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Beginning Anew

ELISHA B. SEELEY

NO single act is perhaps more indicative of the human heart's belief in opportunity for mending its ways than is expressed in the prevalent habit of making good resolutions each recurring New Year. The very fact that individuals believe in the possibility of putting away the tendencies and indulgencies which all regard as evil, and of having the privilege of starting over again with a clean page, is an evidence of humanity's faith in God's goodness and of man's possibilities as a child of God in overcoming whatever is unlike good.

To the Christian Scientist every day is a new day and offers the same opportunity for overcoming evil and expressing more of good as does the recurrence of a New Year, but there is a vast difference between the process of overcoming evil as attempted by the human mind and that which is based upon the teachings of Christian Science. Since the evil exists only in the human mind, it is seldom that one's good resolutions are fulfilled unless there is a higher motive for overcoming it than merely to satisfy the human sense of wishing to please some person or to benefit one's self in some material or selfish way; and until thought is awakened to more spiritual desires, the determination of the human mind to discontinue some evil indulgence has no better method for doing this than through human will.

In "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" (p. 39) Mrs. Eddy has written: "Who will stop the practice of sin so long as he believes in the pleasures of sin? When mortals once admit that evil confers no pleasure, they turn from it." The truth of these statements finds response in the thought of all who have experienced in any degree the regenerating and redemptive influence of Christian Science. The "swearing off" method is a struggle to refrain from doing the thing that it is believed would confer pleasure, at least temporarily, if indulged. The spiritually scientific process inspires the purpose to express the ideal, to express more of love, purity, and helpfulness in one's life, to bring to those with whom one is associated enough of Christlikeness so that they may see something of God's goodness in reflection.

Humanly speaking, the greatest hindrance to accomplishing one's good resolutions lies in the belief that mortals have a mind of their own, that they can know what God, good, does not know,—namely, evil, sin, sickness, death. Christian Science, revealing the truth that there is one Mind only, including within itself all reality, all good, beside which there is naught else, also makes perfectly clear that there is one man only and that individual man has not a mind of his own, but exists in spiritual purity and perfection as the spontaneous, continuous, forever expression of Mind, God, "in whom all being is painless and permanent" (Science and Health, p. 414).

Mankind can free itself from bondage to the belief that there is pleasure and pain in matter only by learning that

Spirit or Mind is reality and substance, and that so-called material sensation does not exist in the realm of true being.

The reason why the student of Christian Science is able to accomplish his good resolutions is first of all because Christian Science brings to him a new view of himself and what he really is in the truth of his being and a true understanding of what God is and what His relationship is to His creation. False belief has claimed to obscure but has never destroyed the real man, and Christian Science naturally frees men from bondage to evil in daily life through bringing to light the real man as he now is and always has been,—a very different concept of man from that which mortals have been taught to think of but, nevertheless, the only man that has ever been; an individual, spiritual identity, expressing in full measure the attributes of divine Mind, and in enjoyment of all that will ever bring real pleasure; namely, the right use of God's gifts to His children.

The ability to accomplish one's good resolutions is proved by bringing into recognition that man "which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness,"—whose presence is hinted in the desire to put away evil and to find in one's self and others that real individuality which after all is the only man we really love, and the only sense of self which we desire others to think of and love. Mrs. Eddy has written in Science and Health (p. 316) that "mortals need only turn from sin and lose sight of mortal selfhood to find Christ, the real man and his relation to God, and to recognize the divine sonship."

Christian Science is the open door through which all may find the way to happiness, health, and usefulness, to the overcoming of evil and to the accomplishment of all right desires. However difficult one's situation may seem to be, however far away one may have wandered from the true path, God's love is sufficient to support and sustain him who reaches that stage in human experience where he can say, as did the prodigal of old, "I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants." He will also gain the same glad welcome from the Father, "This my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found."

"Tribulation worketh patience"

LLOYD EDMUND WHITNEY

THAT one should turn to divine Love for healing and be denied is impossible, and it is equally impossible for divine Love to render less than perfect and instantaneous healing. An applied understanding of God's law secures immediate and permanent results, as Jesus constantly demonstrated throughout his healing ministry and as every Christian Scientist, in the measure of his understanding of this divine law, is proving to-day. If definite and quick results are not experienced in the effort to apply Christian Science, it is certainly not the fault of Science, for God's law is perfect; but the difficulty lies in the application. When

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one is tempted to cry out that he has appealed to God in vain, it is of great avail for him to search his own thinking for the cause of such a complaint. No claim of error can withstand a whole-hearted, sincere desire to know and do God's will, and an honest examination of our own thoughts in the light of the knowledge of spiritual facts which Christian Science discloses, will result in uncovering the erroneous belief.

Christian Science shows as the spiritual fact, that Love, God, is the only Mind or Principle of existence, the only Life, and that the real man is the reflection or idea of this infinite divine Mind, always in perfect harmony with God and manifesting His absolute law and power. Man's real existence being in God, no one can spiritually know or express a belief of sin, disease, or death—the opposite of God. In fact, if such a condition were possible as reality, the believer would be instantly and completely annihilated because of the destructible nature of such errors. There being no life or existence in sin, disease, or death, no self-creative or self-sustaining law in them, these errors are a condition of complete vacuity, and belief in them can only be a suppositional claim to an absence of harmony. Then for the sufferer to realize his true, harmonious identity as the image and likeness of God, and thus to experience healing, it is necessary for him to search his own thought and find wherein he has permitted, in either past or present experience, a denial of God's allness, and then to manifest a willingness to let Love be expressed in him by affirming and practicing the infinite goodness and kindness of God.

"Are we really grateful for the good already received? Then we shall avail ourselves of the blessings we have, and thus be fitted to receive more" (Science and Health, p. 3). "The blessings we have"! Dear sufferer, do you realize how graciously and tenderly God has led you during all the years that you believed in evil and ignorantly acknowledged it as a real power? Can you not be grateful that He has sustained you to this hour, clothed you with an understanding of Truth, and that He is even now lovingly equipping you with spiritual graces that you may be a better soldier of Christ? Is it not great cause for rejoicing that you have even faintly glimpsed that, as Paul says, "tribulation worketh patience," and can you not now bravely maintain your vision of this spiritual fact in the face of erring material sense, which you know to be a liar?

To conceive of God, Love, as imposing any condition of suffering is simply to misapprehend the divine nature, and no good can come to one through believing that his difficulties are either bestowed or permitted by God. Good is to be experienced as one affirms his perfect consciousness of health and harmony as God-given, and rejects the belief in material sense and suffering. In the measure, then, that one makes adversity an opportunity to learn the absolute inability of human conditions or circumstances to confer harmony, and uses that very occasion for overcoming the belief in a mind apart from God, infinite good, he is manifesting an understanding of patience.

Mrs. Eddy has patiently blazed the trail before us and from the wealth of her experience has lovingly discerned the real need of mankind when she says in our textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" (p. 4), "What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds." When the heart offers such a prayer to divine Love it does not receive half a loaf, but the gracious illumination of spiritual unfoldment which gives perfect health, peace, and love.

Man Inseparable from God

MINNIE GARDNER

ONE of the most comforting passages in the Bible is given in the eighth chapter of Romans, where Paul writes, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Christian Science teaches that God is Mind, and man the reflection of divine Mind; therefore all that is real about anyone is the good he manifests. This understanding brings unspeakable comfort and assurance of safety at all times, but especially in time of trouble, and enables the individual to see error apart from himself, thus giving him courage to begin and continue in the endeavor to overcome the false beliefs which claim to be his personality, as well as the universal beliefs of materia medica, physiology, health laws, mesmerism, hypnotism, false theology, and the like. When this thought is firmly grasped and clearly understood, men rejoice in spiritual freedom, and the work of overcoming need no longer be wearisome, but is intensely interesting; for, as we see more and more of the truth, the nothingness of error becomes more obvious, and we begin to lose fear of its seeming power.

It is not always an easy matter at first to accept the fact that all the errors and faults which seem so natural to us and which we put down to heredity, temperament, or some other material law, have in reality no existence; that God, good, being all, there is no place for evil; and we ask what authority Christian Science has for teaching such a wonderful doctrine. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again," and in "Miscellaneous Writings" (p. 18) Mrs. Eddy says: "The prominent laws which forward birth in the divine order of Science, are these: 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me;' 'Love thy neighbor as thyself.' These commands of infinite wisdom, translated into the new tongue, their spiritual meaning, signify: Thou shalt love Spirit only, not its opposite, in every God-quality, even in substance; thou shalt recognize thyself as God's spiritual child only, and the true man and true woman, the all-harmonious 'male and female,' as of spiritual origin, God's reflection,—thus as children of one common Parent,—wherein and whereby Father, Mother, and child are the divine Principle and divine idea, even the divine 'Us'—one in good, and good in One."

To recognize one's self as "God's spiritual child only," is for each one to realize that he is a perfectly pure idea of God, and that the claim of evil can be looked upon as nothingness, a false belief which God has given him power to overcome, in much the same way as, in the legend, St. George saw the dragon and overcame it. The dragon is the symbol of mortal mind, and it seeks to kill the pure idea of God, but "it is cast out by Christ, Truth, the spiritual idea, and so proved to be powerless" (Science and Health, p. 567). Now, although we may theoretically accept the truth of all this, we cannot demonstrate it all at once—no mortal has ever yet done so; but as we go on faithfully studying the Bible and Science and Health, as well as Mrs. Eddy's other writings, we shall be able to discern the false claims of error more and more easily and quickly, and in proportion as we destroy them—prove their unreality—good will be manifested in us. When we give way, therefore, to anger, criticism, or condemnation of anyone, because we believe he is manifesting some error which we think we have

ourselves overcome, we should pause and examine our own mentality. We may see we are still admitting the error as real, and we shall probably also find that we have still many faults of our own to overcome which the one we would condemn may have already overthrown. Then in charity, which "suffereth long, and is kind," we should give to all only thoughts of love and words of encouragement for good work already done, sending our brother on his way with fresh strength and more determined purpose to fight the good fight. The study of Science and Health will help us to aid scientifically those who are sincerely resisting error, although their demonstration may appear slow.

Sometimes students of Christian Science, especially beginners, are discouraged and disappointed, because they seem unfit to do any definite work for the cause they love so much. To be inseparable from God, however, is to be above and beyond the control of material circumstances and conditions, and understanding this truth gives us ability to demonstrate that nothing can prevent us from thinking rightly. Then we can be working for God every minute, and proving the powerlessness of material beliefs to fetter us. We can know that divine Mind is governing, not only ourselves but every one else, and even the momentous problems that are holding the attention of the world to-day. This is reflecting the Christ-mind, which counteracts all evil, and this mental work, although unseen, is none the less effective. To be conscious that we are not indulging in sin enables us to persist in our efforts, in face of all seeming obstacles. Man, therefore, being the image and likeness of God and inseparable from Him, reflects His perfect attributes, and we demonstrate oneness with the Father by bringing them to bear on every claim of evil to destroy it.

"Occupy"

HUGH STUART CAMPBELL

PROBABLY no one has ever placed a higher valuation on work than did Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. Her own life of ceaseless toil and attainment is a monument of inspiration to her followers. Fortunate, indeed, is anyone who would emulate her consecrated ideal. That Mrs. Eddy attached great importance to Paul's familiar admonition, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling," is evident when it is considered that in three separate chapters of the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," she quotes this sentence in its entirety, and upon five different occasions, in the same volume, the passage is in part incorporated in her own statements, when with forceful argument she endeavors to impress humanity with the vital necessity of individual activity as the only way by which man may acquire the saving grace.

In the story known as the parable of the ten pieces of money, as recorded in the nineteenth chapter of Luke, Jesus illustrated the reward of diligence and the punishment of apathy. From this parable we learn that the nobleman's servants who were obedient to their master's command, "Occupy till I come,"—who manifested alertness, judgment, and fidelity,—not only increased their material substance, but were rewarded with positions of trust; while, on the other hand, the slothful servant, through exhibiting suspicion, indolence, and criticism, must lose "even that he hath."

The Greek word in this parable translated "occupy" means "to do business,"—to do the will of God. "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" we read in

Micah. This is man's true occupation. Jesus called it being about the Father's business. It is the business of doing good, the business of loving. To walk with God is to know God, to reflect His thoughts. Love can never be idle. Love is ever active, rising with upward wings to heights supernal. John says, "Every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." In loving we reflect Love, God, and express this love in the activity of right thinking and good deeds. Indolence and apathy are mortal beliefs. They do not proceed from God. As false states of the carnal mind, they contain no element of the love which belongs indissolubly to God and to His spiritual universe. Matter is the false god of indolence as well as of opulence—a perishable god, therefore no god. To accuse an idle man of hating might startle the individual, to say the least; but certainly idleness and apathy open the door of thought to every error, and close it to the truth. A realization of the subtle influence which blinds mankind to the true nature of these errors,—which draws the veil of innocency over them, calling them good,—must come. The dormant thought finding ease in materialism must be startled into action by Truth. Paul said to the Ephesians: "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

"God rests in action," writes Mrs. Eddy in the Christian Science textbook (p. 519), and this statement finds its correlative passage in the words of Jesus, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." Jesus knew God as the omniactive Principle of the universe, the fount of ceaseless energy, strength, and power. He knew that to know God aright was to be like Him, and his life of good deeds illustrated how completely he fulfilled his mission as the Way-shower. As the Son of God he reflected perfectly the spiritual ideas emanating from God, Mind. While Jesus often referred to God as "My Father," he also speaks of Him in the Lord's Prayer as "Our Father," and in other statements proved that his complete expression of God's will was the work which all mankind must do, in order to obtain the purification requisite to enable them to say with John, "Now are we the sons of God." As God is Life, and God is good, to live is to express goodness. As God is all activity, we must be constantly occupied in manifesting the highest activity of good in word and deed. This occupation cannot be measured by the standard of time, nor bounded by periods of rest in idleness, for each day of holy work is complete and lasts throughout eternity.

There is a big work ahead for Christian Scientists, but we are not afraid of it, for Love is the light, Love is the guide, Love is the guard. It is imperative that the work be done now, for if we delay, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

"The soul that sinneth"

CARRO A. BIRD

WHEN Paul voiced the thought, "The good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do," he expressed the feeling of all who, at some stage of their demonstration, should come after him. What humble seeker for Truth has not, with burning tears, regretted the hasty word or thoughtless deed which has caused some one unhappiness? In the word spoken carelessly or the heedless act, there may have seemed to be no wrong intent, but still in it the opportunity for misunderstanding existed; and whatever is not absolutely good, is evil. One student of Christian Science who had spoken quickly, saw immediately that the meaning had been misunderstood, and a great sense of sor-

row was felt. It seemed as though the student had been unwittingly betrayed. Much thought was given to the situation and the means of preventing such occurrences. It was seen that only through a realization of the government of the one Mind, God, at all times and under every circumstance, and a yielding to this Mind could such experiences cease to occur. Self must be purified so as to be always in accord with God's will.

As the student pondered, the words from Ezekiel came to thought: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die," also Mrs. Eddy's explanation of this passage as given on page 481 of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," as follows: "In Science we learn that it is material sense, not Soul, which sins; and it will be found that it is the sense of sin which is lost, and not a sinful soul." When this sinful sense is lost, man will be found entirely under the government of divine Mind.

In trying to understand how the "sense of sin" can be lost, the Scientist dwelt upon the relationship of God and man; and it was seen that since man is the expression of God, thoughtless or unkind words can be controlled. Not being good, they do not emanate from God and cannot be expressed through His child; and not having their source in God, who is all-power, they possess no power of self-expression. Great comfort and renewed hope were realized when the Scientist recognized that it was only the false sense of mind in matter, sinful sense, which endeavored to substitute error for the words of Christ, which are the words of Truth and Life. The words of Christ, expressed through God's child, must always be helpful and healing; they can never offend.

The student then thought of the struggle between Truth and error, portrayed in Revelation, and the sweet promise of Jesus the Christ that "for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened;" that is, the days before the final destruction of the sense of sin. And does not the world-wide conflict of evil against good represent in multiplied forms the struggle that is going on in the consciousness of many individuals who are honestly trying to exclude all the "little foxes" of error? As the glory of the final triumph of Truth over error unfolded, there came sweet assurance of the utter destruction of the "soul that sinneth;" and it was seen that the destruction of this so-called "soul" included the destruction of all manner of discord, whether classified as sin or sickness, leaving only the man who "cannot sin, because he is born of God." Because the word has gone forth that "the soul that sinneth, it shall die," we may with confidence expect success in our efforts to "put off the old man with his deeds" and speak and act only with God.

Spiritual Understanding

MABEL E. DUTTON

A STUDENT of Christian Science once said to the writer, "Understanding takes away fear." These words were pondered over, and a little later their truth was made manifest in the experience of a friend who, in her position in a store, was given the work of keeping a new and seemingly complicated set of books which she did not understand. She worked faithfully on these books, but was under the fear for some time that at the end of the month they would not balance, and she was fearful that if they did not, she would not understand how to discover or correct the error. Finally, after some months of faithful work, she declared, "I have not the slightest fear any more about my books not balancing, for now I understand them, and know if they do not

balance I can easily discover the error and correct it." So it is with the problems of life. When we understand the allness of good and the consequent nothingness of evil, we lose our fear of it.

The Bible is full of references to wisdom and understanding. In Job we read that "to depart from evil is understanding;" in Proverbs, "Knowledge of the holy is understanding;" and, "He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding;" also in Psalms, "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." From this we see that understanding is not intellectual, that all the material learning of all the schools, colleges, and universities of all the ages cannot give us real understanding; that a man may possess this learning after many years of hard study and labor, and still lack the rich spiritual gifts which some other may possess although deprived of such educational advantages, but who through a simple and sincere desire for good is learning to depart from evil and gaining that knowledge of good which is real understanding.

Now, what are some of the rich blessings which spiritual understanding bestows upon those who possess it? Let us quote from Proverbs again: "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding;" "He that keepeth understanding shall find good;" "Understanding shall keep thee;" and, "Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it." Then it brings happiness, it brings good, it preserves and keeps us from harm, and it gives eternal life. Is there anything more that the heart of man could desire?

In studying the textbook of Christian Science, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, we learn that spiritual understanding is the understanding of the allness of God as Spirit, Life, and Love, and of man as spiritual, the image of God,—hence the absolute nothingness of all materiality and of the discords and sufferings emanating from the belief that matter is real. Through applying this understanding to our daily problems we are able to prove the truth of all these Bible sayings, to prove that spiritual understanding does bring health, harmony, joy, beauty, purity, love, and life eternal, and destroys inharmony, sickness, sin, death,—all materiality. Spiritual understanding is the "pearl of great price," and when we see this, we shall strive to gain it at any cost.

The Faith of a Child

EDMUND K. GOLDSBOROUGH

EVIDENTLY William Wordsworth recognized the receptivity of the child to the sweet influences of Spirit, since in a beautiful ode he clearly depicts that the child, until contaminated by the world of sense, loves all that is pure and unsullied. In the early dawn of life, to most of us the world perhaps seemed "apparell'd in celestial light," to use the poet's words. "Heaven," indeed, "lies about us in our infancy," as Wordsworth affirms, but not until the educated beliefs about man as separated from God, the parent Mind, find lodgment in his thought, do

"Shades of the prison-house begin to close
Upon the growing boy.
But he beholds the light, and whence it flows,
He sees it in his joy."

Due to false systems of education, however, he is soon impregnated with the notion that he is more or less a slave to the vicissitudes of life, and hence the hope of heaven or harmony is relegated to a vague, suppositional condition beyond

the grave. If men and women the world over would but accept Christian Science and so learn to avail themselves of the mental simplicity of childhood, or, in other words, keep their thoughts attuned to the sweet concord of Spirit, the animalistic tendencies would disintegrate, and the clean, clear realization which Mrs. Eddy has so beautifully expressed in *Science and Health* (p. 184) would dawn upon their thought, that "controlled by the divine intelligence, man is harmonious and eternal."

Jesus, the master Metaphysician and certainly the model for mankind to follow in all times and under all conditions, clearly saw that the human mentality must be cleansed of carnal dross superinduced by self-will and wholly erroneous thinking. Calling a child to his side he exhorted his followers to humble themselves and become "as this little child" if, indeed, they wished to enter the kingdom of heaven. Through this wonderful object lesson the Nazarene forcibly impressed his followers with the fact that simplicity of spiritual thinking and not so-called intellectuality, best reveals the spiritual idea.

The simple trust in good and its infinite power to sustain, were so forcibly illustrated to me several years ago by a small lad of three that the incident made an indelible impression. In midwinter I had gone to the country to spend the day, and upon alighting from the car started to the house of some friends who lived at the top of a near-by hill, which was slippery with a coating of ice. I had walked a block or more when the little fellow in question came racing toward me, apparently oblivious of the fact that the ground was slippery or that there was any possibility of his falling. Upon reaching my side he looked up with the happy, confidential smile which so often characterizes the child still uneducated in the falsities of mortal thinking, and evidently noticing that I was carefully picking my way, said, "I can run down the hill on the ice without falling!" "How is that?" I inquired, deeply interested by this remarkable show of confidence. "Why," he replied, "I keep saying my prayers." "To whom do you pray?" I then asked. "To God, of course," he answered, as if surprised by such a query. Desirous of knowing what the word "God" conveyed to his budding thought, I said, "And what is God?" Looking up into my face with an expression of beautiful innocence and trust he replied simply, but with a wealth of meaning: "Love."

The little boy had clearly accepted what so many countless multitudes have overlooked and still overlook; namely, that man is in truth upheld by an infinite and ever loving presence, and this knowledge had actually enabled him to run and play even on the slippery ice, without any peril whatsoever. Indeed, the child appeared to be hugely enjoying the occasion, and the fear of slipping or suffering from the cold, which seemed intense, was altogether foreign to his thinking.

The thought then presented itself that if the world at large had accepted the simple truth as explained in Christian Science, that man is divinely sustained, the manacles of sense would have long since been broken; and people, far from being enmeshed in the web of physical being, would be enjoying the peace and freedom which invariably accompany the knowledge that man is not at the mercy of a false, mortal mentality. Revealing the might of immortal Spirit not only to support man but to destroy forever the errors produced by erroneous thinking, Mrs. Eddy has written in *"Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures"* (p. 103), "The truths of immortal Mind sustain man, and they annihilate the fables of mortal mind, whose flimsy and gaudy pretensions, like silly moths, singe their own wings and fall into dust."

Selected Articles

[*"The Will of God"*—*The Christian Science Monitor*, Boston, U. S. A., Nov. 5, 1919]

The human will is regarded as that faculty whereby men freely choose or reject a thing. It apparently enables a man to choose the good or the evil course, as he may elect, and many believe that almost anything toward which a man directs his ambition can be accomplished through the exercise of the human will. When, however, events, disasters, and desolations appear, which the mortal will has been powerless to avert, the human mind looks about for a cause or will outside of its own, and, with sublime inconsistency, attributes the inexplicable evils, which are its own subjective state, to the workings of the will of God.

There are few persons who would not immediately concede that God is good. They are not so ready to assert that God's will is seen only in the operation of good, for, although men have been taught that they must submit to the inscrutable wisdom of God, when they consider the reversals, the sicknesses, and sorrows, through which they have been bereaved, it seems to them very much as if an evil is wrought in their lives, even if it is, as they suppose, wrought by the will of God. This human confusion, this false supposition that, in some mysterious way, the will of God works through evil that good may come, is due to the corporeal conception of God and man. The human will is capable of evil as well as of a human sense of good, for it is the motive power of that mind which is supposed to exist in matter apart from God. The divine will is capable only of good, because it is the power and wisdom of unchanging Principle which includes no element of evil. Human will power constantly runs into error because it opposes the will of God, because it is a phase of the belief of material existence which wholly counterfeits the spiritual man in the likeness of God. On page 597 of *"Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures,"* Mrs. Eddy clearly discriminates between the so-called human will power and the will of God as understood in Christian Science. She writes: "WILL. The motive-power of error; mortal belief; animal power. The might and wisdom of God." And a little lower in the same passage she further explains, "Will, as a quality of so-called mortal mind, is a wrong-doer; hence it should not be confounded with the term as applied to Mind or to one of God's qualities."

Jesus the Christ declared his mission to be that of revealing and demonstrating the will of God, and he explained what the effect of accepting his teachings would be for those who understood. "I came down from heaven," he said, "not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." "And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life." It is the nature of will to act freely, for, obviously, the will cannot be compelled. The spontaneous volition of good, which Jesus the Christ revealed and demonstrated, can therefore be understood and realized only as the spurious human will gives place to the divine, for the human will has not the power to become like God. To will a thing in the merely human way is simply to manifest a carnal or animal propensity; but to will only as God wills is to have the false sense of will healed through the Mind of the Christ and to gain the power of the Christ over sin, disease, and death, and to be governed by the law of infinite harmony. It is, in short, as Paul wrote to the Romans, to be "transformed by the renewing of your mind" in order to "prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

The effect upon mankind of a mistaken endeavor to submit to the will of God, when that will is believed to be manifested in sickness and death, is mainly to increase the fear of what is only an experience of the human mind, and to create a sense of hopelessness before an adverse omnipotence. When mortals change their belief that sorrows are permitted by the will of God and see instead that they are but manifestations of the human mind, they will begin to lose their fear of evil and seek rather to exchange the motive power of mortal mind for the might and wisdom of unerring Principle. On page 208 of "Miscellaneous Writings" Mrs. Eddy writes: "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."

It seems difficult for the mortal to submit to God's will, for the simple reason that obedience to divine Principle means the destruction of the carnal mind; yet the carnal mind is the only obstruction to the harmony that men crave. It is necessary constantly to distinguish between God's will and mortal mind, because one is real and the other unreal, one is good and the other evil; and, since God's will is good, a man's only hope of harmony is in understanding and obeying the demands of divine Principle. To see that carnal mind and its manifestation, matter, is unreal and that Spirit or divine Mind is the only actuality does not limit a man's ability; it frees and enhances his powers, for he thereby identifies himself with infinite intelligence, and finds himself growing superior to the pains and pleasures of sense. "The will of God, or power of Spirit," Mrs. Eddy writes (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 185), "is made manifest as Truth, and through righteousness,—not as or through matter,—and it strips matter of all claims, abilities or disabilities, pains or pleasures."

It makes no difference what the human experience is, the will of God remains forever good. If this good seems long delayed, this does not thereby prove that God is withholding His benefits. Spiritual good is ever present and ever operative, and it only seems to be delayed by reason of the fact that the human being must develop the capacity to receive spiritual good. God is made manifest in those qualities which reflect divine Mind, and these qualities are realized, from the spiritual standpoint, only through the earnest, persistent endeavor daily to surrender the sensuous human will and to gain more and more of the spiritual consciousness, or Christ, which is in perfect unity with God's will; for, as Jesus the Christ declared, he that realizes harmony, or heaven, is "he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."



[George R. Lowe in *Bobcaygeon* (Ontario) *Independent*]

The correspondent whose letter appears in a recent issue is quite mistaken if he supposes that Christian Science would have anyone do otherwise than humbly follow him who is "the way, the truth, and the life." The question arises as to what is involved in following the Christ. Certainly it means seeking Spirit and the spiritualization of motives and aims as opposed to matter and materialism. It is only thus that we can prove the truth of the words of Christ Jesus, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing."

Mrs. Eddy never imagined that the problem of matter could be solved by saying it does not exist, nor in any other way than by spiritual attainment. Right Hon. Arthur Balfour, in an address on natural science, as president of the

British Royal Society, said that matter is explained by being explained away. He said this in the course of his whole argument that physical science fails to explain the universe. Its investigations point to the infinitesimals on the one hand, and to the immensities on the other, and beyond these, What? Christian Science answers that Spirit is the "Alpha and Omega" of reality. Mrs. Eddy writes in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" (p. 124), "The universe, like man, is to be interpreted by Science from its divine Principle, God, and then it can be understood;" and on page 555 she writes, "Creation rests on a spiritual basis."

Of course Christian Science does not reject the incarnation. To depart from a human dogma about a divine fact is very different from denying the fact itself. Christian Science teaches that the appearing of Christ Jesus by spiritual conception and his living exemplification of Truth upon earth is our greatest individual manifestation of infinite good, God. It is equally true that the promise, "Lo, I am with you always," implies that the Christ is ever present, as God is equally good forever. It is by the discovery of this eternal Christ-power, not by any fictitious and dangerous power of the human mind, that Christian Science heals sickness and thus proves the goodness of God to-day in relation to all human needs.

Material pleasure is no more real than material pain and is more dangerous, because by pain a mortal may be impelled to improve his thinking. On page 196 of *Science and Health* Mrs. Eddy writes, "Better the suffering which awakens mortal mind from its fleshly dream, than the false pleasures which tend to perpetuate this dream." Suffering for a good cause is vastly different from suffering as the result of sin; but even an exalted state of suffering which the martyrs endured is not eternal, and in many cases it was transcended by ecstasy or by spiritual consciousness.

In the ordinary experiences of human life, the innocent joys of childhood, the pleasure of unselfish service in the home and in the school and in the community, all brotherly, helpful thoughts, words, and deeds, have an element of reality; while badness, malice, sensualism, unkindness, and greed are miserable falsities, deceptive and doomed to destruction. In the demonstration of overcoming pain by turning thought away from the body to divine Love, Christian Science is proving daily the reality of joy as a spiritual quality and the unreality of evil.



[Louis E. Scholl in *Seattle* (Wash.) *Post-Intelligencer*]

Probably quite a few readers of the *Post-Intelligencer* have followed with interest the various articles which have appeared from time to time on church union, written by ministers of various denominations. Though students of church history and those skilled in Scriptural exegesis may have followed these lengthy, erudite discussions with interest and perhaps profit, it is difficult to see wherein anything has been accomplished toward the desired end. It seems instead that the rather bitter and uncharitable remarks which have crept into some of these articles have tended to widen the breach between the churches that are represented in the controversy.

It is not the purpose of this article to intrude upon or to enter into this discussion. Christian Scientists are willing to leave all arguments on subjects that separate denominations to those who are interested in them. Since, however, a clergyman in one of his articles took occasion to characterize Christian Science as an evanescent creed, and to repeat the oft repeated statement that it is neither Christian

nor scientific, a reply is in order. Webster defines evanescent as, "On the point of vanishing; imperceptible; infinitesimal." Those who are familiar with the growth of Christian Science in the fifty years of its history, would not likely agree that the movement is "on the point of vanishing," "imperceptible," or "infinitesimal," for in that comparatively brief time this church, founded by Mrs. Eddy, has had a growth unparalleled by that of any other religious body; and while its teachings have been misunderstood and often ridiculed by many who think they offer service to God, yet its progress has been steady and unchecked.

Whether Christian Science is either Christian or scientific, or neither, depends not at all upon the opinions of learned theologians. The test of its Christianity is whether it bears the "fruit of the Spirit," which Paul says "is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." It has been rather commonly observed that Christian Scientists are a happy people. This happiness is no surface coating, but is an outward manifestation of an inward joy and peace that comes from right understanding of God, man, and the universe; or, in other words, it is the proof that righteousness is bearing its perfect fruit.

It has been very wisely said that "science teaches us to know, and an art to do." The science of Christian Science, then, is that it teaches us to know God. This knowledge is much more than faith or blind credulity; it is demonstrable truth. It unravels the mystery of existence and frees spiritual aspirations from mortal mind limitations. A Christian Scientist's religion is his life and he knows, whether others do or not, that it is both Christian and scientific.

On the subject of church unity Mrs. Eddy spoke with wisdom when she wrote on page 138 of "Miscellaneous Writings," "I once thought that in unity was human strength; but have grown to know that human strength is weakness,—that unity is divine might, giving to human power, peace."

Human hypotheses, man-made creeds, and the pride of priesthood have cluttered the whole world with a multitude of religious organizations so the average, humble seeker after truth is sorely confused. To such a one Christian Science comes, teaching him with mathematical precision how to make his demonstrations over sin, disease, and death. There is a truth that makes men free. When men know that truth, the restlessness of human planning, of perpetually listening to counsel of others and joining with them in assurances of success, gives place to the peace of God. It is a realization of what Mrs. Eddy says in the opening sentence of the Preface to Science and Health, "To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is big with blessings."



[George H. Cox in an open letter to *The American Evangelist*
in *Siloam Springs* (Ark.) *Register*]

An article all the way through, in several issues of *The American Evangelist* makes light of God, of the Bible, of Jesus, of Mary his mother, and of the divine Principle of righteousness. It particularly mentions Mrs. Eddy, Christian Science, and Christian Scientists in a most rude, sarcastic, evil way. That piece in a religious paper is like an ink splotch on a snow white garment. It does not belong in *The American Evangelist*. All well-informed people know that Mrs. Eddy was a Christian woman; they know that Christian Science, which she discovered, heals all manner of sin and disease by a thorough understanding of exactly what Jesus meant when he said: "And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye

have received, freely give." A religion which does that demands respectful consideration.

Like all other Christians, Christian Scientists believe in God; they believe in Jesus the Christ, and that he is the Son of God; they believe in the Holy Ghost; they believe in the Bible and that it is the Word of God. On page 547 of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" Mrs. Eddy says this: "The Scriptures are very sacred." That is what all Christians believe, and *The American Evangelist* preaches the truth from this same Book. . . . In its purpose to preach the gospel, *The American Evangelist*, we believe, does not in its heart have the time, the desire, or the intention to depart from telling the glad tidings from God of "on earth peace, good will toward men."



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"I am sending the inclosed check of ten pounds to be used for the Real Estate fund. It is a gift of love from one who is deeply grateful for the awakening to the truth of Life and Love."

"At this Thanksgiving season my thought turns in loving gratitude to God for all the good which has come to me during the past year, and I am glad to express something of this gratitude for Christian Science and the wonderful blessing it has been to me, in sending another contribution to The Christian Science Benevolent Association fund and to the Real Estate fund, to be applied as you think best. My thank offering to-day is only a tithe, but we are told to bring 'all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house,' and this is a joy to do."

"Words or money seem very inadequate to express the gratitude which I feel for Christian Science, and what it is doing for all mankind; but I am taking this opportunity to send a small check for the Real Estate fund, as a slight offering of gratitude for the many blessings which have come to me since taking up the study of this glorious truth."

"Inclosed please find my check for twenty dollars as a little thank offering for The Christian Science Benevolent Association. I wish I could make it two hundred thousand dollars, and hope I can from time to time increase it. I have proved in everyday business affairs that divine Love does meet our every need."

"Inclosed please find draft value ten pounds, ten shillings, as a further contribution from this church, to be divided between The Christian Science Benevolent Association fund and the Real Estate fund. The members of this church esteem it a joy and privilege to have this opportunity of further participating in the activities of The Mother Church."

"It gives me great pleasure to be able to send the inclosed additional amount as a token of gratitude for the bountiful blessings which have come to me during the past seventeen years, since I first received healing through the reading and study of Science and Health."

"Please find inclosed check for The Christian Science Benevolent Association. Was waiting until I might send a larger amount but know that if I send what I can I will be but opening the channel that will provide for more for me to send, and thereby share with others the wonderful blessings that Christian Science brings me every day."

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God's Reviving Love

At intervals men make good resolutions, chiding themselves for failures and inefficiencies. In retrospect the past seems dark and beclouded, and they try to imagine before them a prospect of success and brightness. They excuse past wrongs as being due to circumstances, or to the interference of other minds, and hope credulously for circumstances fortuitous, and for friends subservient, so that in consequence honor and power and glory shall accrue to the much loved self. The defect of most good resolutions and intentions is consequently this,—they leave God out of consideration. Mrs. Eddy's poem (Miscellany, p. 354) corrects this by speaking of the New Year as being

Sweet sign and substance
Of God's presence here.

Every true thought regarding God has reviving and restorative power. The essence of grief, fear, anger, hate, despair, and of all unhappiness, is that it may be said of the individual so burdened, "God is not in all his thoughts." Whereas of those who return to God, the words of the prophet Hosea are perpetually true: "They shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols?" What cares the sprouting vine for the dead and withered and castaway branches, and what cares the enlightened mind for the superstitions and follies and self-worship of the past? God is known in the reviving of life, in recuperating joy, in the sanctity of holiness. The idols shall be no more considered. As Isaiah declares, "In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats." They shall be cast away and forgotten indeed, because then will come true the prophecy, "The loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day."

It is a proverb which finds repetition in many languages that the way downward to the pit is paved with good resolutions. These good resolves placate conscience when that inward monitor calls for righteousness. Like the unregardful son who said, "I go, sir," and then "went not," the man asseverates intention to reform but accomplishes no repentance. But the change within called repentance, the reordering of thought, is necessary, as in the case of the really dutiful son, who, though first saying, I will not go, afterwards repented and went. The one who repented actually did the will of the father; and good resolves are good only when they become act and fact in our lives.

We read in The Acts of the Apostles that John preached "the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel." Mrs. Eddy says (The People's Idea of God, p. 9), "Christian Science has one faith, one Lord, one baptism; and this faith builds on Spirit, not matter; and this baptism is the purification of mind,—not an ablution of the body, but tears of

repentance, an overflowing love, washing away the motives for sin; yea, it is love leaving self for God." This repentance means not loss, disadvantage, humiliation, but rather advantage, blessing, gladness, for to greet the repentant one there is God's promise given through Hosea, "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely . . . I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon."

It is in this aspect that God is revealed to man by Christian Science, because its method of affording proof is not the theological or ecclesiastical method of authority and human control, but the spiritual and scientific method of healing. The coherence of the movement is due to the fact that those healed are united in the understanding of the one God and dwell comfortably in the sense of God's presence. It is new year, new day, new joy, new life, with them continually, because God's presence is the fountain of life and gladness and love, for their perpetual reviving. They know better than to drink of the earthly springs, whereof drinking a man finds his thirst become more poignant and unslakeable. Dwelling "in the secret place of the most High," the people of God find contentment, for it is home indeed—home with all its wonderful provision for the need of every member therein. As many, then, as will say in their New Year resolves only this: "I will arise and go to my father," will find that God's word of welcome is, "I will love them freely."

The everlasting mercy of God is at this hour calling the whole world to repentance with just this fact of healing, saying, "I will heal their backsliding." The scribe inditing these lines knows this to be true for him as well as for every one on earth to-day. One more year of earth's history now closes, but hope and faith are expecting that which Mrs. Eddy once described (Retrospection and Introspection, p. 44) as "a great revival of mutual love, prosperity, and spiritual power." Christian Scientists, let us unite to this end, that the world may know a "happy" New Year!

WILLIAM P. MCKENZIE.

Newness of Life in Christ

THERE is ever something inspiring in the simple word "new." It brings visions of refreshment, of added opportunity, of the possibility of retrieving past mistakes. It immediately lifts thought away from that which is old and worn-out,—from what has been tried and perhaps found wanting,—to a renewal of vigor and fresh occasion for right activity. From the ordinary human viewpoint the word implies a past and a future and seems to present the necessity of perpetual re-creation; but in the light of Christian Science it is coming to be understood that true newness belongs alone to God and is expressed by all that is of Him. Whatever He has made is indestructible, unchangeable, and therefore must contain within itself all that constitutes the qualities of freshness, vigor, and promise.

Theology has speculated much on what it has denominated as the "New Birth;" for when Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," he presented to humanity a problem which it has ever since been endeavoring to solve. To be sure Paul said positively, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new;" and yet again, "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him." Nevertheless, there still seemed to remain the question as to what constituted this

new man and how he was to be "put on," or proved to be an integral part of one's own experience.

With the teaching of scholasticism that mortal man was a fallen child of God, who must continually struggle to regain his former estate of perfection, there is scant wonder that discouragement and failure had seemed to attend the larger share of his efforts after righteousness, and as a natural result he had seen only the possibility of winning success in some unknown way in a far-off heaven. Into this darkness the revelation of Christian Science came with its enlightening truth that God's man is still and always has been, as he was in the beginning, the perfect child of God,—that God's man is the only man, and that aught that is wrong and false and evil is but the lie about man, to be recognized as the falsity Jesus defined it and to be thus rebuked, rejected, and proved unreal.

This viewpoint Mrs. Eddy insists upon again and again as the starting point of all right reasoning and it immediately reverses all theological dogma and presents in its place a clear, demonstrable understanding of Truth itself. It shows mortal man that, try as hard as he may, he can never make evil good, he can never make that which is mortal into immortality. In other words, mortal man can never either make himself good or be made good, by some strange process. Instead, by starting from the basis of a perfect God and perfect man he may discover how good God has already made all of His children. This truth accepted, immediately begins to uncover and rebuke the beliefs in sin and sickness, showing them as delusion,—illusion. Mortal man by thus learning to understand that what God made must be as perfect as God Himself, and by refusing to believe in that which is not of God, may put off the "old man" and find the new or real man appear. Mrs. Eddy emphasizes and re-emphasizes this method in all her works. For instance, in "Miscellaneous Writings" (p. 18) she writes, "Thou shalt love Spirit only, not its opposite, in every God-quality, even in substance; thou shalt recognize thyself as God's spiritual child only;" and again in *Science and Health* (p. 259), "The Christlike understanding of scientific being and divine healing includes a perfect Principle and idea,—perfect God and perfect man,—as the basis of thought and demonstration."

To the human consciousness this truth at first seems startling in its newness and simplicity. It seems difficult to accept this wonderful fact that man is here and now spiritual and perfect,—the child of God,—and it cries out with Peter, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord." Then the gentle voice of Christ, Truth, calms with its loving reassurance and shows that this newness of life in Christ may certainly be won through steadfast, patient endeavor as the teachings of Christian Science are understood and demonstrated. Clinging to the perfect model as the fact of being, the purpose to refuse all that is unlike the Christ will constantly bring a clearer and clearer understanding, and thought by thought the old will vanish before the presence and power of Truth loved and realized.

In "Pulpit and Press" (p. 1) Mrs. Eddy says: "A new year is a nursling, a babe of time, a prophecy and promise clad in white raiment, kissed—and encumbered with greetings—redolent with grief and gratitude." So whatever may have been the mistakes and regrets of the past, whatever may have been the lessons learned through toil and triumph,—each new year, each new day, here and now, is the glad opportunity for an ever renewed unfolding of good, for a constantly fresh and hopeful effort to "put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

ELLA W. HOAG.

Authentic Information

On account of a misleading report which has become current, information is hereby furnished to the Field that The Mother Church has no agent or agency at Jerusalem and is not engaged in any undertaking there.

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Boston, December 20, 1919.

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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.

LA JUNTA, COLO.—The members and friends of the Christian Science Society of La Junta held a business meeting last night [Oct. 29] immediately after the regular Wednesday evening meeting, for the purpose of discussing the building of a church edifice on their lot on the corner of Santa Fe Avenue and Seventh Street. It was the first meeting held for this purpose, and pledges to cover considerably more than half the cost of the building were given, this amount including a donation from the Trustees under the Will of Mary Baker Eddy. The building will cost in the neighborhood of ten thousand dollars, and the contract will probably be given early in the new year.—*La Junta Tribune*.

NEW YORK.—The attitude of the public has become notably more friendly toward Christian Scientists and their activities, and the press as a whole is more tolerant and kindly. This is true both of the metropolitan dailies and of the leading newspapers throughout the state. There is unmistakable evidence that mankind is coming, perhaps quite unconsciously but none the less certainly, to accept in many particulars the point of view so courageously set forth by the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. There remains no longer, I believe, in the secular press of the whole state a single prominent paper that maintains a persistently hostile attitude toward Christian Science. The Protestant section of the religious press is decidedly more friendly, and even the medical journals have adopted a less truculent attitude. The number of attacks on Christian Science has lessened substantially during the last year, and in two years has decreased by nearly one half. On the whole the situation relative to the press is so much improved that there is reason for great rejoicing. There is manifested a growing desire on the part of the leading dailies for news of Christian Science activities, and now the metropolitan papers often ask for such items. One hundred and sixty-four papers of the state have published reprints from *The Christian Science Monitor*, a considerable increase over any former year.

While the data gathered by this office regarding the treatment of influenza by Christian Science practitioners did

not cover the whole period during which this manifestation was prevalent, yet the statistics are sufficiently complete to be of great interest. In the nearly four thousand cases treated in the period covered by the inquiry less than three in a thousand were not healed. The report from the Health Department of New York city shows the failures under medical practice to have been more than one hundred in every thousand of influenza cases, and more than five hundred and sixty in every thousand of pneumonia cases. It should be noted that the cases treated in Christian Science included both types of disease, and many of them had been diagnosed by physicians and declared incurable.

Committee on Publication.

GREENSBURG, PA.—The Bierer property, on South Main Street near Maple Avenue, was purchased at public sale on Saturday afternoon [Oct. 25], by First Church of Christ, Scientist, of this city. The building will be reconstructed into an auditorium with adjoining reading room, to meet the present needs of the congregation. Later, it is purposed to erect a church building.—*Greensburg Record.*

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The Lectures

VANCOUVER, WASH. (First Church).—John Randall Dunn, lecturer; introduced by Mrs. Elizabeth Gillott, who said in part:—

We are told in the Scriptures that Jesus of Nazareth healed all manner of disease without using material remedies. For ages, owing to a misconception of God, his work has been regarded by many as supernatural, the result of a special dispensation of God. Christian Science, however, explains the healing power exercised by the Master as divinely natural, based upon his knowledge of God and his understanding of spiritual law, making it perfectly clear that this knowledge is here and now available to all.

Christian Science, through its Discoverer and Founder, Mary Baker Eddy, has thus restored to the world the wonderful Science Jesus so successfully taught and practiced. On page 150 of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," Mrs. Eddy writes: "To-day the healing power of Truth is widely demonstrated as an immanent, eternal Science, instead of a phenomenal exhibition. Its appearing is the coming anew of the gospel of 'on earth peace, goodwill toward men.'" In answer to the question, Can this be true? the ever increasing interest in its teachings is sufficient confirmation that it does meet the great need of humanity, healing not only sickness but poverty, sorrow, and sin.

LONDON, ENGLAND (First Church).—Miss Mary G. Ewing, lecturer; introduced by Carlos B. Wilson, who said in part:—

Prior to the discovery of Christian Science in the year 1866 by Mary Baker Eddy, religious systems the world over were largely concerned with reforming the sinner; the healing of the sick and diseased, however, was not considered as part of their responsibilities, although primitive Christianity, as practiced for nearly three hundred years immediately following upon the resurrection, did include this healing work. With the publication of the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," in the year 1875, the undivided garment of Truth was once more offered to humanity, and the healing of the sick and diseased, to the Christian Scientist, became quite as important as the reformation of the sinner; in fact, he is taught that these two questions are interdependent to a degree

hitherto little suspected, for frequently the healing of the one leads to the reformation of the other, and vice versa.

Few people will dispute that sinful habits are purely mental in origin; that they must first be formed in thought before they can be carried out in practice. Now it is one of the objects of Christian Science to prove that sickness and disease and all other discordant conditions have equally a mental cause, and can be healed in the same way that the sinner is reformed.

NEW YORK, N. Y. (Fifth Church).—Virgil O. Strickler, lecturer; introduced by Mrs. Alma J. Foster, who said in part:—

"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." These words of the psalmist have been the cry of humanity through all the ages. Mankind has sought out many remedies, but in vain; for neither human ingenuity nor intellectual achievements have proved adequate to satisfy or stifle this cry. Noticeably, during the last half century, the cunning craft of men has filled earth and sea and sky with marvels of ingenuity designed for the betterment or protection of the world; yet never have men been more restless or unsatisfied than to-day. A little more than a half century ago a sweet and loving woman heard this human cry for God and understood it as no one had ever done since Jesus left the earth, and under the mighty impulsion of divine revelation and her boundless compassion, Mary Baker Eddy sought and found and gave to the world its answer in Christian Science; and all over the earth to-day are living witnesses to the truth that Christian Science does heal and does satisfy all who honestly and persistently seek it.

MUNCIE, IND. (First Church).—Frank H. Leonard, lecturer; introduced by Walter H. Troutman, who said in part:—

When Mrs. Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, set forth in her textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," the Principle and rule of Christian healing, with the assertion that its successful application depended upon an exact knowledge of God and a correct spiritual interpretation of the Scriptures, she made a direct and startling challenge to every student of the Bible: "Understandest thou what thou readest?" To every earnest, sincere, prayerful student of the Bible, trying to lean upon its promises and follow its precepts, this book comes, as Philip came of old to the "man of Ethiopia," through answered prayer and demonstration, lifting weary hope to faith, converting faith into understanding, bringing one into "newness of life" by the baptism of the Spirit, and sending the seeker after Truth on his way rejoicing. In exact proportion to our understanding are we able, here and now, to avail ourselves of the promises of God and carry out the obligations imposed upon all who have answered the call of Jesus, "Come and follow me."

FRESNO, CALIF. (First Church).—The Rev. Andrew J. Graham, lecturer; introduced by Albert E. Lombard, who said in part:—

At this time of turmoil and strain, when the whole world seems to be undergoing a change, we are all searching for the way to freedom and harmony. Christ Jesus, our Master and Way-shower, said to the world-weary, for all time, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." A pure-minded lover of the Bible, Mary Baker Eddy, at a time of physical need, followed this command and found health and peace. By continuing her

study of the life, character, and works of Christ Jesus and of the prophets and apostles, she was able to discover and to give to others the Science and the laws by which their healing was done.—*Fresno Republican*.

ERIE, PA. (First Church).—Judge Samuel W. Greene, lecturer; introduced by William O. Baur, who said in part:—

Christian Science lectures are given in order to make known that its teachings are not some strange, mysterious thing, but the simple teachings of Christ Jesus applied to human needs. The religion of Jesus of Nazareth was a living, pulsating truth, which 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 healing" (Manual, p. 17), Christian Science is holding up to the view of the world the lessons Jesus taught, requiring works rather than words. Christian Science is demonstrable; it proves its words by its works. Contrary to the opinion of many this Science is not intricate. The language of Truth is unadorned and always simple, but we must have faith, consecration, and perseverance.

CHICAGO, ILL. (Ninth Church).—Dr. John M. Tutt, lecturer; introduced by Mrs. Franke B. Skinner, who said in part:—

Christian Science is a science which, when rightly understood and utilized, enables any one of us to solve the various problems in our human affairs in accordance with a law which is just as scientific, just as eternally true, and just as usable as that which you to-day recognize as the law of mathematics, music, or mechanics. It is quite possible that some of you will to-night find the right answer to questions of vital importance to your health, your home, or your business; and these proofs will lead you to a closer study of Christian Science that you may be better able to avail yourselves of its accurate rules in your quest for health, happiness, and success.

BERKELEY, CALIF. (University of California).—John C. Lathrop, lecturer; introduced by Miss Enid Childs, who said in part:—

The overcoming of limitations is the purpose of all education, yet a not infrequent result of even the most advanced training is to leave the student with less consciousness of freedom, and to increase his sense of bondage. Most systems of education, philosophy, and religion rest content with attempts at the mere alleviation of material conditions; but there has been given to the world one religion based on a Principle so universal in its application that it reveals to us the invalidity of all so-called material laws, and there is no boundary at which it ceases to operate. This religion, Christian Science, not only teaches man's freedom from all limitations but requires its followers to prove their understanding of this statement by demonstration.

PORTLAND, ORE. (First Church).—Prof. Hermann S. Hering, lecturer; introduced by John Hinxtton, who said in part:—

The world is demanding not a religion of future possibilities or speculative theories but a religion that can point to its present works as evidence of its divine authority. Christian Science meets this demand. In a little over fifty years it has spread over the civilized world. It has done

more to heal intemperance, licentiousness, and sin than any other religion. Through its ministrations the drunkard has been reclaimed, the sinner reformed, and unnumbered thousands of hopeless, helpless invalids have been restored to health after all material means had failed.



Lectures to be Delivered

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CALIFORNIA—Huntington Park, Church Edifice, Irvington and Rugby Avenues, 8 p.m., Jan. 15.

CONNECTICUT—Hartford (Second Church): Parsons' Theater, Prospect Street and Central Row, 3:30 p.m., Jan. 11.

FLORIDA—Bradentown: Music Room, Manavista Hotel, 8 p.m., Jan. 9.

Fort Myers: Lee County Court House, 3 p.m., Jan. 11.

St. Petersburg: Church Edifice, 224 Second Avenue, North, 8 p.m., Jan. 15.

IDAHO—Buhl: High School Auditorium, 8 p.m., Jan. 6.

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

Chicago (Ninth Church): Church Edifice, 6150 Woodlawn Avenue, 8 p.m., Jan. 16 and 17.

Chicago (Eleventh Church): Church Edifice, Logan Boulevard and Mozart Street, 8 p.m., Jan. 13.

Elmhurst: Elms Theater, 8 p.m., Jan. 9.

Evanston: Church Edifice, Chicago Avenue and Grove Street, 8 p.m., Jan. 10.

Quincy: Church Edifice, Vermont and Eighteenth Streets, 8 p.m., Jan. 15.

Wilmette: Church Edifice, Tenth Street and Central Avenue, 8 p.m., Jan. 8.

INDIANA—Fort Wayne: Majestic Theater, 8:15 p.m., Jan. 13.

IOWA—Oskaloosa: Church Edifice, 406 East High Avenue, 8 p.m., Jan. 19.

MASSACHUSETTS—Springfield: Municipal Auditorium, 8:15 p.m., Jan. 12.

MINNESOTA—Minneapolis (First Church): Church Edifice, Twenty-fourth Street and Nicollet Avenue, 8 p.m., Jan. 8 and 9.

NEBRASKA—Fairbury: Rex Theater, 8 p.m., Jan. 8.

Lincoln: Church Edifice, Twelfth and L Streets, 3 p.m., Jan. 11.

Omaha (First Church): Church Edifice, Twenty-fourth Street and St. Marys Avenue, 8 p.m., Jan. 12 and 13.

NEW JERSEY—East Orange: Lyceum Theater, 506 Main Street, near Brick Church Station, D.L. & W.R.R., 3:30 p.m., Jan. 11.

NEW YORK—New Rochelle: Church Edifice, 19 Locust Avenue, 8:15 p.m., Jan. 9.

New York (First Church): Church Edifice, Central Park West and Ninety-sixth Street, 8 p.m., Jan. 8.

New York (Sixth Church): Church Edifice, 1935 Anthony Avenue, 8 p.m., Jan. 15 and 16.

New York (Ninth Church): Cooper Union Hall, Cooper Square and Eighth Street, 8 p.m., Jan. 8.

Richmond Hill: Masonic Temple, 114th Street, near Jamaica Avenue, 3 p.m., Jan. 11.

Syracuse: Wieting Opera House, 4 p.m., Jan. 11.

OHIO—Ashland: Ashland Opera House, 3 p.m., Jan. 4.

Cincinnati (First Church): Music Hall, 8:15 p.m., Jan. 9.

Franklin: Opera House, West Fourth Street, 8 p.m., Jan. 13.

Middletown: Sorg Opera House, 8:15 p.m., Jan. 12.

Sidney: High School Auditorium, 3 p.m., Jan. 11.

PENNSYLVANIA—Greensburg: Strand Theater, 7:45 p.m., Jan. 11.

Pittsburgh (Second Church): Davis Theater, Smithfield Street, 3 p.m., Jan. 11.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Columbia: Columbia High School, 8 p.m., Jan. 12.

VIRGINIA—Newport News: Imperial Theater, 3 p.m., Jan. 11.

WASHINGTON—Seattle (joint lecture): Masonic Temple, Harvard Avenue and Pine Street, 3 p.m., Jan. 11, and 8 p.m., Jan. 12.

Spokane (First Church): Auditorium, The Lewis and Clark High School, 8 p.m., Jan. 13.

WISCONSIN—Milwaukee (joint lectures): Milwaukee Auditorium, 8:15 p.m., Jan. 5; Masonic Hall, Bay View, 8:15 p.m., Jan. 6; Majestic Theater, 12:10 p.m. (noonday lecture), Jan. 7.

Testimonies of Healing

Two years ago in lifting some heavy machinery I felt something snap in my spine. This was followed by intense pain in the back and head, which increased until, upon reaching home, I lost consciousness. I was found by my friends, lying on the floor of my room in a senseless condition and paralyzed on one side of my body. A doctor was summoned, but as his diagnosis did not satisfy my sister, another was called. The second gave no opinion as to the nature of the trouble but made preparations for my removal to a hospital for an X-ray examination and for consultation with a specialist. In consequence of my condition becoming very violent, however, it required four persons to hold me in bed, and no hospital in the city would admit me as a patient.

After four days of this a Christian Science friend of my sister called, and learning of my illness stayed for several hours. It was noticed that an improvement had taken place during this lady's visit and this led my sister to ask her to bring a Christian Science practitioner the next day. That night, however, was the most violent of any. No one in the house was able to rest and all were worn out with nursing me, so the following day they asked the doctor to try once more to get me removed to a hospital; but again their efforts were unsuccessful. A Christian Science practitioner was therefore called in, and after about an hour of silent treatment, my friends tell me, I began to calm down, the agony subsided, and I regained consciousness for a little while. After this I slept quietly and the next day my senses returned completely. The practitioner continued treatment and the paralyzed condition gradually vanished. In a week I was able to be out of bed and in two weeks was quite recovered. Within three weeks after the first Christian Science treatment I was perfectly well and playing football.

It is impossible to express how much I owe to Christian Science. My health has been excellent since this experience. I have found that Science is a great help in business life, and as a result of following the guidance of divine Mind, God, I have improved my position. I am thankful to God, Truth and Love, for this healing and regenerating teaching, and grateful to those who have helped me to a better understanding of Him "who healeth all thy diseases."

CHARLES R. MANDEVILLE, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.



About eight years ago I was led to Christian Science for physical healing and it is needless to say that I received it. I had been troubled with a very annoying ailment for at least ten years. Material remedies began to fail me one after another and toward the last the suffering became almost unbearable. I then met a Christian Scientist who after being told of my trouble very gently broached the subject of Christian Science. She lent me a copy of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs. Eddy, and after reading a dozen or more pages I noticed that the pain was growing less, and with the healing I felt that great sense of peace which up to then I had never experienced. In less than two months I was entirely well. Then I began attending the church services and the lectures and to study the Lesson-Sermon every day.

Christian Science has for the past eight years supplied my every need and has helped me solve every problem. Grippe that used to hang on for about six weeks and made me feel miserable, has been overcome in about half a day, also hay fever in its worst form. While very grateful for

the physical healings I am still more grateful for the spiritual uplift which Christian Science has brought into my life and for the better understanding of God. I am certainly most thankful to God and grateful to Mrs. Eddy, who has so patiently shown us how to solve all our problems.

(Miss) ANNA C. OTT, Salt Lake City, Utah.



As Christmas time approaches I am reminded of the blessings received through the study of Christian Science. From early childhood I had a weak throat and often was sick at Christmas. At the time I came to Christian Science the trouble had become a form of chronic tonsillitis. The throat was constantly irritated and at times I had scarcely any voice at all. In July, 1904, I had congestion of the lungs and this caused some alarm among my family, as a sister had passed away with tubercular disease. Shortly after I began reading "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," however, all traces of lung trouble disappeared, and I have had no return of it during the past fourteen years, neither has my throat ever been sore since. Through reading the textbook I was also healed of the nervous habit of biting my finger nails. My voice continues to grow stronger, and my gratitude increases.

I am grateful for the blessing that Christian Science is to the world, and for the purification, peace, and healing it has brought to me, but words alone can never express heartfelt gratitude; we must, as Mrs. Eddy tells us on page 15 of Science and Health, "let our lives attest our sincerity."

(Mrs.) ANNA BEEGLE WUERTZER, Crafton, Pa.



For some time I have felt that I should tell of what God has done for me through Christian Science. I had been under the care of a doctor for two years without any result when I came home on a visit and was told of Christian Science. I at once went to a practitioner and treatment was given me. In a very short time not only the main trouble was overcome but another also. Later I had rheumatism in my right arm so badly that I could not dress myself. Again I wrote to the practitioner and in a few absent treatments was healed. We live in the country and have not the privilege of attending church services, but I am very grateful for Science and Health and all the literature. Last winter my oldest boy, twelve years old, went to school in the city and during that time had the privilege of attending the Christian Science Sunday school, and it has helped him very much. My family have all made some good demonstrations through the study of Christian Science. I am very thankful to God, also grateful to our dear Leader, Mrs. Eddy.

(Mrs.) EMMA MOEHLENHOFF, Elmendorf, Texas.



After suffering eight years from spinal trouble which seemed to affect every part of my body, I became discouraged and threw away all my medicines, which were many, saying that if I ever should get well it would be because God had healed me, for I would take no more medicine to prolong this miserable existence. Two years later a friend asked me why I did not try Christian Science, and not knowing that it was a religion, I decided to do so and sent for a practitioner.

A part of the Lesson-Sermon was read to me daily until I was able to read myself; but being a member of an orthodox church, I could not seem to accept its teaching. Many a time I was at the point of giving it up, when I would think it would not be just to Christian Science if I did not give it a fair trial, since I had tried materia medica so many years. One morning while I was pondering over the subject, some-

thing seemed to say that I must accept Christian Science as it is if I wanted to be healed. I thought for a long time and finally decided to do this and trust God that if it was not right He would reveal it to me and I would drop it instantly, as I would rather suffer all my life than accept a false doctrine. From that moment my condition began to improve. My recovery was very slow, but this made me a more earnest student of the truth, and the healing is complete. I am now enjoying better health than ever before.

I have had the privilege of class instruction, which has proved to be a great help to me. Far greater than all the physical blessings is the peace of mind which comes from the faithful study and practice of Christian Science. Words are inadequate to express my thankfulness to God and my gratitude to Mrs. Eddy for Christian Science, for its reading rooms, and for all the authorized literature. The spiritual unfoldment of Truth far surpasses all physical and material blessings.—(Miss) ELLA MAE STORMS, Owosso, Mich.



I wish to express my gratitude for what Christian Science has done for me and for my family. Two years ago I considered myself a total wreck in health, having stomach trouble at the time. I tried all the doctors here, and finding no help made a trip to New York city to a noted doctor, who gave as his verdict that I had a malignant growth. He advised me to go at once to a hospital, which I did the very next day, but after staying there six days I felt worse instead of better. With all my hopes shattered, I left the hospital for home, to face death as best I knew how. A short time later a friend advised me to try Christian Science, telling me he had been healed of an abscess in the ear. I went to see a practitioner and after receiving my first treatment, slept like a child. After the second treatment I was able to do something which I had not been able to do for over a year, and that was to eat meat and vegetables. I had treatment for three weeks and to-day am healthy and happy.

During the prevalence of the so-called Spanish influenza, my boy was taken sick and by evening he was delirious. After doing all I could with my understanding of the truth, I called a practitioner, who stayed with us all night. In the morning the boy was himself again; that afternoon he was up and around, playing the same as ever.

I am more than thankful for the happiness and good which Christian Science has brought into our home.

FRANK W. KRAUS, Willimantic, Conn.



I am very thankful for what Christian Science has done for me since taking up the study of it over twelve years ago. At that time I was healed instantaneously of what seemed the worst temper any woman could have. When I had read only a small part of our textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs. Eddy, I saw that God's child could only possess what was good, and that temper was not good so it did not come from God and could not belong to His idea. I am very thankful it has left me.

Then I had a fear of what I would do in case of accident, but I proved that perfect Love casts out fear. Some boiling fat was upset over my face and I could not see, but I had no fear and kept my thought firmly fixed on the truth of being, with the result that I was able to see quite clearly in a few minutes. In less than twenty minutes the pain was gone, and in less than three hours there was no sign of a burn on my face; but some of the fat had gone on my wrist, and I tried to hide the injury from my husband and some friends in the house, thus admitting its reality. As a consequence

I had a big scar on my wrist for a fortnight. Through knowing that God is the source of supply we have been lifted out of want into plenty.

I am most grateful for the authorized literature, for church membership, and for class instruction, and am very grateful for the beautiful lesson of patience our dear Leader has given us.—(Mrs.) EMMA SELINA SHAW, Dalton in Furness, England.



Having been interested in Christian Science for the past four years and having been helped so much through the reading of the testimonies in the *Sentinel*, I wish to express the deep gratitude I feel for the teachings of Christian Science and its demonstration in everyday life. Through the patient work of practitioners much discord and sickness has been overcome, and there have been several demonstrations of instantaneous healing among the children. Sore throat, toothache, headache, and what are considered more serious forms of sickness have been healed. A sense of limitation and discord has been overcome, and through the study of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" I have experienced many healings. A sense of fatigue and mental depression disappeared while I was meditating on the words of our Leader found on page 218 of Science and Health referring to the Bible passage, "They that wait upon the Lord . . . shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

To try to tell all that Christian Science has meant in our home is impossible, but through our daily study of the Lesson-Sermon, and as we press on to work out our own salvation, we find the way grows brighter and the Bible more precious each day. Although not members of any church my husband and I are daily striving to do our part in the study of the Science which reveals man as the idea of God, eternal and upright.—(Mrs.) VERA PIPER, Jackson, Mich.



Words are unable to express the depth of my gratitude for the many blessings which have come to myself as well as other members of my family through Christian Science. An injury to my back was very quickly overcome through the loving help of a practitioner, and I was deeply grateful for the overcoming of Spanish influenza in one of its worst forms through the application of the truth. Our little boy, nine years old, has never had any medicine but has always responded quickly to treatment in Christian Science. We have also been able to realize the omnipresence of God's protecting care at times of accident. The ninety-first psalm and the passage from Isaiah, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness," have never failed to destroy all sense of fear.

I am grateful for Christian Science, not alone for the physical help received, but for the help it gives in solving the little everyday problems. I am very grateful to Mrs. Eddy for giving this wonderful healing truth to the world, and for all our literature. My desire is so to live as to reflect more love to all mankind and be worthy the name Christian Scientist.

(Mrs.) VIOLA GIBSON TRUESDELL, West Mentor, Ohio.



I am grateful for Christian Science because it came to me at a time of great need. Brought up in an orthodox church, at an early age I rebelled at its inconsistencies, and believing that truth was not to be found in religion I turned to the study of the physical sciences, philosophy, biology,

and medical research. Just as I looked to the last for the healing of bodily discords, so did I look to economic theories for the healing of discords in the body politic. Failing to find God through any of these inquiries I became a confirmed atheist, and as a result of a conscientious effort to apply those teachings that I thought to be right my world began to topple down around my ears.

Just then a non-Scientist proposed my seeing a Christian Science practitioner. I did so, and as the truth unfolded to my thought the world was built up anew. I found God where I had never thought to look for Him; that is, as divine Mind. Through relying upon Him for support the desire for thirty to forty cigarettes a day has been destroyed. I have been healed of bilious attacks, headaches, chronic bowel disorder, recurrent attacks of tonsillitis, bronchitis, and asthma. A skin trouble of twelve years' standing vanished in three days. An ingrowing toenail has also been healed. Through knowing that there is but one business, that which reflects the activity of the one Mind, I have been enabled to bring out a higher sense of business. By knowing man as spiritual and perfect I have been enabled to eliminate from consciousness somewhat of envy, jealousy, malice, revenge, self-love, and the like, and have been led to love my fellow man. As a consequence of all these proofs I know that I have found God.

I am grateful for the work of Christ Jesus, the Way-shower, and for Mrs. Eddy, through whom the Comforter has come.—FRANK SARGENT BARTLETT, New York, N. Y.



I did not come into Christian Science through physical healing, but have had wonderful proof since of the protecting and healing power of Truth. About two years ago I was in bondage to one of the so-called incurable diseases and was healed in two months through Christian Science treatment. At the same time a bowel disorder and several other ailments were overcome. My little girl was healed of pneumonia in one day and has also been freed from stomach trouble. Last winter my husband was healed of influenza in one treatment.

I am thankful to God, and grateful to Mrs. Eddy for my understanding of the truth. I am more grateful for Christian Science every day, and my daily prayer is that I may live up to its teachings more and more as I receive the light.

MRS. H. M. DIAZ, Seattle, Wash.



Nine years ago I did not know anything of the power of Truth. At this time I was suffering from terrible pain in the eyes. I had been wearing glasses for more than seven years, but could not seem to get lenses to fit me and many changes had to be made. I was advised that an operation was the only thing that would give me relief, but to that I refused to consent. I knew a man who had the book "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs. Eddy and asked him to let me take it. I started to read with my glasses on, but could not see, so took them off and tried without them. To my surprise I was able to read for an hour without glasses, and I have not had to wear them since.

I was also suffering from a serious growth of fifteen years' standing. I got no better under medical treatment, and the doctors all said I must have an operation, otherwise I would never get well; but to this I would not consent. A lady who came to live with me then asked me why I did not try Christian Science, and her question brought to my mind the healing of my eyes, to which I had not given much thought. I immediately bought Science and Health and

began to study it in earnest, and during my study this ailment disappeared. Bowel trouble, from which I had suffered for more than twenty years, was also overcome during this study, and headache and a wart on my finger disappeared.

For all the healings received I am indeed thankful, but most of all for having learned to love my neighbor. I am grateful for the privilege of class instruction and for all our literature. Words cannot express my thankfulness to God and to Christ Jesus and my gratitude to our beloved Leader, Mrs. Eddy.—(Mrs.) FANNIE SCHERER, Sacramento, Calif.



I would like to express my gratitude to God for what He has done for me through Christian Science. Twelve years ago I became acquainted with Christian Science through its godly people. About forty years ago, while shoeing heavy horses, I got varicose veins and after that had great trouble with my left leg, for which I was unable to get any help. After I came here a friend lent me Science and Health. One Sunday morning my leg was sore and I could not walk on it. I sat on one chair and rested it on another and began to read Science and Health. I forgot all about my leg, until after reading for about two hours I started to move it from the chair. Then I found that it was well. I called to my wife, who was in another part of the house, for I could hardly believe what I saw—all the large lumps were gone.

About thirty years ago my eardrum was broken, and doctors said there was no help for me. One Sunday morning, while in our church, my hearing was given back to me, and how thankful I am. It is my sincere desire to express my thankfulness to God and Christ Jesus, also my gratitude to Mrs. Eddy, by obeying the Master's command, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

EDWARD H. SCHMULTS, Ridgewood, N. J.

Referring to the testimony of my husband in which he refers to the healing of varicose veins, I wish to say that prior to the healing he mentions it was necessary for me frequently to bind and bandage his leg. This covered a period of several years. His statement regarding the healing through the reading of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs. Eddy, is true. Since that time there has been no recurrence of the lumps and soreness.

We are both very grateful to God for this healing as well as for others, including the healing of pneumonia and of congestion of the lungs, which used to trouble my husband every winter. Many times he had to sit up all night because he could not lie down without coughing, so that he could not sleep. Since taking up the study of Christian Science he has had no trouble of this kind.

MRS. EDWARD H. SCHMULTS.



I would like to express my gratitude for the understanding of God which is unfolded to us in Christian Science, becoming an ever present help at all times. I was staying in apartments in London with a married sister, and one morning I seemed to be suffering greatly from stomach and bowel disorder, accompanied by pain and fever. As we were sitting down to lunch, the pain became so intense that I felt as though I should faint, and my sister asked me if I had not better lie down. I assured her, however, that I would soon be all right. I went to my room for a few minutes and endeavored to realize the power of omnipotent Mind, the Almighty God who is able to deliver us from all evil. Then, feeling much better and stronger, I returned to the dining

room, sat down and finished lunch, eating whatever there was upon the table. All the pain disappeared and I was well and able to keep the engagements that had been made for the afternoon.

I feel so grateful to have gained an increased understanding that the kingdom of God is the only kingdom, and that Truth is the strong deliverer.

(Miss) EDITH M. ALPE, Bedford, England.



I took up the study of Christian Science just to learn what it was; I did not know it would heal. I had been in very poor health for twelve years, suffering from stomach trouble, neuralgia, and severe headache. I was suffering from headache the day I commenced to read Science and Health and was healed instantly, and have had no return of the trouble since. That was over nineteen years ago. The other ailments went more slowly, but are all gone. At this time I am perfectly well and thank the Lord every day for sending Mrs. Eddy to lead us into the truth that makes us free.—(Mrs.) ELLEN HUDSON, Arcadia, Neb.

I can vouch for my mother's healing. She is well and works all the time. I have been studying Christian Science for thirteen years and would like to tell of two demonstrations I have had. Once I was thrown from a buggy and when my brother and a neighbor picked me up they thought I was dead, but with my mother's help in Science I came to my senses. My right leg was injured so that I had to walk with crutches for three weeks, but in five weeks I was entirely healed. At another time my thumb was smashed, but I depended entirely on Christian Science and was perfectly healed. Although my father said I would never have a nail on that thumb again the nail is as good as it ever was.

I cannot thank God enough and am very grateful to our beloved Leader, Mrs. Eddy, for all the blessings that have come into my life through Christian Science.

HARVEY CARLTON HUDSON.



In gratitude for what Christian Science has done for me I send this testimony. For six years I had suffered from the loss of an arm. I never was free from pain, which sometimes was very severe. The physician offered no relief except another operation, and this I would not listen to. Then a friend invited me to attend a Wednesday evening meeting at the Christian Science church, and I was much impressed with the reading from the desk and by the testimonies. On reaching home I was seized with severe pain. I immediately consulted a practitioner and was healed in one treatment not only of this trouble but of stomach disorder of many years' standing. This healing took place ten years ago and has been permanent. I am grateful not only for this healing but for many others; also for the better understanding of God which I am gaining through the study of Christian Science literature.—C. W. BOYD, Fresno, Calif.



It is with a heart filled with gratitude for what Christian Science has done, is doing, and will do for me that I write this testimony. After sixteen years' membership in an orthodox church a great grief came into my life and I found myself standing alone with an unknown God. After several months' struggle I wrote to a friend who I knew had been healed of a serious physical condition through Christian Science, asking her if she would please send me something to read, so she sent some Christian Science literature. Shortly after this I visited in her home, and while there read

the chapter on Prayer in the textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs. Eddy. Within a few days I was the happy possessor of a copy of the book, and since that time, April, 1911, the Bible and Mrs. Eddy's writings have been my greatest treasures. After reading the textbook two weeks I was healed of bowel trouble for which I had used many different remedies since childhood. I was also healed of sleeplessness, catarrh, and minor ailments, but these physical healings are not to be compared to the unfoldment of Truth in my consciousness.

Words cannot express my thankfulness to God and my gratitude to Mrs. Eddy for Christian Science.

(Miss) AMY PENN, Columbus, Ohio.



Five years ago I was indeed a mental wreck through worry over financial troubles. In visiting a friend one day I was told of the healing through Christian Science of a young lady who had been an invalid. I became very much interested and wanted to know about this, and while listening I was healed. A great load was lifted and my troubles were dismissed from my thought. On returning home I could not talk about anything else. My husband could not understand how this change could have taken place, knowing my condition when I left home that morning, for I had been growing worse each day.

I am so grateful for all the blessings we have received, but most of all for the spiritual unfoldment, also for the Christian Science publications, which are a constant source of help.—(Mrs.) SIGRID E. BENGLSDORFF, Milwaukee, Wis.

I wish to state that what my wife has written is correct, and also wish to say that words are not available to express my gratitude to God for the many blessings I have received through the understanding of Christian Science. I did not take up Science for any healing, but to find out what had healed my wife. The first healing I experienced was of the tobacco and liquor habits. This came when I learned that so-called will power is not power, and that the only power is God, for by realizing this truth I was completely healed in a very short time. I have had many other healings, and our children, too, have been healed. Our home has been changed completely, and we are enjoying harmony where discord was. The blessings of Christian Science are felt more than they are seen.—ARTHUR H. BENGLSDORFF.



[Written for the *Sentinel*]

Homeward Bound

FLORA BROWNLEE WALKER

I HAVE taken in the anchor,
I have made the cable free:
I feel the old ship tremble,
And I'm putting out to sea.

No more the earth mists blind me,
For now the truth I've found.
A heavenward breeze is blowing,—
At last I'm homeward bound.

Too long I've lain at anchor,
Too long I've drifted round;
God keep the old ship sailing straight!—
At last I'm homeward bound.

And I shall reach that homeland,
That state where heaven is found;
For Love is Captain of the ship,—
At last I'm homeward bound.

Signs of the Times

[David H. Fouse in *Rocky Mountain News*, Denver, Colo.]

Some trust in strikes, some in state troops, some in Federal battalions. No one nor all together will avail in settling present troubles. We are in the midst of a spiritual revolution and no physical force can determine its outcome. Such forces may help or retard; but the powers that determine such issues are subtle and invisible. For these the church stands. If any institution ought to speak in clear and certain tones it is this vicegerent of the divine. It is evident that she has become vitally interested in human affairs. She can no longer be charged with other-worldliness. A score of her divisions have recently spoken in favor of unionism, collective bargaining, and other forms of human rights. Her humanitarian elements would prompt such action. There is a deeper need that she must supply. It is an interpretation of the Christ that will appeal to the men of November, 1919. He needs to be revealed as a very real help in these times of trouble.

The times call for the voice of God speaking to distraught men. The times cry for some power that is superior to all the devices that the warring factions know. Christ is the term of such power, a power so unlike those that men are accustomed to use that they are contemptuous of its efficiency and they rail at its methods. Above the jeers, above the jangles of angry men, the voice of the church should be heard, calm and distinct. In the welter and sweat she should carry the demonstration of a power that is superior to all physical forces that labor and capital can muster, and with which both will triumph gloriously. The church ought to be the spiritual expert in the world and the spiritual is the center and heart of all else.

[*Vinton (Iowa) Eagle*]

Unrest, unrest all over the world—and so it will be as long as life is materialistic, education is intellectual, society is devoted to show and tinsel, and humanity is intent upon chasing the dollar all the time it can spare. To do away with unrest, we will have to turn over a new leaf. It will never subside while we pursue our present manner of living and thinking. There is no sense in rigging up this little panacea and that, for unrest does not yield to specific remedy. The cure is constitutional. Christ made two things essential elements of a true life: peace and purity. As long as we quarrel and think vile stuff the unrest will continue. It matters not how many drives may be made, or how many appeals there may be, or how much money raised, the unrest will remain as long as peace and purity do not constitute the program of life.

[*Waterloo (Iowa) Tribune*]

It is true, without shadow of question, that the world is full of restlessness for which worldly remedies yield no balm. The great strife of the past five years has given way to a multitude of smaller strifes, all contributing to the unsettlement of the mind of the world and of the individual. What is needed is that peace which the world cannot give—that peace which is found only in the harmony of the individual spirit with the divine.

[Prof. Karl P. Harrington in *Zion's Herald*]

What is it to love one's neighbor as one's self? Why, to wish him equal . . . advantages, and character, and to do what is possible to help him secure them. But it takes time to build a man, much more time than to build a house, or a business, as a rule. Wealth alone makes neither superiority,

equality, nor inferiority; neither character nor happiness. To pauperize one's neighbor by merely presenting him with the fruits of another's careful thought and hard work is not to love him as one's self. To put him in a position where he can claim what he has no fitness to do, or be, or have, is not to love him truly. To encourage him to magnify the material, as compared with the intellectual and spiritual, is not Christian love. "Cooperation" is indeed a Christian ideal; but such cooperation should be genuine, hearty, not merely technical,—not an enforced, but a voluntary cooperation,—if it is to bear good fruit.

[*The Montreal (Canada) Star*]

The necessity of a restatement of the Christian doctrine regarding the fatherhood of God, was urged by the Reverend Doctor Symonds yesterday in one of the series of sermons that he is preaching on similar subjects. He urged his hearers not to be afraid of a revision of creeds, since neither creeds, nor Articles of Faith, nor Westminster Confessions were going to save. He believed that the fundamental need of theology was a conception of God, not primarily as a creator or a potentate, but specifically as a father. The hierarchical idea which presented God as a king with all the obsequious atmosphere of an earthly court was decried by the preacher.

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