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Christian Science.

Roseburg PLAINDEALER,
To the EDITOR:
In your issue of July 5th, under heading "The Reaction of Christian Science" there is published by request an item from an eastern paper, giving detailed account of a lamentable incident which, it is claimed, befell a family of Illinois because of Christian Science and while the statement in general of this unfortunate occurrence may or may not be based on fact, it is but just to your readers as well as to Christian Science that some of the erroneous statements accredited to Christian Science at least should receive correction.

The item begins with the statement "Christian Science ought to keep a loss account as well as profit and reckon up the number of homes into which there comes misery and death through this false faith" and then continues with the rehearsal, a tale of "domestic happiness broken up," the neglect of ordinary precaution for a sick child by a mother who refused to allow an anxious father to administer medical remedies because she "would not recognize any disease or the danger of taking cold" with the result that the little one died and later the poor mother became insane by reason of her grief.

Such a tale, if authentic, is indeed one which may well excite the profound sympathy and regret of all readers including Christian Scientists who recognize in such pitiable occurrence not Christian Science but rather a woeful lack of the understanding of its teaching and its proper application.

As one who first received physical as well as spiritual benefit from Christian Science some fifteen years ago it has been the writer's privilege and opportunity to know somewhat of its teaching and observe its application and effect on the lives of men and women under varying conditions and in many committees, and it is affirmed with all truthfulness that Christian Science does not bring "misery" to the home nor "destroy domestic happiness" but rather does it promote the household peace, sympathy and affection in that it emphasizes the Golden Rule and teaches one to patiently and lovingly consider the rights of others as well as his own cherished desires, and should there arise, as in the case in point, a difference of opinion as to the best care of a child the Christian Science parent would in fulfillment of the spirit of teaching concede the other his equal right of control and allow a physician to be called though such a one would still confidently trust in the power of the Great Physician "who healeth all diseases."

It is a misapprehension of the teaching of Christian Science to imagine that its adherents "do not recognize any disease" as a condition of human experience, for the very presence and mission of this science bringing hope and health to mortals, shows an acknowledgment of the distressing condition in the lives of mortals and provides a practical means of release thereon.

The Christian Scientist's position on this subject of disease is well stated in the following paragraph from the text-book "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs. Eddy: "Sickness is neither imaginary nor unreal,—that is to the frightened, false sense of the patient. It is more than fancy, for it is solid conviction. It is therefore to be dealt with through right apprehension of the Truth of being."

By hundred of cases in almost every community Christian Science has proven that an understanding faith in the ever-operative law of God as revealed by the Founder of Christianity heals the sick today as surely as it did 19 centuries ago and that there is truly a science of health which man may know and confidently apply to the welfare of himself and all humanity. In this Christian Scientists are not discarding their former medical remedies because of emotion or fanatical adherence to a religious belief, but for the reason that by comparison with former experience they have proven the application of Christian Science not only brings them surest and most satisfactory results in physical health, but produces a God-given peace before unknown.

Christian Scientists willingly accord to every man the right to his own religious faith and opinion and recognize that usually there is underlying such condemnation of their doctrine as is expressed in the item in question, an earnest and evidently honest motive though such may seem influenced by prejudice and lack of charity and they are glad of every opportunity to present Christian Science in its true aspect in the hope that these misconceptions as to its precepts and practice may in due time be removed. Christian Scientists are most willing that the "profit" and "loss account" of their religion be kept and made the

basis of judging its merit or demerit for they are confident from the experience of their own lives that were "both sides of the ledger" made honestly evident to unbiased public though the few misapplied efforts and regrettable fatalities would sink into insignificance in comparison to the blessings of health and happiness it has brought to distressed humanity. Thanking you for your courtesy and space, I am Very Respectfully,
DAVID B. OGDEN,
State Correspondent.
Portland, Oregon, July 20, 1903.

Indicted for Slave Holding.

At Montgomery, after being in session since the first Tuesday in May, the United States grand jury which has been engaged in investigating the peonage cases in Alabama made its final report Friday, and was complimented by Judge Jones for "discharging its duty with fidelity, courage, high-minded conservatism" and for "standing up for humanity, liberty and law."

The jury found ninety-nine true bills for peonage and conspiracy, involving eighteen persons. "We regret to report in two counties of the district," says the report, "crimes have been committed by eighteen persons by which citizens of the state and of the United States were systematically despoiled of their rights and liberty, confined and made to work and not infrequently cruelly treated."

"Conspiracies in two localities were formed and carried out between justices of the peace, constables and employers of labor to convict ignorant and defenseless persons and to sell them into involuntary servitude, in order that the parties concerned might make a pecuniary profit out of this cowardly oppression of citizens."

"Trumped-up charges, in many instances, have been preferred before justices of the peace, who were members of these conspiracies against selected victims. Any inoffensive and ignorant person in these localities was liable to be thus arrested. Defendants were usually tried hurriedly, convicted without any regard to law or evidence and then sent out under officers to be sold."

Wild Dogs in Montana.

Chased for more than a mile by a pack of wild dogs, apparently a cross between the common dog and the wolf, Miss Gertie Sullivan, daughter of a sheep man living on Birch creek, near Havre, Mont., escaped only by spending the night in an old corral and picking off the animals now and then with a rifle. Miss Sullivan was riding her pony across the prairie, when she saw some distance away, perhaps twenty animals, which at first glance she took to be coyotes.

As they came nearer, evidently in pursuit of her, the girl saw they were not coyotes but wild dogs, of which there are several small packs in northern Montana and just over the Canadian line.

It became a ride for life with Miss Sullivan. She had with her a small rifle, but the animals seemed so savage she dared not stop and give them battle. As she began to despair of escaping she sighted the old sheep corral, and toward this she ran with her horse, reaching it only when the pack was but a short distance away. To enter with the pony and quickly close the gate was the work of a moment.

Snapping and snarling, the dogs tore at the poles forming the stockade, but were unable to gain an entrance. The girl began shooting at the animals, which retreated when she fired and returned to the attack when the rifle was silent.

Miss Sullivan was found by her father and brother, who were seeking her the next morning and quite a number of dead wild dogs were lying around the corral.

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