characteristic of mortal mind. It has given me comfort, endurance, satisfaction, and assurance, as well as peace and harmony, which I never before enjoyed. I have been healed of a severe case of Bright's disease, considered hereditary. Stomach trouble, hemorrhoids, rheumatism, chronic pain in the back, and many other inharmonious physical conditions have also yielded to the power of Truth. I had tried physicians of different schools and all kinds of medicine without any permanent healing.

Christian Science is indeed the most wonderful inspiration that has ever come into my life. It was in February, 1906, when I first turned to it. Our youngest daughter, then eight years old, was lying at the point of death from a severe attack of typhoid pneumonia, and our family physician held out no hope for her. Our next door neighbor asked us to try Christian Science, and we did so. The ailment was overcome in three days by simply reading the Bible and Science and Health, and the child lost only a week of school. This was the first time I had studied Science and Health, and all sense of fear left me after reading the book for half an hour.

After this wonderful healing, whenever inharmonious conditions of any kind manifested themselves they were overcome through the application of the truth as taught in Science and Health. I was healed of the liquor habit, and

also the smoking habit, after having been an inveterate smoker for over forty years. All these healings were accomplished through the study of the Bible and the writings of Mrs. Eddy.

It is impossible to express in words the fullness of joy, the perfect peace, and the daily spiritual uplift which Christian Science has brought into my life. Truth has indeed been our only physician for the past thirteen years, and the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," has made the Bible a vital power in our home. Words are inadequate to express my thankfulness to God and my gratitude to our dear Leader, Mrs. Eddy, who made it possible for these manifold blessings to come to me and mine through the teachings of this blessed truth.

FRANK S. MILLER, Reading, Pa.

I can truthfully verify the statements of my husband's testimony. Christian Science has indeed been a blessing in our home, and I have had many proofs of the power of Truth. I was healed of chronic headache and chronic stomach trouble, also of deafness in one ear, contracted over fifty years ago. These conditions were all overcome by simply reading Science and Health. Several attacks of sickness, such as a throat affection, influenza, and malarial fever, yielded to the truth in from one to three treatments.

While sincerely grateful for the splendid physical healings, I appreciate more than anything else the peace of mind and the spiritual uplift which I have gained and which our family enjoys.—(Mrs.) SELESA B. MILLER.



Having received great help from the testimonies of others, I send mine as a token of gratitude, hoping it may be helpful to some one. Since November, 1907, Christian Science has supplied my every need, enabling me, through the understanding and application of the truth as taught in Science and Health, to overcome discord of various kinds. A condition for which I had taken medicine almost daily for years and also undergone a surgical operation without permanent relief, quickly disappeared. Sciatic rheumatism, general debility, fainting attacks, the sense of fear, and other ills have also been overcome.

For all these blessings I am most grateful, but especially so for having had the happiness of helping others. I am thankful to God for this healing truth and grateful to Mrs. Eddy for making it demonstrably clear, so that we may follow to some extent in the footsteps of our great Way-shower.

(Miss) A. M. LITTLE, Ballymore, Donegal, Ireland.



With a heart overflowing with gratitude for what Christian Science has done and is doing for me, I send this testimony. Some years ago I was in rather poor health, and having heard of Christian Science from a friend I decided to try it. I improved in many ways under treatment; more especially I noticed the improvement in my disposition. A little over a year ago a swelling appeared on one of my fingers. I had suffered intensely under medical treatment for this same trouble on two previous occasions, had undergone operations, and one nail had been removed. This time I decided to have Christian Science treatment and rely entirely on God, the great Physician, but soon discovered that I was filled with fear owing to my past experiences. I therefore asked a Christian Science practitioner to help me, and in two days all the pain and swelling had disappeared.

For this beautiful demonstration of the healing power of Truth I am most grateful, but for the spiritual understanding

which we gain from the study of Christian Science I am even more grateful. I am filled with gratitude to our revered Leader, Mrs. Eddy, who has given to the world the "pearl of great price" in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," our textbook, and am very grateful for all the authorized literature. Each day I am striving to become a better and more earnest worker in Christian Science. All glory, honor, and praise belong to our Father-Mother God, the giver of all good.—(Mrs.) SALLY S. SHEPARD, Boston, U.S.A.



There are no words which could adequately express my deep gratitude for the freedom which has been mine since I began to study and practice Christian Science. Daily I can see that suffering comes from lack of understanding of God.

Although only a beginner in Christian Science, I have so many healings and blessings to record that it is difficult to know where to begin. My husband was healed of a so-called tubercular lung two years ago, while in a military hospital. He has also ceased to manifest acute headaches, which were supposedly chronic. My mother was instantaneously healed of what doctors describe as gallstones, and at sixty-six years of age she enjoys the best of health. I have had great relief from sick spells and biliousness, to which I had been a martyr since childhood, and a growth in the breast and kidney trouble have both disappeared. I am also quite free from bronchitis, to which I was in bondage for ten years, afraid to go out in cold weather. This healing alone would cause me unbounded gratitude.

I think the most wonderful of all is the healing of an acute sense of lack. My husband had found it almost impossible to obtain regular employment since his discharge from the Army. One trial after another had seemed as depressing as evil could make it, and I have had to get rid of pride and become as a little child, dependent on God every moment for all I need. Now the burden of debt has been lifted, proving that God was watching over us all the time. My thanks go out to many dear Scientist friends for encouragement and help when all was dark to me. Our literature also is meat and drink, and many times fear has instantly been dispelled through reading one of the articles.

(Mrs.) ALICE ROWE, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.



About four years ago I took up Christian Science and my daughter was healed of appendicitis in one treatment. I was cured of the drink habit about three years ago, of smoking about one year ago, and have been very successful in business. I got out of work on account of a strike, but through Christian Science I obtained a position where I earn more than ever before. Money is, however, not to be compared with the peace of mind I enjoy. I thank God for all I have received and am grateful to our beloved Leader for bringing this truth to the world.

THOMAS CROSS, Ruth, Nev.



I wish to express my gratitude to Christian Science for bringing to me the realization that God is good and all-powerful. For a number of years I had known of this teaching in a general way, but having always been well and happy I did not appreciate my need for it until about five years ago, when a very painful condition developed in my back. It grew rapidly worse and within two weeks I could not stand erect or walk without intense pain. The trouble was variously diagnosed as neuritis, lumbago, exhaustion, and a bad strain, and I spent four months experimenting with rest cure, braces, plaster cast, and change of climate, only to be told at

the end of that time that a brace would have to be worn indefinitely. Altogether discouraged I turned to Christian Science as a last resort and was wonderfully healed; but about two months later I slipped back into the slough of despond and was again filled with fear and despair. This was once more overcome, and it is now three years since I have had even the slightest fear of a recurrence of the trouble.

Since then I have been helped, both physically and mentally, over some very rough places by the wonderful, certain knowledge of God's love and power, as taught in Christian Science; and I long most earnestly to show by my daily life that I have found a religion which can be practically and helpfully applied to every thought and action of our lives. The physical healings are unquestionably wonderful, but the sense of peace and rejoicing which follows the study of the Bible, as explained by our Leader, is far above everything else. The world owes Mrs. Eddy a boundless debt of gratitude for her unending devotion to the task she undertook; and many, many people, including myself, rejoice when they have an opportunity to express their gratitude, or to pass on to some one else the message of this wonderful religion, which makes the world seem like a different abiding place.

(Mrs.) FRANCES MYERS COOPER, Syracuse, N. Y.



Until about five years ago I was a great sufferer from many ailments, often having medical advice and always taking medicine and tonics in the hope of getting relief, but in vain. When Christian Science was brought to my notice, I commenced to read "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs. Eddy, and in three weeks was healed of neuritis, chronic rheumatism, very weak nerves, and heart trouble. A few months later I was able to lay aside my glasses, which for twelve years I had been obliged to wear when reading or sewing. Since then many other troubles have disappeared, such as chronic catarrh of the head, bilious attacks, and frequent colds.

I am very grateful for the physical healing, and much more so for the better understanding of God, the consciousness of ever present Love, and the protection and peace which Christian Science brings into one's daily life; also I am very grateful for the authorized literature, which is a constant and never failing help.—(Mrs.) KATHARINE E. DUTT, East Grinstead, Sussex, England.



Signs of the Times

[San Jose (Calif.) Mercury-Herald]

There is a growing inclination among the people to demand that the church address itself more to ministering to the needs and welfare of the people in this world and less to the contemplation of the blessings to be experienced in the world to come; to demand proof of the change in the life of one who joins himself to the church, and evidence of an increase of ability to minister to the needs of men as Jesus ministered by those who profess to be his followers.

Churchmen cannot ignore the demands being made upon them for proof of the possession of a religious quality different from that possessed by the non-churchman if they expect to attract those who now profess no religious belief. The church must give evidence of being something more than a temperance society, civic federation, or association for human elevation and betterment if it is to justify its claim that it is the representative of the teachings, ministrations, life, and divine power of Christ Jesus. If the church

differs from other organizations of men, it is because it stands for spiritual ministration, for divine power, for a quality of helpfulness that is not human but divine.

The appeal of Jesus to men lay in his ability to do for those in need what no human could do. He brought to the world a wisdom more than human, a love and tenderness all-embracing and divine, and inspiration so elevating and compelling that it turned men away from sin because it revealed to them the quality and the beauty of the divine Spirit. His life and ministrations were a revelation and exemplification to the world of the higher, the spiritual, the divine life, and he invited all men to share this life and receive its blessings, and promised that they might do so if they followed him in life and conduct. He did not teach by word alone, but he illustrated his teachings by acts and verified his promises by results accomplished. Now that the world has thrown off the fear of questioning religious things, it is asking to see the proof in deeds, in power, in spiritual qualities, of the claim that it is the church of Christ Jesus and the present day embodiment of his teachings and life.

The skeptic asks to see the works that Jesus promised should be seen accompanying faith in his followers. The church will make a grave mistake if it does not address itself to the task of showing to the world the evidence of the possession of the power and spirit of Christ that it may convince the most skeptical that it is his church. If it is to content itself with profession of faith with no deeds following, more and more will thinking men turn from it, more and more will they charge its professions to be confined to lip service only, more and more will it lose influence and power in the world, and louder will be the demand going up from sincere hearts all over the world for a manifestation of the spirit of Christ to be evidenced by works, by love, by the power to cleanse and heal and spiritualize the lives of those to whom it ministers.

[The Archbishop of Athens in *The Balkan Review*]

If those churches which have so long maintained an attitude of hostility toward other churches will conscientiously examine retrospectively the history of that hostility, they will be obliged to confess that the results are not worthy of their struggles and sacrifices. The question of the restoration of Christian unity cannot be solved either through proslitism or through dispute. The ideal will be attained through forbearance in love. This method will free the Christian groups from the atmosphere of debates, altercations, swellings, and, prompting them toward reciprocal respect and appreciation, will prepare the ground for cooperation in those practical objects which are common to all the churches.

[Rev. W. H. Hopkins in *Christian Herald*]

Hereafter the church must minister to all the needs of life. It must be interested in everything which makes for happy homes and for the welfare of young and old in the community life. It will be a church with a larger program, facing greater opportunities, and meeting greater needs than any church the world has ever seen. We are at the dawning of a great new age in the world's history.

Just before the Master left the little band out of which he formed his church he said to them: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do." The church of to-morrow, more than ever did the church of the past, will realize the greater things. It will be a church recognizing the one Master and seeking to make his life, his standards, his program, realized throughout all the world.

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