

Public Opinion

From The People—Subjects of General Interest

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, ITS WEAKNESS AND FALLACIES

Rev. W. T. Milliken Replies to Criticism of Paul Stark Seeley

Editor Courier:—

In an article published in the Courier of Feb. 19, Mr. Paul Stark Seeley criticizes my statement that there is an error in Christian Science metaphysics. Mr. Seeley may be an expert in Christian Science, but he certainly shows a lamentable lack of knowledge of the use of real metaphysical terms when he thinks that when I am speaking of "noumenal" reality that I mean "noumenal" reality, as he calls it. But which is correct, he or I?

Dr. Prince of Dickinson College says he had the following dialogue with a Christian Scientist: Prince, What is matter? C. S. Matter is an illusion of Mortal Mind.

Prince, What is Mortal Mind? C. S. Nothing. As Mrs. Eddy says: "Nothing claiming to be something."

Pr. But how can a cause which is nothing produce an effect which is something? C. S. It can't. The effect is an illusion.

Pr. But as experience the illusion is a fact nevertheless. Who is the victim, spiritual man? C. S. No, for he is incapable of illusion, being made in the image and likeness of God. Mortal man is the victim.

Pr. But you say mortal man is a fiction. Now to experience illusion implies mental activity. How then can the mortal man, who does not even exist, think at all, even tho' to be deceived?

C. S. He really doesn't. The whole thing, counterfeiter, counterfeiter, and victim are illusion.

Pr. Then who experiences the illusion? Not spiritual man, for he is incapable of a wrong idea, and not mortal man for he does not exist. Who then has the illusion of the matter? C. S. Oh you don't understand Christian Science, that is all. If you but understood it, all would be as clear as day.

"Matter is illusion, and illusion is a false experience. Only false intelligence can have a false experience, and false intelligence doesn't exist." Hence next time I run across the illusion of a hole in the ground I can cheerfully walk straight on, knowing that there is nothing there to fall into; and nothing to fall into with that not there to fall into; and no such thing as falling for nothing that's not there to fall into. The logic is irresistible, and reminds me of the celebrated lawsuit between McEavish and McEaghe, over a potato kettle. McEavish claimed that McEaghe borrowed his potato kettle and returned it cracked. McEaghe's contention was as follows: "McEavish never had a potato kettle."

McEaghe never borrowed McEavish's kettle. It was cracked when McEaghe borrowed it. It was sound as a bell when McEaghe took it home.

Yet they designate such mush "Science!!!"

The difficulty with Christian Science is its double psychology, invented to get rid of the fact of sin, hence of the necessity for surrender to Christ as an Absolute and only Saviour from sin. Sin was a mighty disagreeable fact for the much married divorcee who founded the cult to face. It is vastly more flattering to the pride to say: "Now Lord, you never mind me. Just go ahead and look out for yourself. Show me the way and I'll take care of myself."

How much more pleasant this is than to get down upon your marrow bones in genuine contrition for sin. At all costs sin had to be ruled out of the universe. This could be done only by denying the existence of all evil. Incidentally a few shekels could be raked in on the side by including the annihilation of physical evil with that of moral evil. Hence Mrs. Eddy's philosophy has an ethico-financial reason, and not a logical one.

But wherein does it err as a philosophy? Mrs. Eddy is not the first idealist by any means. Six hundred years before Christ Heraclitus claimed that "Becoming" is the term for energy—was the cause of all phenomenal reality. The idealism of Plato teaches that the universe is the mental manifesting itself in external forms. Kant, Berkeley, and the eighteenth century idealists recognize two forms of reality, a noumenal or absolute reality, and a phenomenal reality, derived from the other, and at one with it, yet distinct. "There is nothing true in her philosophy that is new." And even the fallacy of the soleness of Divine Mind she has borrowed from Eusebius of Caesarea.

Science says there is an absolute or "Noumenal reality." This is God. But the Absolute and the Infinite can have time nor space relations, for these are finite. To be Infinite means to be boundless and timeless. But the Infinite is also active intelligence. His intelligence is creative. What He knows to be is. Thus from the flow of His creative energy, or rather within it, arises a reality other than the Noumenal, namely, the Phenomenal. And this without any contradiction of the Absolute. The Phenomenal is the flow of His intelligent energy. Mind is a producer; Energy is a product. Matter, which in its last analysis is composed of electrons, or centres of force, is but that energy in its diverse forms. The Absolute is real with a Noumenal reality. The diversified energy of the Absolute is just as real, but with a phenomenal reality. Hence matter is as real as God, being a form of His Creative energy. The erroneous is the purely temporal element in the flow of God's Divine energy. That which is but temporal is eliminated from the stream when it passes on. She is always connected with the temporal lusts, and passions and the soul that choose such, and refuses, through the touch of the Redeeming Christ, to be "Born Again" into the likeness of the Absolute must perish with all other temporal things. What a gulf between the unscientific and illogical foolery that denies reality to anything except the Absolute, and the reasonable view of modern philosophy!

Just here some one says: "But after all we can not know matter. All we know is experience and sensation. Is it not hard to keep from an awak-

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That the rich will do anything for the poor except get off their backs? That it is the most perfect government where an injury to one is the concern of all?

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MEDICAL CLASS LEGISLATION IS ILLEGAL AND MUST GO

And Dr. Turner Thinks Drugs and Drug Doctors will go With Them

By Dr. W. A. Turner—Naturopath. Medical Freedom says "Not content with putting descriptions of diseases in text books, pupils are being asked to write compositions about them. In Indiana the Superintendent of Public Schools asked four grades for a composition on Tuberculosis. Parents, who objected to their children being compelled to discuss this subject, were informed by teachers that the children would be excused at the time when the essays should be written. One parent in objecting, said: "This subject does not properly come in public school work anywhere than religion, and I know everyone would object to having their children taught someone's personal views of religion, which I think would be wrong."

In Louisiana a state health official offered a box of candy as a prize for the best essay on hookworm. As I have frequently remarked, state medicine is just as much forbidden by federal and state constitutions as is state religion. The Oregon constitution forbids class legislation, or any law being passed that grants special privileges to any citizen of class of citizens not enjoyed by all citizens, but the political doctor: seen to be above the law, but the people will soon become aroused to their peril, and when they do the French revolution will seem like a Quaker meeting compared to the upheaval that will take place. Allopathic state medicine is illegal and has got to go in Oregon, and in every other state in the Union. No one class of people will be allowed to fasten their pernicious theories on all the people, whether religion or medicine, and these officials and officials should be either disciplined or legislated out of office.

Again, the Ladies. Women are easy marks for the medical profession. Never having been taught anything to the contrary they have usually placed absolute confidence in the family doctor and his advice, even to having an operation performed that would mutilate and cripple them for life, has usually been heeded. "Medical Ethics" have always kept the people in ignorance for if the layman learned anything about himself he became a menace to the medical profession, hence he must be kept in ignorance.

The usual ills to which women are peculiarly subjected are in nearly all cases the result of wrong living and follow derangement of the stomach, bowels and liver. As the medical profession knows practically nothing of the cause of disease, they not only know nothing about diseases of women, but do not know how to treat or relieve them. This being the case the family doctor magnifies the mole hill into a mountain and advises an operation. His friend the "specialist" of course coincides and splits his big fee with the family doctor, and in these days you must plant down the cash in advance before the knife is stuck into you, or a mortgage must be placed on the home in advance—then you are promised "perfect health" in six months or a year.

After the nerves and muscles have been severed and some of her organs removed, or she is unsexed, the poor woman's sufferings only begin. She realizes that her life is wrecked and that her highest ambition—motherhood, has been killed and she suffers from nervous and mental worry and shock until the end. When any woman thinks she needs advice about these ills don't be hoodwinked into an operation by some human vulture, but first try some good doctor of any drugless school. These troubles are easy to remove and nature works a speedy and harmless cure when assisted by drugless methods. Once tried you will be a convert and missionary for all time and about the praise of drugless healing. They are simple and absolutely effective for they remove the cause of your trouble and make you well.

Eugenics and Your Pocketbook. The Chicago Post says: "Since January 1 there have been only five marriage licenses issued in Milwaukee as against over 250 in the same period last year. The merchants estimate that every newly married couple spends on an average \$300 on house furnishings, clothes, etc. less necessary for double life, making a loss (to Jan. 10) of \$7,500 for about 10 days." These are solid facts for our hard headed business men to wonder over—losses due to the fastening of an untried, unproven medical obsession and fad on the people, and a matter on which so little is known that it does not justify legislation. This law was passed on the "demand" of the allopathic medical profession, not of the people, but when some sly humorist in the legislature slipped in our amendment making the doctors' doctors' fee only \$3 they at once lost interest in it and began to oppose it and within one month it was declared unconstitutional as all medical laws favoring one class of doctors are.

The serious side of Eugenics, that some of the freaks, who advocate it have overlooked, is that it tends to prevent lawful marriage and the making of homes; will increase common law marriages; put a premium on unlawful cohabitation and the social evil. People must sooner or later reject these crazy fads of the medical profession and can do so by putting them out of office.

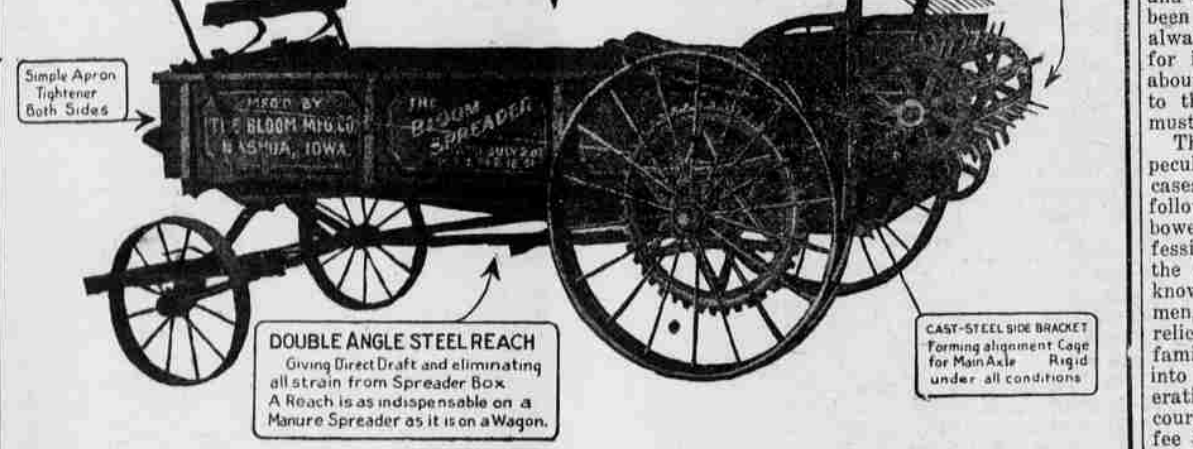
School Children Refuse Vaccination. The New York Press says:—"The President of the Board of Education of Harrison, New Jersey, wrote to the state school authorities yesterday for advice how to dispose of a strike of 100 school children there. The pupils have refused to be vaccinated at the order of the board, and backed by their parents, are having a holiday. The school children got an appropriation based on the attendance. The vaccination strike is decreasing this so that it is feared that there will not be enough money to pay the month's bills."

The school children of Oregon should do likewise.

Death from Effects of Vaccination. The Kansas City Journal writes:—"The death from lockjaw of Lucille Hough, 6 years old, after a recent vaccination against mallepox, will not deter the health officers from continuing to enforce the vaccination rule. Such was the statement made by the Health Commissioner Wheeler."

This is comforting to the parents of school children.

Is It Logical? Dr. Harry E. Brooke in Brain and Brawn says: "It is no wonder that people become confused when those who call themselves experts differ so widely regarding the laws of health and the treatment of disease. There is



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In almost every paper you pick up you may find some item of people who were once well-to-do or wealthy, but came to want in old age or sooner. Some commit suicide or meet an accidental death and thus go beyond their offering. Do you think such can never be your fate because you are strong and alert now? Perhaps these hapless persons were your equal in their day. Here are a couple of items among many that I noticed:

A couple of months ago twin brothers 72 years old were found in an old coal chute in Louisville. Even the cops saw at once that one was sick. He was sent to a hospital while the other was sent to jail. You see jail is a nice place for poor old working people. He begged to be taken to the hospital as they had always been together. They had driven horse cars for 40 years when the trolley system left them jobless. Their savings were invested in a farm, so back to the land they went. Later they lost their farm, just as it is possible for you; then they were homeless and infirm. The one in jail was dead next morning, the sick one was delirious. You see the reward capitalism gives honest toil.

Under a Springfield date line of February 1, we learn that Jesse Kelly, 83 years old, once one of the wealthiest citizens of that place, died in abject poverty in a hovel, his wife 80 years old, died an hour later. You see how insecure a person is under the present economic system. You may have plenty today, but when you no longer can fight the battle of life with the stronger and keener minds they will take it from you. Per-

a paving company could get a graft." "Well, disregarding that, what is all the rest of the fuss about?" asked the Inquisitive Stranger.

"We want good roads," replied the Live Wire and the Farmer with one breath, rolling up their sleeves and squaring off to one side of their interrogator.

"Now wait a minute before you fight," said the Inquisitive Stranger, again getting between the two. "Let us reason this thing out. You both want good roads, don't you?"

"Well, to get them we've got to do some highway building, haven't we?" continued the Inquisitive Stranger. "First of all we've got to lay large rocks in the mud, with perhaps a tile ditch underneath where the ground is particularly moist. Then on top of that we've got to lay smaller rocks, and some gravel, so that we can put down a surfacing. Am I right so far, and do you both agree with me?"

"Yes, but—" "Now wait a minute longer, and let me say it," persisted the Inquisitive Stranger. You both agree so far, and the split seems to be over surfacing. One of you wants hard surface, and the other doesn't know whether or not its going to be worth the money. Well, let me tell you something. I've just come down from Washington. It's been raining there just as it has here. In fact it rains more there, quite frequently. But their roads are all right, and they aren't hard surface roads, either. They are oiled twice a year, and rolled after each oiling.

"First they lay a good road, broken and crushed rock foundation, with macadam dressing, AND THEN THEY KEEP IT UP. They have state aid for many of their roads,

and they use the state money to build new highways, and the district money to make repairs. But they build them right at the start, and see that they are drained. The state spends about a million and a half a year on the roads, but the money goes into the roads, and not into grafts. And they have just as good roads as you'd ask— with the same climate you have here. "Take the Seattle-Tacoma road, for instance. It's 36 miles long, of oiled macadam, and 20 miles of it are under water every time there is a flood in the Stuck and White river valleys, which is about two months out of the year. Yet just as soon as the water runs off, automobiles spin over that road at 40 miles an hour; and the truck gardeners use it all the year around, hauling full loads of stuff with one horse to a wagon. Same way with the Mount Tacoma-Canyon road, some 45 miles long, and about 20 of it through bottom-land. That road, a county affair, built entirely by the government road in Rainier National Park—but it isn't hard-surfaced.

"Now what you folks want to do is to quit fighting about hard surface. Forget it. DRAIN YOUR ROADS, BEDS and lay macadam, AND OIL IT AND ROLL IT twice a year, and then you'll be all right. And you won't spend so much money, either. Try to get together on that idea, and see if you can't stop this scrapping business."

The Live Wire and the Farmer eyed each other. "Maybe that buttinski guy is right," they said.

\$1,000, One Year in Jail. It is said Judge Campbell often tempers justice with leniency. He didn't in the Alonzo Haskins instance, and he should not have. Found guilty of contributing to the delinquency of

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a simple test you may apply in such cases. Ask yourself, is it logical? For nothing that is illogical can be right. Therefore ask yourself, is it logical to suppress the eruptions of disease without removing the cause?

Is it logical to attempt to cure a poison in the blood by administering poisonous drugs and animal serums? Is it logical to force food into a sick stomach when the juices necessary to digestion are almost entirely absent?

Is it logical to cut out necessary organs of the body, such as the appendix and the tonsils (and the ovaries) and expect the body to function as before?

This is what the medical profession does to you under the guise of "curing" you.

I wish to say that "Brain and Brawn" edited by Dr. Brooke and published by the Naturopathic Publishing Co., Chamber of Commerce Building, Los Angeles, California, is the very best nature cure magazine published in this country, and should be read by everyone interested in the cure of disease by natural methods. Price \$1.00 a year.

Deadly Drugs. The medical profession is mainly responsible for people acquiring drug habits, which are rapidly killing off thousands yearly. Morphine, arsenic, strychnine, cocaine, heroin being the chief drugs used. Dr. B. C. Keister before a meeting of scientists and specialists in Philadelphia recently asserted that one fourth of the medical profession are now victims of the drug habit. These are the gentlemen who are clamoring for class laws to control the lives of all the people. Drugs and drug doctors will soon be abolished by law.

Swedish Movements and Osteopathy. Osteopathy heretofore a new drugless system and is in reality but a small fragment of the Swedish movements; so small in fact that osteopaths now are studying surgery and medicine as using drugs, in fact they have seen their beds with the medical profession in their desire for recognition, and pull with them on all occasions, and are practically outlawed by all other schools of drugless healing.

Somnambuly or manual manipulation for the cure of disease was used 3,000 years before the Christian Era and from 1776 to 1839 was systematized and brought to the attention of the civilized world. The honor of establishing this method on a strictly scientific basis belongs to Dr. Hendrick Ling of the Lund University, Stockholm, Sweden, in 1819, about 80 years before osteopathy was known, and the statement that this method was "discovered" by Dr. Still is all rot.

It is an undeniable fact that Dr. Rothenberg, the Swedish manipulator and Mechano Therapist taught Dr. Still the essentials and methods of manipulation in Dr. Still's college. Any original ideas that may have been injected into the system by Dr. Still have evidently been rejected for today osteopathy remains as only a small part of the Mechano Therapy portion of the great Swedish Movements system, and does not even embrace a comprehensive knowledge of scientific massage. Honor to whom honor is due.

Swedish movements and chiropractic far in advance of osteopathy and the effects of their treatments more permanent and lasting.

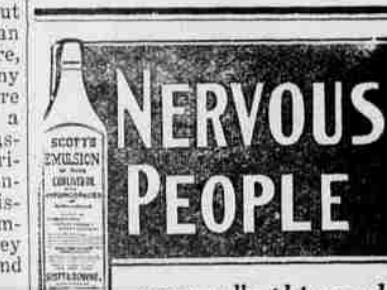
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