

Christian Science Lecture

A lecture on Christian Science entitled "Christian Science: The True Standard of Right," delivered Sunday at the Auditorium by Mrs. E. J. Eddy, member of the Board of Lecturers of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

An ex-mayor of New York declared not long ago that "a person who wants to be honest nowadays must be a crank on honesty." That is just a forebode of the present conflict between good and evil, and the extent to which one must go to maintain his standard of right. Nations and individuals have been aroused as never before to combat a movement commonly known as Bolshevism; and while armed forces have gathered to oppose its military encroachments, its mental forces of demoralization in business and society operate apparently unhindered. But there is a remedy for such hidden evils in the promised Comforter which Jesus described, not as a person, but as the "Spirit of truth," which "will guide you into all truth."

When Christian Science brought a return of primitive Christian healing, it raised that standard of truth which makes us free in mind and in body. I remember, when a child, with what amazement I first discovered that some people do not always speak the truth; and I remember my perplexity as I began to be told how to detect falsehood in ordinary conversation. My difficulty gradually disappeared as I began to learn in Christian Science that a right sense of honesty, based upon Principle, is a keen detective of dishonest motives. We sometimes speak of that natural discernment, as intuition; for intuition is the expressed intelligence of spiritual qualities.

An intelligent pagan of education and refinement may be found denying the ordinary canons of honesty, because he has learned that honesty will serve his best interests; therefore he will be found at the altar of honesty. Thus a man's standard of honesty is not the Christian God, or the divine Principle of honesty; for he worships a god fashioned by the hand of man. So long as he has no Principle, he can have no real qualities derived from Principle, and therefore no real sense of honesty. Thus a man's standard of right depends entirely upon the nature of the God he worships.

In her book, "Fundamental Divine Science," Mrs. Eddy answers the question, "What is the Principle of Christian Science?" in these words: "It is God, the Supreme Being, Infinite and immortal Mind, the Soul of man and the universe. It is our Father which is in heaven. It is substance, Spirit, Life, Truth, and Love—these are the deific Principle."

The Founder of Christianity repudiated the notion that Satan could cast out Satan, and gave as a reason that a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. He once spoke of a certain woman who had been bowed together 18 years "and could in no wise lift up herself," as a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan had bound, to, these 18 years. He healed her immediately by the power of God, and it was on the Sabbath day. The Christian God therefore does not send disease. He is, in other words, the divine Principle of our health and holiness.

It is not at all uncommon for devout Christians to be healed because their study of the Bible opens to them a more correct view of God, Calvin, Knox, Wesley and other Christian worthies have manifested wonderful healing power, as their prayers lifted thought to glimpse God's true nature. Such child-like qualities as humility, spiritual receptivity and teachableness communicate those heavenly blessings to human consciousness.

ness. So it is recognized as a Christian duty to instruct the receptive thought of the child in the saving grace of God. It was this Christian culture that Mrs. Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, received from her mother; for Mrs. Eddy was taught from her youth to look to God for deliverance in every time of trouble.

Mrs. Eddy is known to thousands of grateful men and women throughout the world to be the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, and because of that, she commands our profoundest reverence and gratitude.

It was my privilege to know something of her as a loving, unselfish woman, the kindest friend I ever had. My father was a deep student of the Bible, and when Christian Science healed two members of our family, he began the study of this Science and became an earnest Christian Scientist. For many years my parents were closely associated with Mrs. Eddy, who was their pastor, teacher and friend. At one time Mrs. Eddy spent a week at our home, and I then had the opportunity of seeing her to be gentle, affectionate woman, interested in our pets and problems, laughing with us and sympathizing with us, yet always mindful of her great mission to suffering humanity.

Possibly the first step in gaining the Science of Christian healing came with her ability to detect in her own mind the difference between the thoughts which come from divine Principle, and the aggressive suggestions of the flesh, which St. Paul classified as the carnal mind; for he said, "To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Here are two opposite sources of thinking, as opposite as God and Satan. The thoughts coming from God express the joy and harmony of life; but the suggestions of the carnal mind seek to drag one down to sin and death.

Of all the systems of religion or philosophy known to men, none but the teachings of Christ Jesus and of Christian Science ever have held consistently to the one spiritual viewpoint. These teachings, moreover, are the only religions that have ever demonstrated the divine power to heal physical sickness as well as sin. A single sentence in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, presents the process of reasoning by which Mrs. Eddy gained that healing power. It is as follows: "Reasoning from cause to effect in the Science of Mind, we begin with Mind, which must be understood through the Met which expresses it, cannot be learned from the opposite matter." This is indeed the rule of logic which bases the teachings of Christian Science.

Scarcely any one listened at first to the teaching and preaching of Jesus, but multitudes thronged him for the healing. The lessons he gained from those experiences are summarized with matchless simplicity in the first and second Beattitudes of the Sermon on the Mount. "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Here Jesus pronounces a blessing on those who have begun to turn from matter and yearn for heaven. They respond naturally to spiritual truth wherever spoken, and that spiritual receptivity, which is born of God, opens the way to heavenly harmony.

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." In the second Beatitude, Jesus considers those who have learned through suffering to turn from matter. Their suffering had prepared them for the Christ healing which

brings them greater comfort than mere release from physical ills. It brings the peace and harmony of God's kingdom, making the comfort as abiding as is the kingdom itself.

These two groups of people seem to be the only ones ready for the kingdom. But Jesus is not unmindful that they are still on probation. Their blessing thus far has been partly the work of others, as when a child first begins to walk; for one group was helped along by a preacher, and the other by a healer. Now they must learn to walk alone. The only way by which they can gain the divine power for themselves is through the quality of meekness. "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Dominion over all the earth is gained, not through matter or the human will, but through the divine idea of meekness. Considered as a group, the receptivity that leads to heaven, the yearning that gains divine comfort, and the meekness that achieves divine power, are all ideas of God. Through these ideas, we perceive God's true nature, and we gain perfection by remonstrating these ideas.

The divine power which can do good, but not evil, has been interpreted in Mrs. Eddy's book, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, with such clearness and simplicity, that it is a frequent occurrence with the sick and the sinning to be healed by reading this book. The last chapter of Science and Health contains one hundred pages of testimonials by those who have been healed of organic and functional diseases simply by reading and studying this book.

It should be perfectly evident that one can never suffer from aught that comes from the spiritual Mind, for that Mind brings only life and peace. If he suffer at all, then, it must come from the carnal mind, which is sin and death, and it must be by reason of his belief that God is afar off, which really is not true. Suffering, then, is really just a false belief about God's absence; for when one realizes God's ever presence, the belief disappears and the healing Presence appears.

The belief is a power apart from God, which seems to be the term "Satan" in the Bible. "It changed the truth of God into a lie," according to St. Paul, "and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator." Its mental occultism was employed by the magicians and sorcerers to oppose the works of Moses and Jesus, the prophets and apostles. The modern exponents of animal magnetism are known as mesmerism, hypnotism, spiritualism, theosophy and such like. These systems all employ some form of vibratory suggestion, or transmission of thought, all of which is the product of the carnal mind, which St. Paul denominated sin and death. Only a finite belief of mind would need to be transferred from one place to another, and since it believes in the absence of God, it must be a false belief.

The mental qualities, or fruits of the Spirit, which come from God cannot be hypnotized. Know ye not, says St. Paul, "that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey: whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" Evil suggestions therefore can have no government over an individual unless he willingly and voluntarily yields his obedience to them.

It is the nature of evil to claim autocratic power. This thought of autocracy seems to develop along two distinct lines: one through the autocracy of the individual, and the other through the autocracy of the masses. The autocracy of the masses is well expressed today in a movement known as Bolshevism. This movement is the will of the flesh, organized to war against "the fruit of the Spirit." It is an attempt to undermine the law and order which sustain the State, the church and the home. Let us

Journal Man Sees England C. A. Beals Writes Impressions

Portland Writer Records Observations of Walking Trip Through Island Kingdom.



Clyde A. Beals

"England is slowly but surely using the thunder of its radicals. The only thing that is keeping her from startling the world with some revolutionary change is the multiplicity of ideas. Evolution is being spurred by the flow of emergencies." So writes Clyde A. Beals, former staff member of The Journal, who is spending some time in England under a traveling scholarship awarded by the Pulitzer school of Journalism of Columbia University.

Beals has made an extensive walking trip through England and has had the opportunity of meeting a variety of men and women in public life. After the first of the year he plans to spend two months in France, two months in Italy and one month in Germany, making walking trips in each country.

Beals has written for The Sunday Journal a series of articles narrating his experiences, the first of which will be published next Sunday.

Beals did his first newspaper work on The Journal as Reed college correspondent. After being graduated he joined the editorial staff, to which he returned after a period of army

service, again leaving to take a graduate course in journalism at Columbia.

suppose for the moment that such a movement were to gain its object: the result would be the reign of disorder and lawlessness, disintegrating our most cherished institutions. It would mean the reign of immorality, adultery, envy, hatred and strife, which are the works of the flesh, and which have no part in the kingdom of God. It would sow the seed of discord, disintegration, destruction and dissolution, which are really the elements of death. Bolshevism, therefore, can have no other meaning than the ravages of death in business and society.

Nothing definite or positive can be accomplished from any standpoint but that of God Himself. The heaven towards which the Bolshevik aims is the final destruction of all law, a condition in which God is eliminated and materialism reigns. To the Christian Scientist, on the other hand, heaven is gained not by the destruction of law, but by the fulfilling of law under the supremacy of the God who is Love; for "Love," declared St. Paul, "is the fulfilling of the law."

The Christian Scientist learns through divine Love to heal the sick and the sinning and to establish a heavenly home here and now. The healing is demonstrated with such regularity and consistency that it proves the presence and operation of a fundamental law. More over, this law is so tangible and self-evident that it can be not only understood, but taught to others. Such a demonstrable law may be called the science of Principle which we call God. By the footsteps of healing, even the Bolshevik may be led to recognize the presence of law and its governing Principle. He may even experience the heavenly harmony

of obedience to the law of Love. Then he will have attained the only true freedom; for "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty." The liberating Truth which establishes health and harmony "on earth as it is in heaven," is indeed the promised Comforter, which Christian Science reveals and demonstrates.

Miss Muni Cipal, Stray Pup, Given Offer of Adoption

Miss Muni Cipal, the 3-months-old pup that recently adopted the city hall as her official home and took the city hall family to her bosom, to be later unceremoniously removed to the County Humane society's kennels, has been offered a home.

City Health Officer Parrish, has received the following communication: "Dear Mr. Parrish: Noticing the place in The Journal about the pup (Miss Muni Cipal, at the city hall), I would like very much to have it in our home if no one else has taken her in the meantime. We will pay the express on her and take out a license on her arrival here."

"Trusting to hear further from the puppy, I remain yours respectfully," "MRS. T. CAMPBELL," "General Delivery, Wheeler, Or."

City Health Officer Parrish has referred the letter to the officers of the humane society, with a request that they communicate with Mrs. Campbell.

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