

self. Mrs. Eddy, that does honor the body says, "You have a pain," he does not have to respond, "Yes, I have a pain and I am sick." Mental suggestion here is "man's man." He needs a thought and a thought into his consciousness. He learns that these claims of evil are just a part of evil's lie about man. They are no part of the one infinite Mind or its manifestation, and man has every reason in the world to dispute them and deny their legality. He learns to assert with all the authority of God Himself what is the fact of being, namely, that man is in reality made by God, is His likeness and idea, is divine in quality and character; that he cannot be sick because God never made him sick, but made him perfect and so forever maintains him; that all the claims of discordant and diseased material sense are contrary to God, good, therefore a lie and incapable of encroaching, infringing or imposing upon or in any way making a condition for God's creature. Because sickness it is not a phenomenon of God he knows that it cannot be a condition of man who is of and in God. God alone is the substance and condition of man. He knows too that there is nothing in God's man that can respond to mental suggestion. Man is animated by the divine Mind alone. Such conscious realization of the spiritual facts of being is a Christian Science treatment. It is an antidote that evil and sickness cannot withstand and a specific for mental suggestion that is unfailing, for it has all the power of God behind it. It is God-enforced. It is God imprinting Himself through His idea, and is omnipotent to the tearing down of the strongholds of evil. A Christian Science treatment desolates error and liberates man. Thus through right thinking Christian Science heals the sick, breaks in pieces the slave whip of sin, banishes the tyrant fear, and establishes the government of divine Principle, God.

Christian Science a Sure Defense.

We all know that when suit is brought by one man against another that the defendant usually appears in court to defend himself. If the defendant by reason of his ignorance of this right fails to appear or because of his negligence fails to put in a defense, the plaintiff, even though his claims are false, may secure a judgment against the defendant by default, the same as though the claims were proven true.

Let us suppose that A. sues B. The claims that he makes against B. are false. B. should appear, produce the true facts, so exposing the falsity of A.'s claim, which would then be cast out of court as worthless and B. would be in no danger. The truth has saved him. But suppose B., through ignorance of his rights, or fear of A., or because he is negligent, fails to defend himself. Judgment is given against him and he suffers from the false claims the same as though they were true. His own folly has punished him. Mortals are in much the same position as B., the man who is being sued. Claims are being made against them, against their life, happiness and health. Evil is the plaintiff and has a host of false witnesses. It is of interest to note that evil is defined in the original text of the Bible as accuser. The claims are totally false, and all that man needs to do is to assert his rights, know and declare the truth, that evil never has had, nor has now, and never can have any legitimate claim on man or his being; that man is of God, is subject only to His laws, and has a God-given right to life, to health and to happiness. When man understands his divine rights he cannot be made the victim of evil, sin or disease.

If, however, mortal man has not learned of his rights to immunity from evil and sickness, or is afraid of these claims and puts in no defense, or if knowing his rights he neglects to defend himself, in any of these cases judgment is taken against him as though the claims were true, since nothing is done to expose their falsity. My friends, we have been allowing unjust judgment to be taken against us. We have not been defending our rights to life, health and happiness, sometimes because of negligence, more often because of ignorance. Christian Science shows us how to make our defense, expose the falsity of evil's claims and preserve the integrity of our well-being.

How to Gain an Understanding of Christian Science.

The question is often asked, What is necessary for one to acquire that understanding of God and man which displaces the false concepts of materiality with the truth of spiritual being, with the personal will of mortal man that must control. Not infrequent people come to Christian Science for help with the desire to have God work in

them. They want to tell the world to do and perhaps after a little while on the first try for this to do, they have a sense of moral sense nearer to God, but it has failed to recognize that man's whole being is the expression of God and is universally subject to His will, which governs the universe for the benefit and happiness of all.

Self-surrender, surrender of the mortal sense of selfhood, is necessary to know God. Mortal man must be willing to let God's will be done whether or not it coincides with his personal preference. Many business deals ought never to work out the way men would have them, and Christian Science will never help through a dishonest business deal or give the slightest assistance to any evil purpose. It is the operation of God's will alone. God dwelleth with him that is of an humble and contrite spirit. Friends, it requires true courage to be humble.

It should further be borne in mind that God abhors all evil; that he does not tolerate selfishness, self-will, dishonesty or sin in any form. He who seeks to understand God must do so with this fact in mind and be willing to surrender the mortal sense of self and all of his false mortal beliefs as rapidly as they come to light. He must be sincere and honest. Some try to get to heaven carrying a little hell along with them, under cover. Hell is our sinful beliefs and the fires of suffering they inevitably bring. Such a one makes no headway in Christian Science and soon finds that he cannot lay hold of heaven with one hand while holding on to hell with the other. We cannot serve two masters, God is One and infinite, and His blessings come not to the self-seeker, to the hypocrite or to the worldly-wise, who, naught wrapped in the garments of his self-conceit, would try a little of God in a way of his own.

It is the self-surrender of her who gave the widow's mite, her earthly all, the contrition of the publican, the brotherly love of the good Samaritan, that marks the earnest seeker for God and enables him to reach the heart of ever-present Love. Jesus said, "Except ye . . . become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." This showed that the kingdom of heaven is not a place but a state of consciousness, to find which one must acquire the childlike qualities of love, gentleness, humility, unselfishness, purity and goodness. Thus we see that heaven is not a future state of regal refuge but a present reward for righteous thinking. Instead of dying his way into heaven, man must think his way in, and this is just as true this day and hour as when Jesus said it. It is these childlike qualities of thought that one needs to gain an understanding of Christian Science, to gain the Mind of Christ, the consciousness of Truth.

Little by little, through study and application, one acquires these qualities of thought and comes into living oneness with ever-present good, God. Thus is man's consciousness so filled with goodness that sin, disease, and sorrow are brought under subjection, cast out, and destroyed.

Prayer

Through true prayer man learns to know God. A correct understanding of prayer is therefore essential to an understanding of Christian Science. Scientific prayer is the modus of all Christian accomplishment. A Christian Science treatment is prayer. As Christian Science explains it, prayer is not imploring a far-away deity. It is the simple and natural process of thinking in accord with the ever-present Principle, incorporeal good, God. It is that thinking which shuts out the claims of material sense and places all trust, confidence, and faith in God, relying solely upon His power and wisdom to protect and maintain the integrity of His universe, including man. Thus we see that the Scriptural command, "Pray without ceasing," simply means to think righteously always. Through prayer thus understood man finds his oneness in thought and character with God, his scientific and eternal unity with divine Mind, everlasting good. Through prayer he gains the light of Truth in consciousness that drives out fear, heals disease, and gives man the moral strength which resists and overcomes sin. Prayer is man's active manifestation of his oneness with God. It is right mental activity based on a true concept of God and man. Since sin, disease, and all evil is the outcome of wrong thinking, it must be plain that the prayer of right thinking is the only way that overcomes the world, the flesh, and all evil. It is man's God-given privilege where he finds his oneness with the infinite and his place in the infinite plane.

"On earth peace, good will toward men," was the message that heralded Jesus ministry. For nearly two thousand years these words and the prayer of the Master: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven," have been on the lips of Christendom. But what is the trouble? Something has failed. Somewhere there has been a hitch. Some-

where there has been a hitch of power. "This people draw near me with their mouth," wrote Jesus, "and with their mouth say, 'We have removed our sins from us,' but they have removed them not far from me." The trouble has not been with man's words, it has been with man's thoughts. Rivers of words will not bring God's kingdom to earth in a thousand centuries; universal right thinking will establish it in a day. And universal right thinking is as near and as low as every individual thinking, that is, praying rightly. We each have a duty to perform, not only to ourselves but to society. The brotherhood of man can never be a fact while an evil thought remains in your consciousness or mine. Our words and our thoughts need to be brought into agreement.

Mrs. Eddy

Mrs. Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, was a gentle, refined, and cultured New England woman. A native of New Hampshire, she received her early religious training from Puritan parents, becoming a member of the Congregational church in her girlhood. Mrs. Eddy early in life evidenced a deeply religious nature. She was ever seeking for the truth about life as the Bible taught it, without concern for merely man-made doctrines, as evidenced by her refusal to accept the doctrine of predestination when she joined the orthodox church.

Passing through human trials of more than usual severity but always trusting in God and seeking to know more of Him, Mrs. Eddy discovered the law of Christian healing at a time when a severe accident threatened her life and her entire trust had to be placed in other than material remedies. Her first glimpse of this spiritual law through which she was then healed was followed by complete retirement from society for several years in order that she might the more diligently devote her time to the study of the Scriptures and gain from them a fuller understanding of this law and its application to human needs. In 1875 the text-book of Christian Science, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," was published by her, setting forth the result of her labors. The Bible, with which all the teachings of Christian Science are in agreement, and this book, have ever remained the basis of all Christian Science teaching.

For her unfaltering courage in the face of a world opposed to her, for her unfailing devotion to Principle, for her love for God and her devotion to the cause of universal betterment, and for her wise and loving leadership, Christian Scientists honor and respect Mrs. Eddy. They recognize her great work for them and for all mankind, even the reopening and making plain of the way for individual and universal salvation. To hold a lesser opinion of her and her life-work would be to deny what is true. It would be to shut out honesty and leave the heart frozen with the ingratitude which shuts the door on good, to him who is thus deceived. We all need gratitude, for gratitude goes hand in hand with right thinking. Gratitude is indeed the acknowledgment of good present. Gratitude is the recognition of God with us and opens the doors of thought to heavenly things.

Many expressions of the highest regard and respect for physicians and ministers are to be found in the writings of Mrs. Eddy, although she could not concur with their views upon medical and religious subjects. Christian Scientists entertain no hostility toward the medical profession nor toward those whose religious opinions differ from their own. They respect in the fullest degree the right of every individual to think as he or she may choose upon medical or religious matters, free from interference from others, and they ask but the same privilege for themselves.

Conclusion

My friends, but two things are happening in the world today. Every experience, every phenomenon, however insignificant or nowsoever important it may seem, from the mortal combat of nations to the kind thought of the little child, is but a part either of the temporal and disappearing phenomena of evil destroying itself, or, a part of the true and enduring phenomena of God manifesting Himself. Neither you nor I can avert a hair's breadth the immutable operation of these laws of God. What you and I may do is to choose whether we shall be dominated and deceived by evil hastening to its final destruction, with its attendant hell of suffering, or whether we shall be obedient to the divine Mind, God, and partakers of the genuine happiness, health, and well-being to which we are rightfully entitled.

Christian Science does not argue with any one. It does not urge any one to accept its teachings. It simply presents them to the world as they are and points to the evidence of the multitude of men and women who have tried them and found them not wanting. The choice must be individual. No one can work out our sal-

vation for us. No one can know God by proxy. Like the river that floweth for all and giveth freely to him who cometh to it, whatsoever he may be, but goeth not out of its course for any man, so Christian Science is a stream of living water flowing out into human consciousness, free to all who will partake of its blessings.

As stated on page 102 of Sciences and Health, "There is but one real attraction, that of Spirit, and sooner or later every man, woman and child must find his or her correct relationship with God, and find it in the way that the Bible teaches, through right thinking, the understanding and demonstration of God and His idea.

Items From the Bay.

(From the Coos Bay News.)

A number of Bingus Hermann's republican friends are mentioning his name in connection with the nomination for U. S. Senator at the next election.

A. O. Rogers expects to ship over 50 spring calves from his Coos river ranch to a Eugene man, who will raise them. The calves will be shipped as soon as they are big enough to stand the trip.

It was stated Friday that the government had accepted Henry Sengstacken's terms for a site for a Federal oil and naval depot at Empire. The site has a frontage of 300 feet, with a depth of 900 feet.

According to Portland paper, capitalists of that city are figuring on starting a shipyard on Coos Bay. There are plenty of sites for shipyards here, and lots of timber with which to build the vessels.

Work was commenced Friday on the construction of a steel drawbridge across Coalbank slough, near the depot, by the Southern Pacific, to replace the wooden bridge, which was built by E. A. Graham in 1892.

A robin with white wings and tail was seen by several parties last week in West Marshfield. A short time ago a white blackbird was reported in another portion of town; notwithstanding the fact that the bone dry law is in effect here.

State Engineer Lewis favors the Coast Highway in preference to the Pacific Highway, because the route along the coast will be open all the year, while the inland highway would be blocked with snow in winter. There is plenty of good road material along the coast, and as a scenic route it has many advantages. He believes that the road should follow the coast from the California line, through Curry county to Coos Bay, and thence to Eugene via the Siuslaw.

Curry County News.

(From the Gold Beach Reporter.)

Forty-three cents per pound for wool is the price reported offered here to stockmasters.

A nice young lady in Portland is looking for a homestead in Curry, and has written our postmaster for information. Cannot some of the young homesteaders in the county make arrangements to divide their holdings? You can get the address from Postmaster Caughell.

The citizens living on Fibres creek, to the number of 29, have filed and posted their petitions for a new 40-foot road up Fibres creek and on to Myrtle Point, the route mentioned by us last week. The petition will come up for hearing at the next term of county court, which meets April 4th, and Curry county's portion of the route will doubtless be ordered located at once.

Recently Mr. Hoyt sent to Prof. Sweetser, of the U. of O., some fine specimens of a rare shrub in Oregon known variously as the Silk Tassel tree, Fringe tree and Fever bush. This shrub or bush has been found in several localities in this vicinity. The specimens sent out were considered rare acquisitions, and were photographed for reproduction in the Handbook of Western Flowers issued by the U. of O.

As a sample of how snow is piling up in the hills, John Adams who came down from Potash Lake Saturday, stated that nine inches of snow fell at his place Thursday night and 18 inches at Sam Adams' place, higher up the hills. At the river the ground was bare. The snow was still falling when he left. On the route out to Dothan the trail is blocked entirely. On the down coast road the mail auto fought its way through three feet of snow Friday, arriving here late at night, and going south again Saturday.

Fell and Broke Leg.

R. Pomeroy, who has charge of the undertaking parlor here for Edwin Ellingsen, last night fell and broke his right leg just above the ankle. He is 76 years of age and the injury is considered quite serious and will probably render him practically helpless for some time. The accident occurred at the cottage on Second street where Mr. Pomeroy lives alone.

Call on us for Stationery.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF VIEWERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, has appointed L. Harlocher, J. Fred Schroeder and T. J. Tariff as viewers to view the proposed street hereinafter particularly described to be laid out by the said City of Coquille, and has appointed Monday, the 2nd day of April, 1917, at the hour of nine o'clock in the forenoon as the time, and the City Hall in the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, as the place; to said viewers to meet and to proceed to view the proposed street and to determine and assess how much, if any, less valuable the lands or other property or over which the proposed street is to be opened, laid out and established, will be rendered thereby and to ascertain the respective interests of all persons claiming to be the owners of the lands or other property aforesaid and of the improvements thereon or have any interest in such lands or improvements and the damage which each of said owners respectively will sustain and to make an estimate of the benefits and advantages of such proposed street by the opening, laying out and establishing of said proposed street.

The boundaries and termini of said proposed street are as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe which is the southwest corner of block one as laid out and platted by T. B. Willard, and running thence north 2 degrees 40 minutes west 262.3 feet; thence north 287.35 feet; thence west 440.22 feet; to the place of beginning; running thence west 30 feet; thence south 268 feet; thence east 30 feet; thence north 268 feet to the place of beginning.

Also a parcel of land owned by W. J. Longton described as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe which is the southwest corner of block one of the original town of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, and running thence north 2 degrees 28 minutes west to an iron pipe, said pipe being the southeast corner of J. A. Collier's land; thence south 28 degrees 50 minutes west 424.8 feet to an iron pipe; thence north 100 feet; thence west 30 feet; thence south 100 feet; thence east 30 feet to the place of beginning; also any and all lands lying between the above described parcel and the north line of Front street.

Also a parcel of land owned by Caroline Lorenz described as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe which is the southwest corner of block one of the original town of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, as platted by T. B. Willard, and running thence north 2 degrees 28 minutes west to an iron pipe, said pipe being the southeast corner of J. A. Collier's land; thence south 28 degrees 50 minutes west 424.8 feet to an iron pipe; thence north 123.9 feet to a point, which last named point is the place of beginning, thence north 100 feet; thence east 30 feet; thence south 100 feet; thence west 30 feet to the place of beginning.

Also a parcel of land owned by J. A. Collier and described as commencing at an iron pipe which pipe is the southwest corner of block one of the original town of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, as platted by T. B. Willard, and running thence north 2 degrees 28 minutes west to an iron pipe, said pipe being the southeast corner of J. A. Collier's land; thence south 28 degrees 50 minutes west 424.8 feet to an iron pipe; thence north 123.9 feet to a point, which last named point is the place of beginning, thence north 100 feet; thence east 30 feet; thence south 100 feet; thence west 30 feet to the place of beginning.

Also a parcel of land belonging to J. A. Collier described as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of block one of the original town of Coquille as platted by T. B. Willard, and running thence north 2 degrees 28 minutes west to an iron pipe, said pipe being the southeast corner of J. A. Collier's land; thence south 28 degrees 50 minutes west 424.8 feet to an iron pipe; thence north 62.43 feet to the south line of Front street which is the place of beginning; thence east along the south side of Front street 42 feet; thence south at right angles to the south line of Front street; thence west 56 minutes east 62.43 feet to the south line of Front street which is the place of beginning; thence east along the south side of Front street 42 feet; thence south at right angles to the south line of Front street to the north line of the right of way of the Southern Pacific railroad; thence west along the north line of the right of way of the Southern Pacific railroad; thence east along the south line of Front street; thence east 7 feet along the south line of Front street to the place of beginning.

A parcel of land owned by James Anderson Lamb, Ade E. Smith, Leon A. Beyers, Mary Marvin Lyons and Florence Irene Jones, heirs at law of J. J. Lamb, deceased, a distance of 440.22 feet along the center of a strip of land 47 feet in width which is to be appropriated for said proposed street; thence south at right angles to the last course above mentioned a distance of 388 feet to the north side of Front street and along the center of a strip of land sixty feet in width to be appropriated for the said proposed street, and along the property line of the heirs of J. J. Lamb, deceased, Caroline Lorenz and J. A. Collier, on the east of said line, and the property of W. L. Kistner and W. J. Longton, on the west of said line; thence in the same direction across Front street to the north line of a tract of land owned by J. A. Collier, thence in the same direction across the lands of J. A. Collier to the north line of the right of way of the Southern Pacific Company's railroad, thence in the same direction a distance of 16 feet across the right of way of the Southern Pacific Company's railroad; thence in the same direction across lands belonging to the City of Coquille, to low water mark of the Coquille river, this being the terminus of said proposed street; the said proposed right of way being fifty feet in width from the south side of Front street to low water mark of the Coquille river.

The boundaries and description of the private property to be appropriated for the said proposed street are as follows:

A parcel of land owned by James Anderson Lamb, Ade E. Smith, Leon A. Beyers, Mary Marvin Lyons and Florence Irene Jones, heirs at law of J. J. Lamb, deceased, running thence north 2 degrees 28 minutes west 424.8 feet to an iron pipe, said pipe being the southeast corner of J. A. Collier's land; thence south 28 degrees 50 minutes west 424.8 feet to an iron pipe; thence north 62.43 feet to the south line of Front street which is the place of beginning; thence east along the south side of Front street 42 feet; thence south at right angles to the south line of Front street to the north line of the right of way of the Southern Pacific railroad; thence west along the north line of the right of way of the Southern Pacific railroad; thence east along the south line of Front street; thence east 7 feet along the south line of Front street to the place of beginning.

Also a strip of land belonging to the Southern Pacific Company and used by it as a railroad right of way described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe which is the southwest corner of block one of the original plat of the town of Coquille as platted by T. B. Willard, and running thence north 2 degrees 28 minutes west to an iron pipe, said pipe being the southeast corner of J. A. Collier's land;