

S. W. GREEN'S LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Christian Science, the Religion of Fulfillment. A lecture by Judge Samuel W. Green of Louisville, Ky., member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, Mass., delivered on March 12 at the opera house in this city.

Christian Science is offering today the most comprehensive, the most startling, and yet the simplest, sanest program for human thought and action which the world has heard since the days of Jesus of Nazareth and the early Christian teachers. The promise made through Christian Science as stated by its Discoverer and Founder, Mrs. Eddy, is, "Divine Love Always has met and always will meet every human need." (Science and Health, page 494.) Christian Science is the unfolding to human consciousness of divine Love, and its practical application to the healing of all human disorders. Christian Science is first of all a religion, notwithstanding some of its uninformed critics have not so believed. It is the religion of Christ Jesus come again to the world to heal the sick and the sinning by the same principle or law.

Christian Science in its healing ministry is not a patent cure-all, nor is it blind faith cure. It is not the action of will power, nor is it the action of the human mind. On the contrary, it teaches that the human mind must yield to the divine Mind, to that Mind which was also in Christ Jesus, and in the proportion that Christian Science is understood, the life and words of Christ Jesus become practicable for all ages and all people.

Christian Science comes to the sick, the sorrowing, the sin-burdened, the dissatisfied, the discouraged, offering them a scientific explanation of the comforting words of Jesus, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," and of another wonderful promise of the Master, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

Biblical Promises Practical

It might be asked, why one would say that Christian Science comes offering these assurances. Any one who may say I have read and know them always, but have they been realized in your experience? Have you made these and other Biblical promises of any practical import in your lives?

Christian Science comes teaching in the very words of Jesus of old, the kingdom of God, the kingdom of Heaven, is at hand—is here, is now within us, around us and about us. Through the practice and understanding of this teaching of Jesus, men and women in constantly increasing numbers are being healed of all manner of sickness and sin, and their lives are being made brighter, better and more satisfying. The theory that eternal life and happiness are to be had only beyond the grave has always been a depressing element in religion. Christian Science shows that it is an incorrect theory, that men do not have to wait for death or a final judgment day, before realizing and experiencing the joy of the fulfillment of God's promises. The Bible from beginning to end is filled with the most splendid promises for God's children, and unless we may believe that those promises are meant for the here and now, even for today, we are of all men most miserable; for otherwise we are without God and a saving religion in this life. What the world is wanting—is seeking—is a religion that comes to the sick and tells them how to be well; that comes to the discouraged and despondent and lifts them out of the slough of despair and despond into the richness, into the fullness, into the joy, of a closer walk with God. Christian Science is supplying this need, through the spiritual interpretation of the Bible and the consequent spiritual understanding of God, and is enabling the world to find the rest and the peace promised by the Master.

Jesus' Practical Ministry

Jesus taught and proved the possibility of solving all of life's problems here and now. He overcame all the man-made laws of disease by healing all manner of sickness. He overcame the laws of lack and want by providing food in abundance for the thousands in the desert place, and by finding tax money in the fish's mouth. He overcame the law of gravity by walking upon the stormy wave, the law of space and time by entering into the boat in the midst of the sea and immediately it was at the other side. He overcame the law of death by restoring to life those who had died, and in his own case reappeared to his wondering disciples after three days in the tomb.

Among the last things he said to his disciples was, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do because I go unto my Father." Also in perhaps the last conversation he had with the beloved eleven disciples, in perhaps the last hour of his human existence, he said, "These signs shall follow them that believe. In my name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall walk upon the sick and they shall recover." With these and other positive promises from Jesus we must believe in the present possibility of healing the sick, raising the dead, and performing all of these wonderful works, if we do believe in him; that is, understand him and his teaching, which is the correct inter-

pretation of the Greek word translated by our word believe in the new version.

Mrs. Eddy and the Text Book

In the light of the fruits of Christian Science during the last half century does it not seem strange that the world should have waited so long since the time of the early Christian era for some one to appear and call attention to the promises of their Bible and the possibility of their practical fulfillment in our human experience? Even more strange, is it not, that when Mrs. Eddy, a sweet, gentle, pure-minded woman did appear, and began to heal the sick and to perform many of these wonderful works and meekly and lovingly called the world's attention to her demonstration, as at least in part a fulfillment of Biblical promise, that she should have been subjected to persecution at the hands of Jesus' professed followers? Ignoring, however, the persecution, the lack of sympathy and interest manifested by the world in her discovery during the early years, Mrs. Eddy never wavered in her task, but patiently and earnestly studied the Bible, that she might find the positive rule for the solution of this problem of mind healing which had been so graciously and wonderfully revealed to her through her own instantaneous healing from what the doctors had pronounced an incurable physical condition. The result of her studies she has since given to the world in the Christian Science text book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," commonly called Science and Health, which was published in 1875.

In this book there is a chapter devoted to Genesis, and another to the Apocalypse, or revelation of St. John, wherein is set forth the spiritual interpretation of the Bible, thus justifying that part of the title, "Key to the Scriptures." The last chapter of the book, called "Fruitage," is a series of wonderful testimonies from men and women from widely separated localities, testifying to having been healed of blindness, deafness, rheumatism, Bright's disease, tumor, dyspepsia, cancer, tuberculosis, fever, colds and nearly every known disease simply by reading this book, Science and Health.

The book itself tells its own story better than can anyone for it. One of the practical tributes to the book is seen in the fact that it is to be found in public libraries all over the civilized world.

Contrary to some critics of Christian Science, Mrs. Eddy never intended that the text book should take the place of the Bible, but it is to be read and studied in connection with the Bible. It was meant to be just what its name implies, a "Key to the Scriptures" and a text book on Christian Science. Within the pages of the book itself Mrs. Eddy says, "As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal life." (Science and Health, page 497.)

As the years have come and gone during these more than fifty years since Mrs. Eddy's discovery, an ever widening circle has been covered by Christian Science, and an ever increasing host of its adherents, men and women, are daily bearing witness to its healing and saving power, and rendering their tribute of praise and thanksgiving to its revered Discoverer and Founder. There is, however, nothing of worship or deification in the attitude of Christian Scientists toward Mrs. Eddy, but rather the natural spontaneous expression of gratitude, which one might expect from persons whose lives have been uplifted and who are being uplifted by the power of her inspired teachings.

It is possible that up to the time of her discovery of Christian Science Mrs. Eddy never thought of becoming a great religious teacher or leader, and yet no other of the world's great leaders ever lived to see such an extensive and substantial growth and organization result from his own teaching. Such results, however, are to be expected always when work is done as was Mrs. Eddy's. The presence of God was not a mere theory to her, but an actual fact on which she relied in establishing the Christian Science movement as well as in all other things.

Early in the practical operation of Christian Science, Mrs. Eddy saw that the then existing churches were not ready for Christian Science. Accordingly, she established the Christian Science church, The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, Massachusetts. From time to time, as occasion demanded, and as she was divinely led, she wrote the By-laws now comprising the Manual of the Mother Church for the government of the Mother Church members and for the organization of branch churches and societies and the government of their members. That the Manual is the work of inspiration is attested by the fact that its provisions have been broad enough to cover every question that has arisen in this rapidly growing world-wide organization. Mrs. Eddy ever looked to the Manual in making decisions, and she said of it, "Of this I am sure, that each Rule and By-law in this Manual will increase the spirituality of him who obeys it, invigorates his capacity to heal the sick, to comfort such as mourn, and to awaken the sinner." (Miscellaneous, page 230.) Loyal Christian Scientists have always been grateful for the Manual and are ever attempting to follow obediently its provisions, thus meriting this tribute from our Leader, "Among the manifold soft chimes that will fill the haunted chambers of memory, this is the sweetest, 'Thou hast been faithful.'" (Miscellaneous Writings, page 343.)

God Christian Science has revealed the correct concept of God. It has courageously and reverently asked the question, "What is God?" and has given this answer that is satisfying to thinking men and thinking women. God is Love, Life, Truth, Soul, Mind, Spirit, Principle. Perhaps the term Principle as used for God has more than any other aroused the opposition of the critics of Christian Science. They contend to speak of

God as Principle takes away His personality, robs Him of His Fatherhood, tenderness and other so-called human attributes. Christian Scientists believe that it is time the world was getting away from the idea of an anthropomorphic or man-made God, a sort of superman. The text book says, "Human philosophy has made God manlike. Christian Science makes man Godlike. (Science and Health, page 269.)"

Principle

Principle is eternal, without beginning or end, is perfect, immovable, inviolable, unerring, ever active. Principle can not be moved by the breath of praise or flattery or by entreaty or threat. In the thought of God as Principle, Christian Scientists have abandoned the idea that God interferes in the affairs of men or that He interferes with His own laws, causing the unnatural or supernatural to be happening in the affairs of men. Christian Science shows that God's creation is already perfect, complete, consequently the true misal of Scientific Christianity is to reveal this fact to us and then to show us how to overcome in our own lives and experiences everything and every thought that is unlike God and His creation.

Christian Science Treatment

As a practical illustration let us suppose a man to be sick and that he desires the help of God, and returns to Christian Science to be made well. Since God's work is already done, there is no specific or individual action required of God that this man's condition should be made right. The Bible says that God looked upon His work and that it was very good. The treatment or prayer of the Christian Science practitioner would be a clear, positive knowing and understanding that God has made all and made all good. As God has created man in His own image and likeness, and as a necessary result of the law of creation, man in God's image and likeness must be Godlike. He must reflect the Godlike qualities, joy, peace, harmony, dominion, freedom, power, God being good, has not created, and from the very nature of goodness, could not have created any fevers, pains or aches of any kind, and since God is the only power, no other power has created them, and man can not have them, because they do not really exist.

To persons accustomed to the use of material remedies in case of illness such a system, of course, only briefly and inadequately outlined by me, might not at first 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. When the human consciousness becomes spiritualized through right thinking and knowing, and man is revealed as the manifestation of Spirit, not 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, all fear and ignorance it banishes, all sense of error—even sickness, as well as sin—and illumines that consciousness with light and love. In speaking of Jesus' treatment of the sick during his earthly ministry, the Christian Science text book says, "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." (Science and Health, pages 476 and 477.)

God as an infinite, eternal power is always present in the world to heal the world of all its sickness and to solve all its problems. He comes not to Christian Scientists alone, but to any who approach Him through a spiritual understanding of His infinite power. It is the mission of Christian Science to help men and women to come into that condition of thought or understanding whereby they may recognize, to use a scientific expression, their atonement with God. When man's consciousness reaches that understanding he will be healed of any sickness, and whatever his problem it will be solved. In many Christian Science meetings, at the regular church services and at lectures, men and women do come to a realization and understanding of this power of God as present in their lives and healed.

But, says a friend, "Why try to say I am not and can not be sick when I know I have this pain?" No one could be found who would have more loving consideration for those suffering from disease and pain than a Christian Scientist. Christian Science is not an admonition to bear suffering patiently nor to endure it stoically, but is, on the contrary, a scientific system by which disease and suffering are to be overcome. It shows any person who will earnestly study and practice it that the evidence of the senses is all there is to any suffering, and if this evidence be changed or overcome the disease and suffering disappear.

Have you ever observed how the physical senses are so easily and commonly mistaken and deceived? There is not a day, nor perhaps an hour, but what we are the victims of some false testimony of the senses. The schoolboy crosses the first two fingers of his hand, closes his eyes, and has his crossed fingers rubbed over a marble, and the sense of touch will indicate to him two or three marbles instead of one. Stand in the car tracks and follow the rails with the eye and the sense of sight will tell you that presently the rails come together, but it isn't true. Or, sit in the railroad train that is standing, and look out of the window at a moving train on an adjacent track and every sense tells you that you and your train are moving, and practically your only escape from this delusion is to look away from the moving train and see things as they really are. In exactly the same way when the human senses speak to us of sickness, sorrow and separation, we should look away from

the things of sense to God and see Him as He really is, and see and know the real man as he is in God's image and likeness, and we shall come to know that the real man can not be sick nor discordant. In this manner of thought God becomes a living, vital, ever present power and influence in our lives to heal, to bless and to save.

Man

This brings me to a discussion of what man is, and of his relation to God. In the book of Genesis are found two distinct and dissimilar accounts of man's creation. Until I studied the subject of Christian Science I never saw the distinction between these two accounts of creation, yet they are quite unlike.

In the first chapter of Genesis the record runs, "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them." Christian Science teaches that this is the correct account of man's creation. It sets forth the spiritual man. When Christian Science says that man can not be sick or suffer or sin or die, reference is made to this real man, this God-created, this spiritual man; or, to use a scientific term, this God idea.

Other systems of religious instruction have likewise taught the perfection of spiritual man, but they have not made their teaching practical. They have generally assumed that man must first die and be resurrected and then be invested with his spiritual nature. They have scarcely dared to hope that this life could be other than the generally accepted "vale of tears." Christian Science shows that the truth concerning man is scientific truth, and through Christian Science may be understood, and become operative in behalf of humanity. It teaches that the presence of God in our lives is not and should not be a vague, far off, uncertain thing, but a living, throbbing, vital presence on which man may, and should rely in all circumstances and under all conditions.

This will be a wonderful world when more men and women begin to realize their God-given heritage and possession. There will be less envying, hating, judging, killing, and more of what Paul calls "the fruit of the spirit"—love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, for man is the reflection of God's goodness, of God's love, indeed of all the qualities of God; and it is only in the perfect reflection that God is expressed in the world. Was not this spiritual man what Jesus had in mind when he said, "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect?"

Now let us consider the other account of creation. In the second chapter of Genesis the record runs, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils, the breath of life and man became a living soul." And then how woman was created, how God caused a deep sleep to fall upon man and from his side He took a rib and of the rib a woman was made. Ever since that concept of man created from the dust, he has been the victim of sin, sickness, sorrow and death. The historical part of the old testament is filled with an account of the sin, failures, destruction of this "man of the dust." Earth's secular history today and for generations has been largely an account of the disappointments and disasters of this "man of the dust." Has not the world been recently convulsed with its greatest tragedy all because of the false aims, hopes and ambitions of this "man of the dust?"

Woman through the centuries has been an inferior creature, often a slave, all because of this false theory, "man of the dust" and "woman of the rib." It is only as Truth is enlightening the world that woman is achieving her rightful place as man's co-equal; and it will only be as the Truth covers the earth, even as the waters cover the sea, that the world will come to know and understand the "male and female" of God's creation as revealed in the first chapter of Genesis.

With these two pictures before us—man of the earth, earthy, bowed beneath the weight of human misery and woe, and man in God's image and likeness, reflecting the Godlike, the spiritual, the perfect, why do we hesitate to proclaim ourselves and our race of the true type with God-given power and dominion over every living thing; for God has ordained this power and dominion in the first chapter of Genesis, the twenty-eighth verse. Is it not, too, in harmony with the promise of Jesus quoted in the beginning of this lecture, "Behold, I give unto you power over all the power of the enemy?" Does it not occur to you that when Jesus came to his earthly ministry and found man sick, sinning, sorrowing and dying, he remembers this early ordinance of God, and re-enacted it in those stirring words, calling the world to action on a new basis of power with a new promise, and then proceeded to demonstrate by so-called miracles, step by step, man's power and ability to overcome all the power of the enemy.

Mortal Mind

What is the enemy over which Jesus says we have power? Paul says "to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace, because the carnal mind is enmity against God." The enemy is, therefore, the carnal or fleshly mind, or, as Mrs. Eddy calls it in Science and Health, the "mortal mind," as opposed to the divine Mind.

Mortal mind, as understood and used in Christian Science, is not an entity, but is rather the absence of the reflection of the divine Mind. It is, in other words, a state of ignorance, and when it is the only mind that a human being has or knows anything about, it subjects him to every ill to which flesh is heir, and this subjection is not decreased but is rather increased by what is ordinarily called education, unless this education be carried on with an understanding of the truth about God as revealed in Christian Science. For instance, the man who is the best educated on the subject of so-called symptoms of disease is soonest the

victim of some disease. Or, the man who is best informed on the subject of human anatomy is oftentimes finding something wrong with his own anatomy. Was not this thought in the mind of the wise man, king of Jerusalem, when he wrote so long ago, "For in much wisdom is much grief, and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow?"

Mortal mind is full of fear, doubt, anxiety, envy, hatred, malice and what not of all this evil brood. It is no wonder that man governed by mortal mind is sick. Every so-called disease is a phase of mortal mind fear, ignorance, or sin. Jesus early in his ministry told his disciples that they had power over this enemy, and this is easily understood, for anyone can see that in proportion as he becomes enlightened he has power over ignorance, especially when he perceives that his ignorance has constituted his own mentality. This is what Jesus meant when he said at another time, "Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free."

As Christian Scientists, it is our mission, our constant effort and prayer, to have always in us that Mind which was also in Christ Jesus. As Mrs. Eddy says, "Hold thought steadfastly to the enduring, the good, and the true, and you will bring these into your experience proportionably to their occupancy of your thoughts." (Science and Health, page 261.) Is not this perhaps what the prophet of old had in mind when he said of God, "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil and canst not look upon iniquity."

Unreality of Evil

This brings me to a discussion of the unreality of evil, for which teaching Christian Science has sometimes been criticized. What a wonderful world this would be if it could be rid of evil—and it can be. Evil is only in our consciousness, and if we can understand that it is unreal we shall be rid of it. All will agree that God is good and that He has all power, and being good and having all power we must, to be logical, conclude that God has made all things good, and consequently has not created any evil. Then you ask, where did evil originate? Someone may say it started with Satan, or Devil, but surely God in His infinite goodness could never have conceived or created a monster of evil.

But you say, what will you do with the Satan or Devil of the Bible? Hear what Jesus says of him: "He that murders from the beginning and abode not in the truth because there was no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie he speaketh of his own, for he is a liar and the father of it." In these simple, emphatic words, Jesus at once and forever wiped out the lie about Satan that has been responsible for all the sickness, fear, doubt, sorrow and sin that have come to the world.

Is it not the lie of which we read in the beginning, that said to Eve, God has not told you the truth. You have but to eat of the other fruit and you will become as a god? Does it not come to us today in words like this, "God is too big, too universal, too much concerned with other things, to be conscious of the individual and he can not be healed by Him?" And does it not say, "What you need to do is to perfect yourself in material knowledge and learning and you will become as a god, and heal yourself and solve your problems?" It is all untrue. If we may not look to God for help in every human problem we need not look to man.

Someone asks if the unreality of evil means that man is not to suffer for what we call evil deeds. His answer is plain. "God is not mocked; whatsoever a man soweth shall he also reap. He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting."

Evil is unreal, but we come to an understanding of this as the result of thought and demonstration. One does not learn mathematics by beginning with trigonometry, calculus and the higher branches but by learning one and one are two; two and two are four, and by working his way up by arithmetic, algebra and other branches to the higher mathematics. So, with all sciences, and so with Christian Science, one's understanding comes with careful study and demonstration. Would you know what is meant by demonstrating or proving the unreality of evil? Go forth tomorrow with the thought, God is love, and prove that in your every day experience. See nothing, hear nothing, believe nothing, be nothing, say nothing, do nothing that is unlike Love. It will be a busy day, but worth while. Then take the thought, God is good, and try a day, proving in your experience that there is nothing in life that is opposed to good or unlike good. If you see a man lame, do not fix lameness upon him, but know that man in God's image and likeness is never lame and is never anything that is unlike good. So with all the attributes of God prove them practically in your life and that will demonstrate the unreality of evil. Then you will begin to see the real man of God's creation, and will learn to deny every manifestation of discord, of evil, of unreality. Thus you will help the world to its demonstration of "God's kingdom on earth as in heaven."

Christian Science is trying to teach man that for every human need he should look to God, to the spiritual and not to the material. There is nothing in all God's creation to fear for God is all in all and one can not fear God or good.

Why is man's first thought "Wherewithal shall I be clothed and housed and fed?" Has man so soon forgotten that Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these other things shall be added unto you." In that connection Jesus had just been talking about clothes and food. Should it be thought a strange thing that God does give good things to the children of His love? Jesus told us in effect, that much more than our earthly father does the heavenly Father knows how to give good gifts

to them that ask Him. One may ask, if Jesus' promise means that to take up the study in earnest of Christian Science would result in health, happiness and prosperity. The answer is found in the lives of a great host of men and women the world around who have sought the kingdom of God and His righteousness and whose business has prospered and whose lives are filled with health, harmony, love and gladness. It is but a verification of what the apostle said, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

Jesus, the Christ

Christian Science has been assailed because of its teaching concerning Jesus, and it has been denied a place among so-called orthodox religions because it teaches that Jesus was not God. When we remember the difficulty that Jesus had in making even his disciples understand who and what he was, it is not strange that the Christian Science teaching on this subject has been misunderstood. Perhaps few of the immediate followers of Jesus saw the distinction between the human Jesus and the Christ, but Christian Science has made this distinction clear.

The man Jesus was human, born of Mary, and his life covered but a brief span of years; but the Christ, which was not a name so much as the divine title of Jesus, expressing his Godlike nature, is eternal, and is ever inseparable from God. Jesus, in referring to himself as the Christ, said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." "Before Abraham was I am," and again, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." The Christ is now and always has been present in the world to be discerned by men. Through the ages there have been men like Elijah, Elisha, Moses, Daniel, Joseph and others who discerned and expressed a large measure of this Christ, Truth, and were able to perform many wonderful works.

Jesus, the man, came to earth to be the Way-shower, or, as Paul says, the mediator between God and man. He came to show men their power to overcome in this life, sin, disease and death. He possessed more of the Christ, the divine Spirit, than any other person who has ever lived, and he was therefore called Jesus, the Christ, or Christ Jesus.

The Christ can no more be confined to an individual than can God, or divine Principle or Love, but comes even as the spirit of Love into the lives of men as they rightly seek Him and desire Him. It is true that Jesus said "I and my Father are one," but this expression is not at all inconsistent with Jesus' other statements concerning himself. He was one with the Father as explained in the Christian Science text book, "one in quality, not in quantity," even as a drop of water is one with the ocean, but it is not the ocean, or a ray of light is one with the sun, but it is not the sun. So is every man and woman as an idea of God one with the Father, else how could Paul have been correct when he said, "For in Him we live and move and have our being." When Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden," it was not to the human Jesus he was asking us to come, but to the Christ, Truth, that redeems and saves. To those of us who have but touched the hem of his garment, have but caught even a faint glimpse of this Christ that heals of sin, sickness, sorrow and death, has come the fulfillment of Jesus' promise, "And I will give you rest." 31

ADDED TO ROLL OF HONOR

Soldiers Reported "Missing in Action" Have Been Classified as "Presumed Dead."

According to The Home Sector there are still between 250 and 300 members of the American front line army still unaccounted for.

In speaking of this war mystery of missing men the ex-soldier's magazine says: "Soldiers who go into battle are like men who go down to the sea in ships. There are those who return and those who do not, those who live and those who die. And then there are those who dwell for years in a twilight zone of uncertainty, neither life nor death, from which no word ever comes back to the shores called home."

"A few weeks ago the newspapers of the country announced that there were no more members of the A. E. F. 'missing in action.' The only reason they are not missing in action is that they have been 'presumed dead.'"

"There are still between 250 and 300 members of the American front line army unaccounted for, who, carried on the rolls for months and months as missing in action, seem to have disappeared from the battle field as if by the wave of a magician's wand, leaving neither the ripple of a rumor behind them, the testimony of an eye, nor a footprint in all the paths of the world."

"They are the irreducible minimum of the 50,000 lost, strayed or stolen men that the A. E. F. carried on the morning of Nov. 12, 1918, as missing in action. To guard against injustice to their relatives or friends, the war department has ordered that from henceforth they be carried as 'presumed dead' instead of 'missing in action.' In order that their war risk insurance benefits may be paid, that in brief explains why the American army as it stands demobilized today technically has no 'missing in action.'"

Tried His Skis on Roof.

Carl Thompson, sixteen years old, put on a pair of skis and slid from the roof of a low building in Warren, O. Now he is nursing a broken arm.

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