

MRS. EDDY MOTHER OF SCIENCE CULT

Rev. Vosburgh Says Noted Leader Is Real Discoverer of Faith Healing.

WAS POSSESSED OF HELPFUL DIVINE POWER

Member of Boston Church Asserts That Healing Through Prayer Is Centuries Old—Christ Proved That Universe Is Spiritual.

Rev. Arthur Reeves Vosburgh, C. S. R., of Rochester, New York, delivered his lecture, "The Idealism of Jesus," a treatise upon the teachings of Christian Science, at the Helling theatre yesterday afternoon. The lecturer is a member of the Christian Science board of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston.

"It is a matter of common knowledge," said the speaker, "that Mary Baker Eddy is the discoverer of Christian Science, and that this discovery came about through her own healing, that came through the touch of divine power, when human resources could offer neither help nor hope.

Spiritual Healing Centuries Old.

"It is by no means a thing anomalous and unprecedented in Christian history that one should be healed through faith, in answer to prayer. It is a matter of authentic record that spiritual healing was known in the work of Wesley and his early followers, among the Quakers, or Friends, among the Scotch Covenanters. Luther healed his young friend Melancthon. All down through the process of the Christian centuries, ages eliminating everything that seems to bear the stamp of fanaticism or superstition, there yet remains in the Christian church a continuous record of those who came so near to God that in the hour of need they proved that He is one who not only forgiveth all our iniquities, but who healeth all our diseases.

"We read of a man who once healed the sick and raised the dead; who turned water into wine, walked the waves, out of a handful of loaves and fishes fed the assembled thousands; who finally came and went through closed doors, appeared and disappeared,

and at last passed hence, not through the gateway of death, but through the unfolding portals of eternal life.

"What would God's Universe seem to us to be, could we gain his insight and secure his point of view? For what must have been his sense of the real power that lies back of chemical activity and chemical affinity, when he turned water into wine? What must have been his relation to the elements and forces about him when he stilled the storm and walked the wave? What was his conception of the nature of life when he healed the sick and raised the dead? And what his understanding of the law of mind when, with a spoken word or an unuttered thought, he restored the lunatic and demoniac to rational poise and power?

"From all these mighty workings we can be sure of this: That Jesus understood that the government of the Universe is constituted in spiritual power and spiritual law; but this is only another way of saying that Jesus understood that the real universe is spiritual, and not material.

"Christian Science has not only established itself in the United States and Canada, but in all the great divisions of the earth. In England 10 years ago there were but two copies of Mrs. Eddy's book, "Science and Health." These were in the British museum and in the Westminster library. Today, in London there are three large growing churches. The largest of these will this year complete a church edifice with a seating capacity of 15,000."

THREE HOME DESTROYERS

Extravagance, Intemperance and Divorce Responsible for Wrecks.

Extravagance, intemperance and the divorce rod are the three destroyers of the home, said Rev. Francis Burgett Short at the Taylor street Methodist church last night, discussing "The Old Homestead and Its Destroyers." Dr. Short said that any one of the three things named would destroy the home if it were given admission. Extravagance, he said, might be of money, health or time. Many a home is ruined by the extravagance of a husband, or the desire of a wife to conform to style.

Intemperance has destroyed more homes than both the extravagance and divorce evils combined, said the speaker. "Marriage is the most sacred relation into which two people can possibly enter, and as such it needs to be guarded both by the church and by the state."

HARM IN DANCING

Rev. Bentzian Says It Is Principal Cause Women's Ruin.

"The ordinary man who follows the dance would no more think of going to the ball and dancing all night with his

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wife than he would think of going out into the back yard and splitting wood all night by moonlight simply for amusement." This was stated by Rev. John Bentzian at the White Temple last night while answering the question "Is there any harm in dancing?" Dr. Bentzian read an extract from a letter from T. A. Faulkner, formerly a dancing master, in which it was stated that of 200 fallen women from whom Faulkner obtained a statement, dancing had caused the downfall of 163, drink given them at home had ruined 20, neglect and abuse 7 and voluntary choice 10. The speaker continued: "All will agree that there is a harmful dance, a dance of death. You know the attitude, more and more bold, more and more suggestive of evil, and the dancers swing off the edge of decent life into eternal ruin."

EXPECT OPPOSITION TO STREET PARK PLAN

East Side Clubs Will Meet Tomorrow Night to Discuss City Improvement.

The regular meeting of the United East Side clubs will be held tomorrow night, Tuesday, May 14, at the bureau of information, East Morrison and East Third streets. Discussion of charter amendments and other provisions to be passed upon by the people at the coming June election will be continued.

The park proposition is by far the most important of any of these initiative measures to be discussed tomorrow evening. Much opposition to this measure has developed among those who live in the outer suburbs, who think that the city is in need of improvements of more immediate and apparent benefit to them. There will be a big fight for the park plan, but the United East Side clubs will probably not make a decision regarding it before election.

The clubs have already indorsed the Madison street bridge measure, which they consider the most important one on the list. They have also indorsed the new street plan, which provides for the district improvement of all streets, with an increased number of names to render a remonstrance effective. The clubs have indorsed the water amendment calling for a new pipe line to Bulkhead and the establishment of meters. They have indorsed the proposition to build a new fire boat, but have condemned the provision going along with this measure for "dry" mains.

On nearly all other matters there is considerable difference of opinion. There will probably be one other meeting before the amendments are voted upon in fine.

BAKER MAN WILL STAR IN "THE RIGHT OF WAY"

Guy Standing Will Take Leading Part in Dramatization of Famous Story.

Guy Standing, once leading man for the Baker stock company of this city, is to be starred by Klaw & Erlanger, the great theatrical syndicate of New York. Mr. Standing is now leading man with Alla Nazimova, the Russian actress.

He has been engaged by Klaw & Erlanger and Joseph Brooks to play the part of Charlie Steele in Eugene W. Presbrey's dramatic version of Sir Gilbert Parker's novel, "The Right of Way," which will be presented in October. At the conclusion of his engagement with Miss Nazimova, Mr. Standing will go to London to play an important role in a new production. While there he will consult with Sir Gilbert Parker in reference to his character in "The Right of Way." The opening date will be Montreal, October 7. The production, which, it is said, will be one of the most conspicuous of the coming season, will receive its New York premiere at a Broadway theatre in November. Other engagements for this play are Theodore Roberts, May Buckley, Bernice Golder Henderson, Paula Gloy, J. Tuohy, Alexander Keady, Louise Le Bey, Mignon Beranger and Henry J. Hadfield.

PERSONAL

Miss Mary E. Webb of this city, who has been at Valdez, Alaska, for the past several months, has returned to Portland. Miss Webb was acting as surgical nurse in the hospital of Dr. E. C. Dalton while in Alaska.

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