

# JUDGE SAMUEL W. GREEN GIVES LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Member of Board of Lectureship of Mother Church is Heard by Salem Audien at Opera House--Speaker Introduced by B. J. Miles

Judge Samuel W. Green, C. S., of Louisville, Ky. Member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, of Boston, delivered a lecture at the Grand Opera house last night on "Christian Science, the Religion of Fulfillment."

The lecturer was introduced by B. J. Miles of Salem, who said:

"In every human heart there is an unquenchable longing for health and happiness and for everlasting salvation. Hope springs eternal in the human breast. And thus it ever has been since time began. The pagan finds a degree of consolation in the worship of idols which he has wrought out of material things. The untutored savage sees God in the placid lake, in the turbid mountain stream, the towering piles of rugged rocks or the lofty snow-capped peaks. He hopes for an existence in the happy hunting grounds beyond, where sparkling rivers team with myriads of fish, where Indian corn grows spontaneously, and where the primeval forest contains an abundant supply of his favorite game. It is all a desire to know God and be the beneficiary of His beautiful hand."

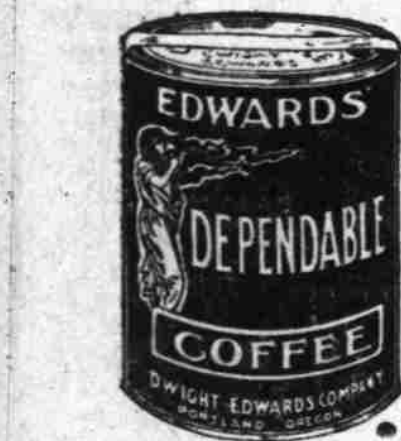
The Hebrew nation, prior to the Christian Era seems to have been the chosen people of God. Their history is interesting, their literature beautiful, their faith, at times, and especially in many individual instances was sublime. But they did not stand the test of the real Christ principle. They could not accept the teachings of the lowly Nazarene. But "He went about His father's business" and taught as never man taught. His teachings found lodgment in the hearts of multitudes of His hearers. They marveled at His demonstrations over sin, sickness and death. Jesus' pilgrimage on earth was brief; but of sufficient duration to establish the Christ principle in the hearts of a few of His devoted followers; who in turn taught their fellowmen and founded the Christian church.

For three centuries the church remained in its primitive purity and its adherents were able to demonstrate the Christ principle. But beginning with the fourth century it was rent with dissensions and polluted with man-made creeds, doctrines and dogmas, until it lost all semblance of its primitive purity. Until the Reformation it was in no way worthy of the name of Christian. Since then it has consisted of a large number of denominations, none of which has returned to the teachings of the Christ. They have all eliminated Divine healing which was taught and practiced for three hundred years. His followers were commanded to go and preach the gospel and heal the sick. I cannot see why the latter command is not as obligatory as the former.

It remained for Mary Baker Eddy to go back to the original principles and rediscover the lost power of the church and give to the world the most reasonable, the most rational and the most easily understood spiritual interpretation of the Bible that has been written since the Christian Era.

We have a man with us this evening who is qualified to speak with authority of this church, its founder and its principles. I have great pleasure in presenting to you the speaker, Judge Samuel W. Green, C. S., a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist of Boston, Mass.

Judge Greene spoke as follows: The history of men throughout the ages has been an unceasing search after some power or some remedy that would transform and make harmonious every untoward and unlovely condition of human experience. History shows this search to be one of disappointment and failure until the discovery of Christian Science. It has generally been along material lines. The exceptional inspiration here spiritual teaching or followed coattails the great way marks of human progress. Christian Science accentuates this historical fact and explains it. Today I come



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she relied upon in establishing the Christian Science movement, as well as in all other things.

Christian Science has revealed the correct concept of God. It asks the question squarely, "What is God?" and gives an answer that is satisfying. God is Love, Spirit, Life, Truth, Soul, Mind, Principle. Perhaps the word Principle as applied to God has aroused more opposition from the critics of Christian Science than any other. They insist that to speak of God as Principle robs Him of personality, takes away His Fatherhood, tenderness and other human attributes. Christian Scientists believe that it is time the world was getting away from the idea of an anthropomorphic God, a sort of superman, as Mrs. Eddy says in Science and Health, page 249, "Human philosophy has made God man-like. Christian Science makes man God-like."

Principle is without beginning or end, is continuous, is perfect, is immovable, is inviolable, is ever active. Principle is not moved by the breath of praise or flattery; nor by entreaty or threat. In the thought of God as Principle, Christian Scientists have abandoned the idea that God interferes in human affairs, at the behest or entreaty of this or that one, or that He interferes with His own law, and causes the unnatural or supernatural to be happening in the affairs of men. Christian Science shows that God's creation is already complete and perfect, consequently the true mission of scientific Christianity is to reveal this fact to us, and then to show us how to overcome in our lives and experience, all those things which are unlike God's Creation. We all suppose a man to be sick, and he desires the help of God and turns to Christian Science to be made well. There is no specific or individual action required of God, that this man's condition may be righted, but the treatment or prayer of the Christian Science practitioner would be a clear realization that God has made all

and made all good. God has created man in His own image and likeness, therefore, the real man being made in God's image, cannot be what God is not, and certainly God cannot be sick. God has made only good, therefore He never made any colds, fevers, aches or ills of any kind, and as God is the only power, no other power has made these ills or aches, consequently they have not been made and man cannot have them, because they do not really exist.

To persons accustomed to use material remedies, in case of illness, such a system, of course, only briefly and inadequately indicated here, might not be considered scientific or beneficial, yet the actual experience of anyone who will test it according to the principle and rule of Christian Science will prove that it is both scientific and beneficial. Of course, starting from the standpoint of perfection, there is in reality no sick man, and therefore, no man in need of healing. When the human consciousness becomes spiritualized

through right thinking or knowing, and man is revealed as the perfect manifestation of spirit, not of matter, the divine Mind is reflected, and man is governed by God. Mrs. Eddy says, "God will heal the sick through man whenever man is governed by God." (Science and Health, page 495.) As the light of this healing truth is carried into that consciousness which is darkened by mortal belief it banishes all sense of error, even sickness as well as sin, and illumines it with love. Mrs. Eddy in speaking of Jesus' treatment of sickness says on pages 476 and 477 of Science and Health, "Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to Him where sinning, mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick." God, as an infinite power, eternally continuous, is always at man's service, but man must bring himself into adjustment with that power, before it is available for him. Man's

access to God's power for the healing of sickness or any other discord, is by means of prayer. Not wordy petitions or fervid appeals as though addressed to some earthly potentate, but, as Mrs. Eddy says, "An absolute faith that all things are possible to God—a spiritual understanding of Him" (Science and Health, page 1). To be made whole, man must, through prayer and right understanding, be brought into harmony or adjustment with the divine Mind; he must realize his at-onement with God.

"But," says a friend, "why try to tell me that I am not or cannot be sick, when I know my back is aching?" No one could be found in the world who would have more loving consideration for those suffering with disease and pain than a Christian Scientist. Christian Science is not an admonition to bear suffering patiently, or to endure it stoically, but is, on the contrary, a scientific

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