

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE  
LECTURES HEARD

Speaker Says Religion, Not Mere Belief, Is Craving of Modern Mankind.

BASIC PRINCIPLES SHOWN

Jacob Shield Declares Secret Lies in Ability to Turn Against Temptation to Recognize Pain and to Use Power God Has Given.

The ever-increasing interest in Christian Science was indicated last night when a throng that early filled the new edifice of the Second Church of Christ, Scientist, at East Sixth street and Holladay avenue, to hear a lecture on "Christian Science, the Religion of Divine Law," by Jacob S. Shield, C. S. B. of Chicago, Illinois, as Shield is a member of the Christian Science board of lecturership. For the benefit of those who did not hear the lecture last night, it will be repeated today at 8 and at 10 o'clock tonight in the same edifice.

E. W. Amesbury, in introducing the lecturer, said: "The fact is quite well established at this time that Christian Science is a religion of good works. The achievements of Christian Science are causing many to believe that the healing power of God—the God with whom there is no variableness nor shadow of turning—is as efficacious and available to mankind now as it was 19 centuries ago. While I am not a member of the Christian Science church, I gratefully acknowledge the physical and spiritual benefits which I have received from the study of this subject for over a year and a half.

Misconceptions by Public Cited.  
"My earliest favorable impressions of this truth were received when, in conversation with one whose understanding was clear, I learned that Christian Science is not a return to primitive Christianity. I learned in that interview to discard my prejudice, and a desire was quickened within me to know more of this new and true approach to God from the spiritual side.

"With the slight understanding gained in that conversation, I realized that I was not a member of the Christian Science church, but only to what I had thought it to be. I am also convinced that the unformed public entertains numerous misconceptions as to what Christian Science teaches."

Mr. Shield said, in part: "The message which I bear you is one of love. The Bible, in its fulfillment, as understood and practiced in Christian Science, that I would speak to you.

Practical Religion Attracts Many.  
The mosaic law, revealed to all men for a time from Sinai, which should govern man in his relationship to God, as well as his relation to his fellow men. Christ Jesus taught this same law, saying, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."

Christian Science accepts the law in all its completeness, as given to Moses and Christ Jesus.

Thoughtful men are beginning to realize that religion must be more than a mere belief. They are learning that it cannot be inherited, transferred nor adopted. It is not the chattel of a particular organization or church, and that it is not acquired by fasting or fasting.

They are asking for a more practical religion; for less dogmas and more love; less ritualism and more truth; less scholasticism and more truth.

Humility wants to know God—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—the God of the prophets and of Christ Jesus. Christian Science is a religion that satisfies this craving by giving men a scientific, demonstrable religion, a religion not so much of preaching as of living.

Only one man has lived upon this earth who can be regarded as a perfect or ideal thinker, the man Christ Jesus.

Many honest Christian people believe Jesus to be God, but it is their duty to pray and worship to him. Others disbelieve him entirely and use every possible argument to deny his divinity. He lived, worked, and the narratives relating to him, Christian Science corrects these widely differing beliefs.

Interpretations of Teachings Given.  
The Christian Science interpretations of the teaching and mission of Jesus conform to every detail to his own statements and to the teachings of the Apostles and the Scriptures in general—both the Old and the New Testaments.

That there is a divine law, wisdom and power which was never secret from the world, is evident by the marvelous demonstrations of Jesus.

Christian Science shows that Jesus comprehended this Godly wisdom. With it he was enabled to prove the vast difference between the mortal mind and immortal mind. His mission was, first, to demonstrate his own understanding of divine power and law, and second, to teach all men that the same power and law was universally available. He understood the law which leads man to the realization of eternal life. The world only knew the erroneous mortal mind law which leads to death.

The same law that Jesus used centuries ago is operative and available to-day. Divine law is always present and universal, because it is infinite.

No reference can be found in the Scriptures wherein Jesus ever said he was God. Indeed, quite the reverse is true, as is evident from the statement: "I can of mine own self do nothing."

The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Evil Evicts Healing Power.  
Jesus taught his disciples how to heal the sick and remove evil from the human system. He taught others, so that, as history records, the healing was practiced nearly three centuries after the crucifixion. He taught that evil, as a demon overshadowed by the evil in mortal mind that the human consciousness could not longer retain it.

Good thoughts, such as the childlike trust in God, kindness, love, gentleness, purity, honesty, uprighteousness, have money and beauty upon the body, while their opposites—trust in mortal mind, hate, jealousy, dishonesty, immorality, etc., express discord and sickness in the body.

What is true of the human body is also true of the body politic. A panic produces a rigid state in the arteries of trade, in the manufacturing and commercial centers, so that nothing seems to move without extreme pressure. The dictionaries define panic as "extreme or sudden causes, unreasonable fright." To cure such a condition, confidence must be restored. It was the great cry during the panic of 1907 that "everything would be righted if only the fear of the people could be relaxed."

Christians believe in a message said to be a prophetic people. No aspersion could be further from truth than that Christians believe in prayer without ceasing.

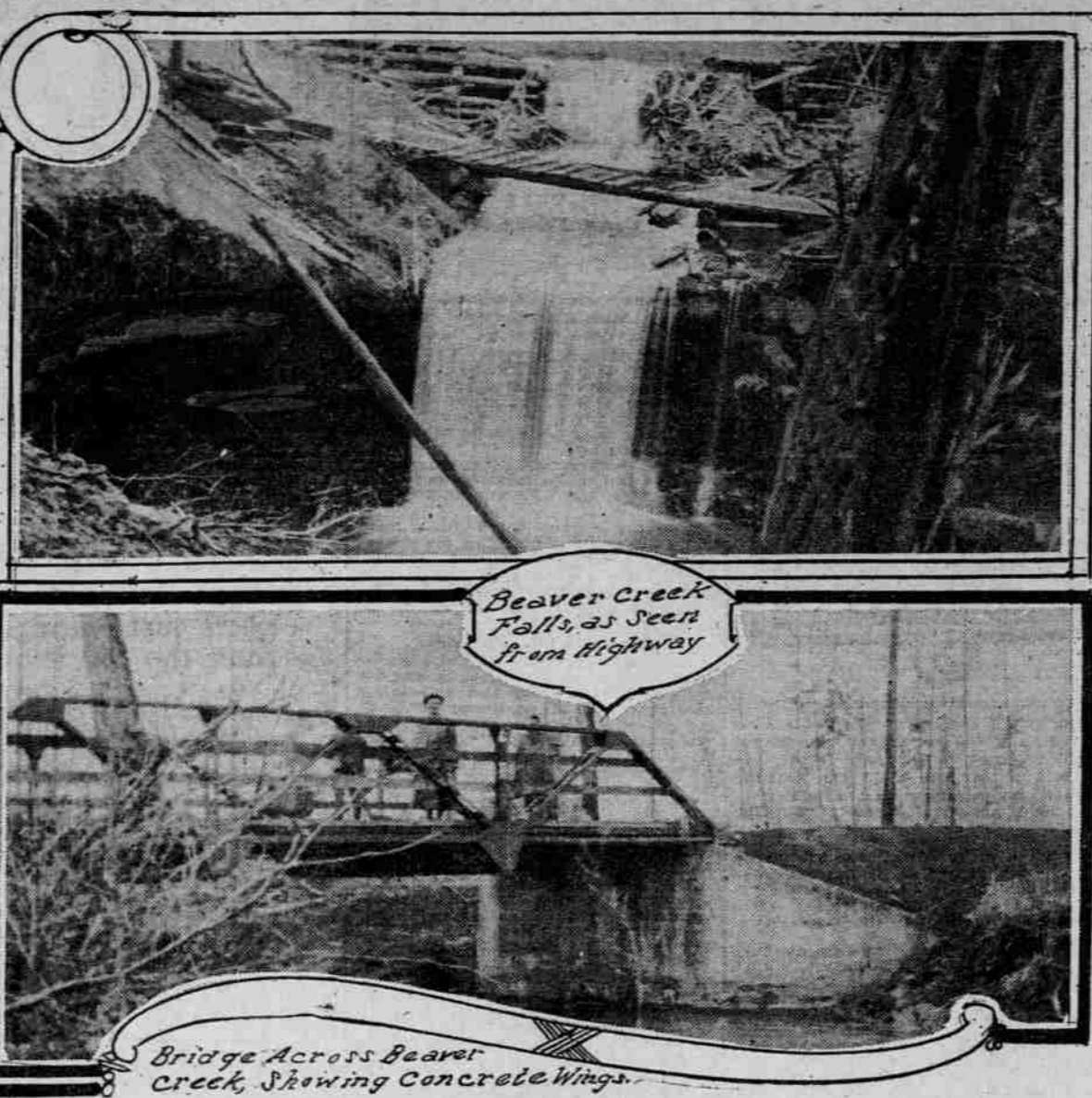
Scientists Believe in Prayer.  
Our prayer is not so much in supplication to God for help, but in knowledge of the good which he already has given. If one had a gold mine, filled with the precious metal, he would not think it consistent to pray for gold, but would expect to help himself to that which was already his. When a Christian Scientist is tempted to think of pain or sickness he immediately turns against it and declares for the allness, completeness and absolute perfection of God's creation, which is expressed in man.

Mrs. Eddy's first awakening to the divine healing power came to her when, from the effects of an accident, her recovery seemed beyond all earthly hope. Her early spiritual training tended to inspire confidence in the power of God to heal the sick, so when man reached his extremity and failed, she turned to God to verify that early confidence. Her healing was instantaneous!

Mrs. Eddy discovered the law of spiritual healing and brought the blessed message to the world that there is a comforter for every sorrow, however despairing; that there is a law of restoration for every fear and disease, a purification for every sin and a passport for every ill.

MISUNDERSTANDING OF FINANCES  
CAUSE OF COLUMBIA ROAD CRISIS

By Intimations of Aid by State, People Think They Were Duped Into Voting \$360,000 Bonds—Clash Comes When Engineer Says Funds Are Lacking and Restricts Work—Court Threatened, Adds Appropriation.



Beaver Creek Falls, as seen from highway.

Bridge across Beaver Creek, showing concrete wings.

THE differences and difficulties that have crept into Columbia County's efforts to improve its roads is apparent that the question of finance has been the proverbial root of nearly all the attending evil.

Misunderstandings have prevailed from the time the road improvements first were suggested. They have prevailed through all the subsequent developments and proceedings. They prevail today. It is most significant that all these misunderstandings are based upon the one underlying issue—finance.

The first misunderstanding developed at the time the county voted to bond itself for \$360,000 to build good roads, including the Columbia County link of the Columbia Highway.

In the campaign preceding the special bond election many good roads enthusiasts from Portland and from other parts of the state visited Columbia County and urged the people to vote for the bonds.

While it is not a matter of record just what inducements were held out to the Columbia County people, it is apparent now that many voters were led to believe that if the county bonded itself for \$360,000 the state would go forward duplicating that expenditure in Columbia County.

Aid by State Intimated.  
Although none of the volunteer good roads orators was authorized to make any promises on behalf of the state, it is certain that state aid was promised through such subtle expressions as "the state will do its share."

The average citizen of Columbia County is not satisfied with the money already spent there and will not consent to further expenditures until past performance are explained.

Columbia Highway Gets Only Part.  
When the county bonded itself it voted a debt of \$360,000, the full legal limit of 2 per cent on an assessed valuation of \$18,000,000. Of this sum, only \$250,000 was applied on the Columbia highway. The remaining \$110,000 was spent on the road between St. Helens and Vermilion and Pittsburg and on roads in the Nehalem Valley and in various other parts of the county.

It is generally admitted that the distribution of this money in other parts of the county than on the Columbia highway was for the purpose of catching the votes of people in the Nehalem Valley and in districts far removed from the river front, along which the new highway is being built.

On the other hand, it is apparent that many voters along the river were under the impression that the entire expenditure of \$360,000 was to be devoted to the Columbia highway.

The people in the southern end of the county had a plain understanding at the time of the bond election that the new highway was to be built through the entire length of the county from the Multnomah County line on the south to the Clatsop County line on the north.

It was believed that the road was to be built through the southern end of the county as well as through the northern end.

But when work actually started they learned that no new development was planned south of Tide Creek—that the existing road was to be used between Tide Creek and the Multnomah County line.

Clash Comes With Major Bowly.  
Naturally the people at St. Helens and Scappoose were disappointed.

It was at this point in the proceedings that the St. Helens people came into their first disagreement with Major Bowly, the state highway engineer.

Major Bowly told them that the \$250,000 available would not suffice to build the road all the way through the county. He said that the existing road south of Tide Creek was in good condition and that it could be used in connection with the new link in the highway until such time as funds would be available to build the highway through the whole county.

But a further misunderstanding arose when the contract was to be let. After computing the bids of the successful contractor it was learned that it would cost \$250,000 to build the road from Tide Creek to the Clatsop County line on the specifications laid down by the state engineer.

Now this computation of \$250,000 did not include a stroke of work south of Tide Creek. That part was to be allowed to remain for the future.

County Court Fixes Limit.  
The County Court informed Major Bowly that it would not sign a contract for more money than was available.

The highway engineer then decided to eliminate a piece of work at Goble, estimated to cost \$20,000, and another piece at Rainier, estimated to cost \$40,000. This, then, would require that only \$230,000 be expended on the main line between Tide Creek and Clatsop County.

This arrangement will require the use of the existing road immediately north of Rainier. This is a bar piece of road, which had to be put out of the way by automobile in the winter time and is in fairly good condition in the summer time. It is planked in strips, but the planks are old and in some places rotten. In places where it is not planked there are mud holes and other depressions that will not add to the pleasure of the tourist.

The new road planned by Major Bowly, and which had to be set out of the way for present development, avoids all this. It winds around the hill on a maximum grade of 5 per cent and connects with the new highway in the Beaver Creek Valley, about two miles out of Rainier.

The court decided to give \$55,000 on the road between St. Helens and the county road fund. Even then the recall would be dropped.

The court decided to appropriate the \$55,000, but denied that it was influenced by threats of the recall.

Here another misunderstanding arose. The recalled bill now says that they authorized the additional expenditure of \$55,000 that the money was to be used on the road south of Tide Creek—not on the highway.

It was then that a delegation of citizens from the northern end of the county visited the county court and asked that \$55,000 of the county road fund be applied on the highway. Even then the recall petitions against the old County Court were in circulation, and it was intimated that if the appropriation would be made, the recall would be dropped.

It is in this 20th century of advancement, people are too apt to listen to new theories and put into practice new-fangled notions of feeding. Not only do adults follow so-called "scientific systems," but they cram down the mouths of their children such scientific soft foods that require no exercise of the digestive organs, and the children are apt to become fragile and their stomachs too weak to take in strength-giving food and be able to assimilate it. This is a household condition that no man, woman or child should permit. The muscles of the stomach require exercise just as any other muscles of the body; neglect them with too much ease and inaction and you raise a dyspeptic. Use a tonic made of medicinal herbs which will stimulate the stomach into greater activity—a remedy which will bring it into a condition that no man, woman or child should permit. We refer to Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

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Under the annual road tax of 9.5 mills Columbia County raised, last year, approximately \$170,000 for special road purposes. The law provides that at least one-half of this be apportioned to the several road districts. The remaining one-half can be expended on any road designated by the County Court.

After the court had agreed to give \$55,000 to the highway fund, Major Bowly and others gained the impression that an additional \$40,000 would be forthcoming through the district apportionments, giving a total of \$95,000 in the Columbia Highway fund.

Major Bowly insists that \$95,000 was promised by the court. The old court officers say they never promised more than the \$55,000 and that that sum was to be expended south of Tide Creek.

Anyhow, the \$40,000 item never was appropriated.

Misunderstanding Not Cleared Up.  
This misunderstanding never has been clarified and probably never will be. Just how much of the money actually appropriated for the Columbia highway has been spent there has not been determined, as the work of the contractors has not been checked up.

The contractors are demanding their money and Major Bowly has had a corps of engineers at work for the last few months to find out how much is due the contractors. Major Bowly insists that when the final estimates are complete, Major Bowly told them that the \$250,000 available would not suffice to build the road all the way through the county. He said that the existing road south of Tide Creek was in good condition and that it could be used in connection with the new link in the highway until such time as funds would be available to build the highway through the whole county.

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PETITION FRAUD ACT UP

MEASURE BEFORE COUNCIL PROVIDES PAVING AFFIDAVITS. Aim of New Ordinance Is to Eliminate Possibility of Swindle—Owner's Own Idea Sought.

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For years the preferential paving petitions have caused trouble. Upon many occasions charges have been made that paving companies in their efforts to get the majority of property owners to sign petitions, stating that they are familiar with the contents of the petition and that they are receiving nothing for signing the petition.

By going into the concrete lamp post business the city is going to save \$12 on each one of a large number of light posts to be erected in Laurelhurst. Forms have been set up in the park and regular city workmen are to make the posts.

To purchase concrete posts would cost the city \$28 for each post. They can be made on the ground and set in place for \$16 each. When they are erected they will give the park a beautiful appearance. Each post will weigh 1200 pounds. They will line the walks and roadways of the park, according to a decorative scheme worked out by Park Superintendent Conwill.

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preference petitions show nothing regarding the wishes of the property owners. Mayor Albee says he believes the majority of the property owners should dictate as to the kind of pavement to be laid. He believes the system of affidavits will correct the trouble.

CITY TO BUILD LAMP POSTS

Standards for Laurelhurst Park to Cost \$16 Instead of \$28.

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street, received a fractured skull Sunday night when he was knocked down by an automobile while he was crossing the street at Front and Gibbs streets. The man was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital. The police did not learn the name of the chauffeur who drove the machine. Mr. Killingsland is an inspector for the Portland Gas & Coke Company.

Lister Signs Flag-Drill Bill. OLYMPIA, Wash., March 15.—The bill providing for weekly flag drills in all public schools was signed today by Governor Lister. He also signed the bill requiring students in the State University to pay tuition fees.



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