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MY ANSWER TO VITUPERATION.

BERT R. GREER.

IT IS FLOURISHING SOME.

Yes, the Tidings is "flourishing some," and the "girl bookkeeper" and "boy inspector" both get their wages regularly every Saturday.

The crowds in the park on April 2 indicated that the whole city of Ashland was about to "flourish some." And the crowds of strangers now coming here every day indicate that Ashland is going to "flourish some" more. The remodeling and new addition to the Oregon Hotel indicate some "flourishing." The men who were here from Los Angeles Wednesday looking for suitable grounds upon which to build several new bungalows to be rented furnished to tourists indicate some more "flourish." The new Oregon Hotel, filled to the brim with guests Thursday night, indicates some more "flourish." Everything in Ashland is beginning to "flourish" except the Ashland Record, and we have the greatest hope that it may flourish too.

OLCOTT'S REPUBLICANISM.

(Oregon Voter.)

When a man's party affiliation is so obscured by his efficiency as a public officer that the editor of The Voter inadvertently referred to him as a democrat instead of a republican, the circumstances may be taken as an unusual indication of able administration. Such is the case of Ben W. Olcott, secretary of state, erroneously referred to by The Voter in last week's issue as a democrat. Mr. Olcott is and always has been a republican. His selection for office was not based upon partisan considerations, and his success in office certainly was not due to political organization. As a partisan he simply has been one of the rank and file of the republican party; he has not been prominent as a political organizer; he simply has been a plain adherent of republican principles, but has been filling his state office as a representative of the whole people, administering its affairs without regard to political considerations. The Voter's inadvertence was an unintended compliment to Mr. Olcott's special fitness for re-election, and while inexcusable from an editorial point of view, it was a mistake which carried with it a significant lesson.



A Lecture on Christian Science

(By Virgil O. Strickler, C. S., a member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.)

Thursday night at the Elks Temple E. V. Carter introduced Virgil O. Strickler to a large audience which had gathered to hear the noted lecturer discuss Christian Science. He spoke as follows:

As it becomes more generally understood that through the ministry of Christian Science people are being healed of sickness, sin, unhappiness, worry, fear, and other discordant conditions, there is an ever-increasing desire upon the part of the general public to learn how these results are accomplished. It is the purpose of this lecture to explain how Christian Science does these things. There is no mystery about Christian Science healing, nor is it difficult to understand. It can be stated without any reservation whatever that every person who is willing to do so may learn how to heal sickness and to destroy the desire to sin for himself and others through Christian Science.

Investigate Subject With Open Eyes.

In approaching the investigation of this subject one should do so with an open mind. Christian Science is producing certain very definite and very beneficial results, and it behooves every thinking person to try to understand how they are accomplished. No progress will be made by closing one's eyes to the facts and blindly denying their existence. Neither will it serve any useful purpose to attempt to minimize what Christian Science has already accomplished. The honest investigator who desires to know the truth about the matter will take the case as it stands. He will waste no time in fruitless bickering over established facts, but will strive to understand how the healing and regeneration are brought about.

Both in the medical profession and among the clergy there are many such open-minded students, with the result that some eminent physicians are now sending to Christian Science practitioners those of their patients who do not recover under medical treatment; while many clergymen are openly declaring from their pulpits that the fruits of Christian Science are good, and not a few of them have left their pulpits to become Christian Science practitioners. These facts are worthy of serious consideration. If it is true that Christian Science is teaching people how to rise above sinful appetites and desires, and how to be healthy and happy, then surely it is the greatest and most vital thing that can engage human thought. That Christian Science does these things to some extent at least is no longer an open question, and the proof of it is to be found in the practical benefits that have come to its adherents.

Many Different Religious Beliefs.

Another fact that should be taken into account by every earnest investigator of Christian Science is that there are many different kinds of religions in existence at the present time. It is said that there are more than two hundred different kinds of the Christian religion alone, not to mention the hundreds of other forms of religions that are not Christian. It is a fact that people do entertain widely differing religious beliefs. In many instances the differences are irreconcilable, and yet every one believes with all of the sincerity of which he is capable that his own particular beliefs are true. It must be conceded that, in the main, all people are equally honest and equally sincere in their religious beliefs. The only reason why they are grouped together in different forms of religions is because they honestly believe that through their own particular form of religion they will find the good which they so earnestly desire.

As one considers the subject of religion from this broad viewpoint it becomes entirely plain that most of the people in the world are believing as their religion many things that are not true.

There is only one truth about any subject, although there may be many erroneous beliefs about it. This is as true of religious subjects as of others. If one believes erroneously as to what is the law he will not be a safe lawyer, nor will he be an efficient engineer if his beliefs concerning the rules of mathematics are faulty. In each case erroneous beliefs must be displaced by positive knowledge before correct results can be attained.

Every one will recognize not only the desirability, but the necessity, of exchanging false and erroneous beliefs about religious matters for positive truth. In no other way can he grow spiritually. Spiritual truth is the truth about spiritual things, but as long as one believes erroneously about spiritual things he is on a false track and his erroneous beliefs will

deprive him of the benefits that would otherwise come to him through a correct understanding of the truth. Likewise, if one wraps around himself the robes of self-satisfaction, and maintains that there is no spiritual truth outside his own beliefs, he is not likely to progress. He should remember that Jesus proved that there is enough spiritual truth in existence that can be taught to and understood by human beings to enable them to heal the sick and raise the dead, and no one should be satisfied until he has attained to this understanding and demonstration.

True religion consists of spiritual truth, and not of erroneous beliefs, hence it follows that one's religion is limited to the amount of spiritual truth he knows, and that erroneous religious beliefs are only so many delusions that serve no other purpose than to obstruct spiritual growth.

Moreover, it is plain that since religion in its true sense is spiritual truth, it necessarily follows that real religion and real science are one and the same, for truth whenever and wherever found is capable of proof by demonstration. Hence the term, Christian Science, is perfectly correct, for it is a statement of the spiritual truth composing the Christian religion, and, as such, it may be proved by demonstration in healing sickness and destroying sin.

The trouble with most of us has been that we have believed erroneously without knowing it. In my own case it was not until Christian Science came to me and taught me the difference between spiritual truth and erroneous human belief that I learned how to dissect my own beliefs. No one could be more certain of the correctness of his religious beliefs than I was of mine at that time. I had been believing honestly and sincerely many things that I found could not possibly be true. Many scales began to fall from my eyes, and I then commenced to learn and experience for the first time the real significance of the words used by Jesus in the eighth chapter of John, when he said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

What Christian Science Seeks to Accomplish.

Christian Science aims to destroy erroneous religious beliefs by substituting a knowledge of truth in place thereof, and to destroy out of the human mind all evil qualities by planting good qualities in their stead. It wages relentless warfare against all wrong mental qualities. It seeks to substitute love in place of hate, unselfishness in place of selfishness, honesty in place of dishonesty, and truth in place of error. It lays tremendous emphasis upon the necessity for "bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (II. Cor. 10:5), as the Bible commands. It shows that the cause of all disease and sin is mental, and not physical, and that both sickness and sin are destroyed by the evangelization of the human mentality with truth and love. It teaches without any reservation whatever that the truth taught and practiced by Jesus, when understood and applied, is sufficient without drugs or any material means to heal the sick and regenerate the sinner, and Christian Scientists everywhere are engaged daily in demonstrating and proving this to be true.

Every student of religion should begin to give heed to what the Bible teaches concerning the importance of looking to the mental rather than to the physical for deliverance from human discord. We read in Romans viii. 6, 7, "To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither, indeed, can be." Again in Philippians ii. 5 it is said, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus;" and in Romans xii. 2, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind."

These significant statements from the Scriptures leave no room for doubt as to the cause of sin, disease and death, or their cure. The carnal mind is nothing more nor less than the unregenerated human mind. It is the human mind in its natural state, when filled with hatred, selfishness, deceit, dishonesty, and other evil qualities, and with superstition and false beliefs. These evil and erroneous mental qualities result in sin, disease and death, and in all human discord.

The command is to get rid of erroneous mental qualities, and to have in us "the mind which was also in Christ Jesus," for in his mind there was not a single sinful quality, nor any superstition or false religious belief. Thus the human mind is renewed by the destruction of erroneous and sinful mental qualities, and the substitution in their place of qualities that inhere in the mind of the Master.

As this renewing process goes on, sickness, suffering, and discordant conditions begin to disappear, and

when it is finished, and every mortal thought has been brought into subjection to Christ, then man will be transformed from a sinning, suffering mortal into a state of peace and harmony. The carnal mind with its sin and superstition produces the conditions that lead to death, while to be spiritually minded, that is to have the mind that was in Christ Jesus, "is life and peace." Christian Science teaches that this is the precise process by which human beings are saved from sickness and sin.

It will thus be seen that Christian Science healing in every case is spiritual, and results from the operation of Truth or divine Principle in human consciousness, and not from the action of one human mind upon another, nor from human will, nor from hypnotism, nor from mental suggestion.

To summarize the matter in a single sentence, it can be said that Christian Science healing is accomplished through the activity of right thinking and right living, and in no other way can one demonstrate the Principle that heals.

Honest Skepticism About Healing By Spiritual Means.

Although the healing of physical and mental diseases by spiritual means was widely practiced, both in Old Testament and New Testament times, and was expressly commanded by Jesus, and, although Christian Science during the last fifty years has actually healed in this way large numbers of people from all kinds of physical and mental diseases, there are still a great many people who honestly find it difficult to understand how it is possible for the sick to be healed without drugs, and entirely by spiritual means. Even among those who profess to believe in the Bible and in the omnipotence of God, there are many who have honest doubts that the power of God is sufficient or available to deliver from sickness, and these doubts often prevent the effort to gain an understanding of the way by which spiritual healing is accomplished.

To all such it can be said that Jesus healed the sick without drugs, and, what is more important to us, he taught other people how to do so, thus proving that his method of healing physical disease by spiritual means could be taught to others, and understood and practiced by them.

As the disciples walked up and down the country with Jesus, listening to his explanations of spiritual truth, and watching him apply this truth to human needs as he healed the leper, the lame, the deaf, the blind, whom he met by the wayside, they began to understand for the first time that divine Love is adequate to meet every human need, and that Jesus has come to teach the way whereby every one might learn how to prove it.

Some of the disciples seemed to grasp this truth and the manner of its demonstration very slowly, but to them all there finally came a time when Jesus considered that they had made sufficient progress to prove it for themselves. He then sent them forth with the command that they heal the sick, cleanse the lepers and raise the dead, and the Bible records that they were able to do so.

Later these same disciples taught the Principle of spiritual healing which they had learned from Jesus to their own disciples, and history shows that on down through a period of about ten generations the healing of the sick by spiritual means continued to be a part of the regular ministry of the Christian church, and that the dead were raised during the first and second centuries. Moses and the prophets also healed the sick and raised the dead and did many other wonderful works in demonstration of the power of spirit to meet human needs, and the Old Testament is filled with such instances.

It will thus be seen that the knowledge of spiritual truth, and the method of its application to deliver people from sickness, sin, and every kind of evil human condition, has reappeared upon the earth at many times, and it is claimed for Christian Science that it is the reappearance in our own generation of the understanding of the same spiritual law that was

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known and understood in part by Moses and the prophets, and which was perfectly understood and demonstrated by Jesus, and by him taught to his disciples. There is no mystery about it, and the results produced by Christian Science are the results which have always followed, and must necessarily follow, from the apprehension and demonstration of spiritual truth. Christian Science is nothing more nor less than a return to primitive Christianity, and every one who turns to it fairly and honestly will find in it that which will satisfy his spiritual aspirations and meet his human needs.

Mrs. Eddy's Discovery of Christian Science.

Mrs. Eddy is acknowledged to be the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, and many people ask what it is that she has discovered. In reply it can be said that she has discovered the Law of Spirit which is Spiritual Truth.

In the material realm many material laws have been discovered. Sir Isaac Newton, for instance, observed the movements of material bodies, and conceived the idea that such movements were governed by a law which he afterwards discovered and named the law of gravitation. This law can not be seen with the physical eyes, but its existence can be proved in other ways. Likewise, Marconi gained the idea that another law existed, and he said that if he could discover it he would be able to transmit messages by its agency from one part of the earth to another without any material wires. That law has always existed and has always operated, but it was not until it was discovered that it became available for human use. It can not be seen by the human eye, but anyone may now learn how to utilize it.

In much the same way there was born in the consciousness of Mrs. Eddy the idea that there exists a law of spirit. She had observed that sometimes great suffering and distress were produced by material laws, and that even whole communities were devastated and destroyed by their operation, hence she came to the conclusion that a God who possesses infinite wisdom and goodness could not operate through laws that produce both good and evil. She, therefore, came to the conclusion that God is governing his children and his universe through spiritual laws and not through material laws.

Mrs. Eddy also studied the miracles in the Old and New Testaments, and came to the inevitable conclusion that all of those transactions were correlated by means of an underlying spiritual law that has been known

and understood by the men who wrought them, and she said that if she could discover the law it would be found to operate in the same manner now as in Bible times; that it would be a healing law, and would now heal people of sickness and sin and every evil human condition the same as then.

This idea grew and expanded in her consciousness until it became the compelling motive of her entire life. In the year 1866 she discovered the law of spirit, and named it Christian Science. After waiting nine years, during which time she subjected the Principle that she had discovered to the broadest practical tests in healing sickness and other forms of human discord, she published a statement of Christian Science in a book which she entitled "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures." This book is now everywhere recognized as the only text-book of Christian Science. A great religious movement has formed around its teachings, which in one generation has girdled the earth with its churches. The spread of Christian Science has been phenomenal, and in every case its growth has resulted from the healing of the sick. Every adherent of Christian Science has actually been healed of some sickness, disease or sinful appetite, and most of them have been healed of many such conditions. These facts are easily verified, and are worthy of very serious consideration.

Spiritual Law.

Mrs. Eddy discovered the law of Spirit as truly as Sir Isaac Newton discovered the law of gravitation, and this fact should be thoroughly understood. Just as Newton discovered that the movements of material bodies were regulated and governed by this material law, so Mrs. Eddy discovered the Principle that governs the entire universe, including every detail in the lives of men. That supreme, creative, governing, omnipresent Mind or Principle, is God, the only Cause, the only Creator, the only Ruler of man and the universe.

When we watch water flowing over the land we see that without hesitation or delay it always selects the low places. All fresh water is continually striving to reach the sea, where it will be at rest. In choosing its course it measures the topography of the ground more accurately and more quickly than the engineer could do with his instruments. No embodied mind is present to tell it where to go, but there is an unerring, invisible law everywhere present directing its movement, and always guiding it in the true course.

If such perfect law exists to guide

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The Fallacy of Paraffine Base: Eastern oil manufacturers have long extolled the superior virtues of paraffine-base motor oils. But Pacific Coast motorists have proved that Zerolene, made from selected California crude, asphalt-base, gave best results. Their experience is now supported by the testimony of international experts. Lieut. Bryan stated before the Am. Soc. of Naval Engineers: "Oils made from the asphalt-base crudes have shown themselves better adapted to motor cylinders, as far as their carbon-forming proclivities are concerned, than are paraffine-base Pennsylvania oils." Zerolene received highest competitive awards, San Francisco and San Diego Expositions. Dealers everywhere and at service stations and agencies of the Standard Oil Company.

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