CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE

Full

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A free lecture on Christian Scichurch edifice.

Mr. Harsch spoke substantially

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course of human affairs? That is ter and towards the one source of to say, nearly two thousand years all good, God. have chiseled their record of nu-man effort with its failures as individual may approach the conthe corridors of time, since the fully awake. Many are yet deep-

Endeavoring to correct this huand sluggishness, Paul said in tangible good. Good, to some, may "Awake thou that sleepest, and relief from pain, freedom from arise from the dead, and Christ bondage of some unfortunate habit, shall give thee light." He was release from the demon of lack and but of mental deadness with ail its paralyzing effects.

seated. It had refused to yield to medical treatment. Eminent and skilled members of the medical profession had been appealed valued friend. None had helped me. At this point, and as a last resort, help was sought in Chrisened from my mental torpor, My newly gained physical freedom as in the days before satisfied

Six months passed and a very sionally, but still no genuine alarming condition quickly and

venture. All that we possessed in a material sense the problem which seemed about to plating a

each tomorrow would be the end. to weather the storm, then the com- evil thing, influence, or power now forting assurance, "Lo, I am with existing, nor has there ever been! you alway even unto the end of in reality, such a power to harm, the world," restored my soul. Then injure, kill or destroy a single one slowly, day by day and against of God's children. tremendous odds as it seemed, I JOYOUSNES awoke more and more to the facts

had seemed of doubtful value inholders received their money and

DESIRABILITY OF GOOD

Deep seated in the heart of every As a whole civilization from the one of us there dwells a desire to beginning has been satisfied with know more about good, a yearning culture. Rarely has it welcomed to the ploneer whose message destanding whereby good may be clouds which conceal some noble its so-called accomplishments and to attain to the secret place of the the ploneer whose message de-standing whereby good may be clouds which conceal some mountain peak from experience he had not long to wait, wholly undesirable. A realization of estab-brought more largely and more and towering mountain peak from land though the voice was still and manded a renunciation of estab-brought more largely and more and towering mountain peak it and though the voice was still and the powerlessness of single to the content if only its material in- and there retained and used.

sistance have often seemingly had made, and, benoid, it was very believe it belight, but every experience, great checked the development of right mental activity, but its momentum definitive or qualifying sense, but pass before its beauties are retian character and grace as pride. now is well nigh irresistible and it the Hebrew word so translated in vealed. In the meantime we have tian character and grace, as pride, is sweeping on swiftly, silently, this instance is quite as frequently experienced no fear that it has prejudice, doctrinal beliefs, man but as surely as the tides in their employed as a noun. It possessed, been removed, no anxiety about it made laws, reliance on false, socorrectness of this conclusion but pressed beauty, gladness, welfare, ain would be there. In this mancall attention to the fact that the and in this sense was used in hun-ner animal magnetism uses first but not until then—the still, small look upon life changes and his awakening often seems to come as dreds of instances. When Jesus one and then another of the physi- voice, comforting, assuring, direct- hope of ultimate salvation from slowly in the individual conscious- asked, "Why callest thou me good." cal senses to delude, deceive and ing. Christian Scientists today every form of aggressive evil is ness as of old. Is it not a rebuke he immediately answered his own lestrey. to human apathy to recall that question by the statement, "None twenty centuries have come and is good, save one, that is, God," gone since the most stupendous event of the ages took place, that of his hearers away from a sense event which changed the whole of good resident in person or mat-

well as its achievements, upon templation of good, and be his derire for it great or small, it is nevbirth of Jesus. Still all are not ertheless a fact that everyone is earnestness, that which to his sense stands for good. Not one but desires to hear and learn something sin or diseasc. Fourth, God, good, prayer that is always answered. man tendency to mental lethargy which he may interpret in terms of his epistle to the Ephesians, mean a larger measure of health, not speaking of physical sleep limitation, the destruction of some form of fear,-fear of persons, onditions, or even of climate.

To all peoples and from the earthe almost universal re- or objects which it represents, have to the mental call which very properly been understood to Christian Science is making to be an outcome of Deity. But this this age in its presentation of the belief was always accompanied by power of God, good, even though another not so reassuring. Was it it comes with such clear and not believed that the same God on ringing notes. Nearly twenty- occasion sent pestilence, famine, five years ago I was seriously ill. war, discord, and misery, every-The difficulty was a so-called thing in short that was not good? Or, if He was not directly respon sible for these things was He not supposed to permit them to be? There appeared to be two powers. Thus it came about that good as One of them was a close and a quality of God seemed offset by an opposite and terrifying characteristic called by various name .

This thought of an evil power equal to, and sometimes apparently fibre of the race that the true sense of God has been woefully distorted. Theology has perpetuated this falvent one" and a modern writer doing since the beginning of time, by divine intelligence, God, to velous works. creating God in our own image." Christian Science based on the path of health and holiness, thus

INFINITY OF GOD Since then, in the universe of to be swept away. There would Spirit, there is no thing or power be great loss to creditors and stock- to withstand God or to divide au-The business at this junc- thority with Him, or express any ture was placed entirely in my sense of being apart from Him hands. The responsibility seemed we surely must agree that He intelligent Mind, good. to be wholly mine. At last I awoke! alone includes all good. Likewise divine Mind, infinite good, to resspontaneously expressed the glow Great Physician; how He went months I sought to gain, by earnest been continuous, that is, without effort, an understanding of the interruption from the beginning, power of God, good, whom I knew manifested without break or y this time to be the only Mind, change. With these premises achoping to apply this knowledge to cepted we find ourselves contemfilled with God, good, who is and Again and again the business ever has existed exclusively and seemed at the point of complete alone and who exercises absolute It appeared that power and authority throughout the entire compass of His creation. but tomorrow always brought a re-spite. Now it was a tiny glimpse stated has always and forever been of God's goodness, that saved the the fact and it leads to the comday by lifting courage high enough forting assurance, that there is no

Whittier reminds us, "That all God." of real being and my relationship of good the past hath had remains to make our own time glad" and "an eye for an eye" and the this dominant note of gladness alfidence in the power and presence ways accompanies the refrain of four hundred and fifty of them -, stitutes so large a part of the mengood. To illustrate: Life, Chris- he might have been spared the tal equipment of every Christian name. All other pathies will give tian Science teaches, is God, good. hurried flight into the wilderness Scientist he is enabled to bring a way to Christ-opathy." accordingly. Light began to filter Admittedly it is good to express and the forty days of fasting be. larger measure of good into his in through tiny chinks. Hope beLife in a full, free and vigorous fore the journey to Horeb. But own experience and that of others way and to do so is a joyous thing. even Elijah needed a purifying exIndeed it is in this way precisely, thoughts were corrected. Fear dis- Could it be possible to imagine a perience and we find him in a shel- that his salvation is attained. question was rewarded. A new condition more joyous than to be tering cave in the fastnesses of the Scriptural injunctions to work free forever from all sense of wear- mountains watching the elements out our own salvation are numer- thority, as did the Master of oldiness; to be absolutely devoid of in their wild raging and seeking ous. The Christian Science text The voice dared to question the worth and were sold, and finally anxiety; of every thought of sick- in the wind, the earth-quake and the business was successfully liquiness and disease; to have no control of working and insists upon the necessity cal, theological and scientific. It

terests be undisturbed. Indiffer- In the Scriptural statement, false testimony, that the mountain cerning its message.

In this connection it is well to ously, constitute the only real crea- as in those older days. "Now are we the sons of God." We may, therefore, safely start from this fourfold premise: First, good-for the guidance and conbeing omnipotent and causing His There are no exceptions. children to reflect His power-we can successfully resist all evil.

THE ROAD TO HEALTH Now herein, is seen the power of good, viz.: that every statement and every conclusion based upon it, or emanating from it leads only to health, happiness, genuine sucand above all usefulness. This is sufficient reason for holding to this! basic fact so persistently that our consciousness is constantly filled of disease, misery, failure, discord or even death itself, can find ensequence that none of these claims disease and discord.

AVAILABILITY OF GOOD is a continual source of joy and prayer implies first a desire for hankfulness. With out-stretched arms, the omnipresent, omnipotent superior to good, has seemed to Father-Mother Love, to use the exquisite name Mrs. Eddy gives infinitely good power; a spiritual us for God, is always at hand to appreciation or comprehension of may be the demand, however tertheir foundation in it. Voltaire is ready and waiting to protect and should have the quality of thank-

ause His children to walk in the

itual understanding. "How long bled on the heights of Carmel. But

Had not Elijah's zeal demanded

stroy every phase of lack, limitation and insufficiency.

Good Defined

In the text book of Christian Science and Health with Edwin of evil power has been known warfously throughout the ages. By Eddy, its author, thus defines

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Board of Lectureship of the Mothor Church, The First Church of Christian Science here from the Christ, Scientist, in Boston, standpoint just illustrated, that is, was delivered Monday of good and its power:—power ining and asso availed nothing, for it quently good must be acknowloften the first to grasp the meaning of Jesus' words, "Whosoever by austre and rigid rules: rules the disappointed. By means
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Covenanters left little room for ly movement proceeds on its rewas destructive and had no also leave the berent in it, constantly being manicood God in whom is life eternal it was destructive and had no also leave the left little room for ly movement proceeds on its reevening, October 29, under the herent in it, constantly being maniauspices of First Church of fested by it, and inevitably lifting Evil, however, invariably fails to Christ, Scientist of Salem, in the mankind upward and onward to accomplish its purpose in the case His sense of good as resident in of those who are applying the knowledge of ever present good, must have been destroyed and he God, as gained in Christian Science was made ready, patiently and si-God, as gained in Christian Science was made ready, patiently and si--good ready to protect and guard lently to wait for the voice of God. and to let the divine will which is A simple illustration may help always good, always loving, always false pleasures discarded.

Now primarily, the desire for

We are children of God. Second, trol of all intelligent Mind, God, God being Spirit, we, His children, must exceed all other desires. The are spiritual. Third, Being spir- seeker for divine good must be able itual we partake only of the quali- to say with David, "As the heart ties of Spirit and therefore are in panteth after the water brooks, so reality, neither material nor mor- panteth my soul after thee, O tal and consequently not subject to God." Such desire is prayer. A

of Elijah answered by the "still the servant of sin." And it was tion. small voice," this the prayer of of Christ Jesus who did and said Nehemiah answered by the resthese things that John testified, toration of Jerusalem, this the Behold the Lamb of God, which prayer of Jesus before the tomb taketh away the sin of the world." of Lazarus, and this, my friends, the prayer of thousands of Christrance. With such thoughts denied admission it follows in a perfect that is being daily answered by the healing of every sort of sin, leave the sequence that none of these claims

one depending resolutely on the Science and Health, Mrs. Eddy either through their own observasays, that prayer-"is an absolute to God,-a spiritual understanding The instant availability of good of Him, an unselfed love." Thus good, a desire to be and do good. Next, faith in an available and ever responsive God and in His ity. There remains this in addifulness or gratitude. Said Jesus; starry skies were no God we should have to in- Again what cause for joy and "Father I thank thee" and then gratitude arises from the power he proved death to be powerless

teaching of Christ Jesus that God preserving and defending them. giving of thanks to the source of humanity. What has become of alone is good discards the possi Contrariwise the so-called human all good, God. It is so obvious that "Christ-opathy" questioned a Godbility of reality in evil and accepts mind following its own inclinations "if we live and move and have our fearing English Doctor who had the omnipotence and omnipresence and desires always brings, sooner being" in God that not the slight- become discouraged over the failof good alone. It teaches that since or later, disaster and destruction, est act or incident of our daily lives ure of the many "pathies" of his this is sound logic the sequence must be that there is no division or tite self-will, pride and passion that infinitely good source. Life, Writing, nearly one hundred separation of power in God's uni- unrestrained may for a moment activity, that is, the ordered func- years ago, Dr. Wilkinson of The verse which must be entirely and claim to be power and may appear tioning of every part of God's crea- Royal College of Surgeons, said. infinitely good. Therefore, evil to yield satisfaction and pleasure, tion, being itself,—full of joy and does not exist as a reality or as a but the evil fruit of these unlibeauty all are but expressions of public and private, there is one censed, because un-Godlike, quali- livine Principle, divine Mind, God, means remaining which we should ties is soon harvested. Many a good. The primal and eternal fact, stubborn disease has been completely healed when one or more on God who is good and therefore not dare to bring forth. We allof the qualities just enumerated neither can nor does express in all lude to the healing powers exerted has yielded to the silent health His eternal and infinite existence by Christ and His apostles, and producing ministration of divine anything but good, this, I say, de-by Him bequeathed to the race of mands gratitude and when the do-

ne, that this people may know that in infinitely good God orders His see a iniverse in such perfection, is cer-"and when all the understanding, this conscious de- if no man cultivated them.

With the clear and correct understanding of prayer which con- mankind

er in the form of sickness, dis-ease, discord, lack, misery fear, and the sinning, with at least a quality of her Scotch ancestors of and every need of humanity. May unhappiness loneliness it must be measure of the same authority as that earlier day. A gifted and we not then sum up the whole subutterly abandoned—forsaken. Its Jesus, "Arise, take up thy bed spiritual mother brought into this ject of good and its power, as remust be seen that it produces no satisfaction and consequently is the semblance of good must pre-

and are listening for the voice of frequently pointed out this meththeir good God, convinced that in od of salvation, indicating to reflect and express Him continuthem as faithfully and certainly his day that it was the destrucproved himself the true way-

Ever great in simplicity, profound in logic, clear and concise in

In the opening paragraph of alone. All realized that he pracfaith that all things are possible tion or the testimony of others, that his command was sufficient to check the elements in their wild heal the sick and suffering and that it was able to unloose the

appreciation or comprehension of ability to command, this supreme neet every human need. No ex- Him without which faith and de- authority? These were the quesperience, however extraordinary sire are lacking an essential qual- tions the Jews of his day asked each other as they sat puzzled superstitions of the race have had rifying the fear, but this good God tion, that all prayer to be genuine, upon their housetops in the soft Syrian nights, gazing into the

Many times during the interval adds, "That is what we have been and presence of good, as expressed and performed many other mar-between the days of Christ Jesus Nothing should be more natural puzzling queries presented themthen or more spontaneous than the selves to suffering and sin-sick

> see how the Divine Man was the cue from persecution, to preserve of healing is experienced. Sin and about healing all manner of sickfrom harm and to advance in spir-disease alike yield to this prayer. ness and disease among the peo-The prayer which begins with a ple; and how as many as touched halt ye between two opinions?" he paean of thanks to an eternally the hem of His garment were made good Father-Mother God, that whole everyone. He also com-there neither is nor can be in manded His followers to do the they "answered him not a word". reality such a thing as disease in like, and founded cure as the grand He offered the priests of Baal a His infinitely good universe; the evidence of the Christian religion. supreme test. They accepted his prayer which continues with thank- His proofs of His mission were challenge but failed, as evil always fulness, that evil by whatever sound bodies-God's saving health must, fail, when confronted with name or nature it may present it among all people—the deaf hear-self to consciousness, has neither ing; the dumb speaking; lepers Elijah turned to God in these intelligence nor power and which words "Hear me, O Lord, Hear concludes with rejoicing because who were before blind now they Then the fire of the Lord fell and tain to have its perfect answer. The burnt sacrifice" This prayer of faith and spiritual age of mathematics would be past iniverse in such perfection, is cer- miracles is gone, it is because the people saw it, they fell on their sire for a larger sense of good, Let then this mode and manner of healing be fairly experimented."
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> Should success meet with the effort he added, "there will be no need of missionaries anymore, but their privilege and their Master's

zer and its quest for a practical sciousness of a life that must ter- Thus in retrospect, Elijah again of working out our own salvation denied the reality of matter and holders received their money and my own capital investment was returned in full.

This experience proved to me in a most convincing way that God is ever present to aid man, that is, to guide, to counsel and correct him; that He is indeed good and that He is indeed good and that this quality of goodness as divine attribute possesses power to destroy every phase of lack, limitation and insufficiency.

Sciousness of a life that must terminate sentency and my development of the dwell conficus faces the winds of false doctrine. Beating and crashing about him they seem to rend and tear the very foundation stones of material beliefs, but, they can neither touch that the is indeed good and that this quality of goodness as divine attribute possesses power to destroy every phase of lack, limitation and insufficiency.

Thus in retrospect, Elijah again faces the winds of false doctrine. Beating and crashing about him they seem to rend and tear the very foundation stones of material beliefs, but, they can neither touch the scribe or the Pharisee. It was what salvation is and of what it consists? In many, if not in all beliefs, but, they can neither touch the scribe or the Pharisee. It was what salvation is and of what the very foundation stones of material beliefs, but, they can neither touch the scribe or the Pharisee. It was defined as "liberation from the vice of Mary Baker Eddy the very foundation stones of the very foundation ston

To experience salvation from heard it, and because they heard, Mary Baker's childhood was influ-It and walk.'

Freed from the fear of sin and Christ. Truth has always been

THE GREATEST BOOK IN THE

WORLD The Bible records the power of times by everyone and under Christian Science. widely varying conditions. Neither age, sex nor social position, can tion and forgiveness of sin which the mighty power and authority of 1866 to 1910. Mrs. Eddy's life was est, and surely, our constant aim

been called. statement were the words of the Eddy loved as no other book. From Her love and devotion were invin-Master. To the impotent suf-earliest childhood she studied it, cible. The result of this devotion ferer at the pool of Bethesda, who pondered its precepts and guided to God, good, and His power is for thirty-eight years had been her life by its rules and standards. seen today in the rapid growth of seeking release, from an unna- For three years after her discov- Christian Science through the tural physical condition, Jesus ery of Christian Science, which said: "Behold, thou art made occurred in 1866, she lived conwhole: sin no more, lest a worse stantly with her Bible, seeking of good always must be, its influ-On the first page of the first thing come unto thee": To the one through its inspired pages to find ence upon those who embrace and suffering with palsy, "Son, be of the Science of the Christ healing practice its teachings is always Mrs. Eddy, its author, declares good cheer; thy sins be forgiven that "desire is prayer" and that thee": to him who was let down ence. It was her only text book plan for extension and for redempting loss can occur from trusting the suffer of the Science of the Christ nearing beneficial and its well organized which had come into her experi-"no loss can occur from trusting through the tilling of the roof, and she describes this quest as tive work among all mankind is God with our desires, that they these comforting words, "Son, most joyous, uplifting and beau-freely acknowledged as one of Mrs. may be moulded and exalted be-thy sins be forgiven thee": to a tiful. This was a logical result Eddy's outstanding accomplishfore they take form in words and gathering of the Jews one day of her training and environment as ments. A personal experience may 11- liest days, good and the conditions case, permanent peace, longevity, of Elijah answered by the "still the new one day of her training and environment as ments."

Whosoever committeth sin, is well as her own natural inclina- The universality of good is il-

This confident message of good ened it. Her early years were God is omniscient good. God is This confident message of good spent at home. Her mother and omnipresent good. God is omnipodis the message of Christian Sciwholly undesirable. A realization of the powerlessness of sin ence. It is the message of Jesus brother supervised her studies in refrain of this entire discussion, repeated again. It comes with the which she was most proficient. with this additional thought, that same degree of authority and force Later she was graduated from an "He is a rewarder of them has terests be undisturbed. Indiffer- In the Scriptural statement, laise testimony, that the individual experiences to cede the rejection of the belief that accompanied its presentation excellent private school and quick-diligently seek Him. ence, procrastination and open re"And God saw everything that He itself has been removed."

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this instance is quite as frequently experienced no near that it has prejudice, doctrinal beliefs, man available, but it has not always been removed, no anxiety about it made laws, reliance on false, so-been removed, no anxiety about it been used. From the dawn of his ways for the stupendous work that into good, that we may express in later life. Many of the law is to be here in later life. Many of the law is to be here in later life. Many of the law is to be here in later life. Many of the law is to be here in later life. Many of the law is to be here in later life. Many of the law is to be here in later life. Many of the later life. Students of world affairs generally concede the fundamental day, certain qualities which exgreat religious intuition. Her thing of good, something of its opshe should have been led in due have seen that God's purposes are good and its availability at all time to the great discovery of always expressed and manifested in

A LABOR OF LOVE

resulted in healing; he thus God, good. What a storehouse of one of unremitting labor—a labor inspiration is the Bible! "The of unselfish love-a labor to estabgreatest Book in the world" it has lish the Science she discovered and loved. Throughout her long and And this is the book that Mrs. busy life she never spared herself.

Good. "God; Spirit; omnipotence; from the beginning and, abode not Still looking backward, he must power. Were He to do so Us humble and meek, the uncultured We may recall that Mary Science movement, broad and your manipotence; omnipotence; omnipotence The Power of Good, by Paul A. miscience; omnipresence; omn

life, however, a tender love, that vealed by Christian Science, in modified its austerity and bright- this way: God is. God is good.

Our joyous purpose then should be to search and seek, more earnest-Through those busy years she ly than before, for a larger faith, whole tendency was along these eration, its divine qualities, its lines and it was not strange that healing and redemptive power. We a good way, and that to worship, adore and demonstrate the power After this discovery, that is from of such a God should be our high-

> May we not then in closing, use these words of the Psalmist:

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his, courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all genera-

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