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A Lecture on Christian Science The Way to the True Kingdom

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Jesus' purpose was to usher in and to establish the kingdom of God. It was this kingdom which he taught his followers to pray for and to seek; and all will admit that, if his teachings were practiced, his spiritual healing would follow as their natural result; war would cease, and health, peace and blessedness would reign throughout all Christendom.

MAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO GOD The Christian Science of Jesus consisted of a knowledge of God. In teaching this Science he taught the universal Fatherhood of God, and that God and defined God to be Spirit, thus Mind; a teaching and definition which quite naturally mean that man, as the son of God, is the idea or reflection of Mind—subject to God, Mind—and that, in order to come to the estate of man—to rise to the stature of true manhood—men must be governed by God, Spirit, Mind, by pure intelligence; that man must seek "first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness," and cease from holding themselves subject to matter, non-intelligence in any form whatever.

GOD BOTH FATHER AND MOTHER Recognizing the great fact that "God created man in his own image, male and female created he them," and also that God is the all-compassionate, all-loving protector and provider of all; that "he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust," alike, Christian Science declares God to be not only our Father, but our Mother. It thus not only gives the world an idea of the tender relationship that exists between God and man, but also the highest concept of God that it is possible to have.

THE CHRIST Jesus knew God. It was his knowledge of God which enabled him to do the healing and other mighty works of which his ministry consisted. Like Christian Science, he declared God to be Spirit, Mind. The only product of Mind is ideas, and, no matter what we may take a thing to be or what we may call it, everything must be an idea to us. Otherwise, we could not think any given thing to be anything whatever. Right ideas constitute Truth, and—right ideas being the product of Mind—Truth must be and is the animated, approved of God, "the only begotten of the Father." (Science and Health, p. 16.) Mind, Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," and so implicitly obedient to Truth was he that in speaking of himself as the Christ, he was able to say, "I am... the truth," and "Before Abraham was, I am." What say we of Christ, then? What both Jesus and Christian Science declare is the spiritual, the right idea of being; God's Truth, who is with us always, in "whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning," "the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

MRS. EDDY'S RELATION TO CHRISTIAN SCIENCE The right sense of Christian Science can be gained only as we gain the right sense of Mrs. Eddy and understand her relation to this Science and its movement. Mrs. Eddy is the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. She never made any claim for herself, giving God—who through the Christ, Truth, is the sole revealer, the sole author of all that is good—entire credit for his teachings. The Bible teaches that "whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." In other words, it teaches that whom the Lord loveth he makes chaste or pure; and Jesus said that the pure in heart shall see God. God is all-compassionate intelligence or Mind. For this reason God is Love, as we have seen that He is, and as the beloved disciple declared Him to be; and surely God—who made all that we have made and made all good—loves all. Only those who love God, good, are admittive of, and submissive to Him. Mrs. Eddy loved God. For this reason she was so chastened, made so pure by Him, that through the right idea of Him she was able to see Him, to discover Him, and to make God and His Christ known to all who are willing to receive Christ, Truth. More than this, she so loved God that she was willing to devote herself entirely to making Him known, so that all might "taste and see that the Lord is good;" that He is the only healing, saving, regenerating power.

THE WAY TO GOD—GOOD "He that cometh to God," says the apostle, "must believe that he is." All religions have taught this. All have also taught that God is omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent,—meaning that God, good, is everywhere present, all-knowing, all-powerful. But have they taught that because of this great and all-important truth evil is non-existent, and therefore without power? All will admit that they have not. For this reason their teaching has been a house divided against itself; that it cannot stand, and cannot do the Christian healing of which there is such urgent need. To come to God, that is, to come to the one true good, which, as God, would necessarily be infinite and include all that is right and possible in the way of peace, safety, health, ability, prosperity, all that is absolutely true and consequently absolutely intelligent, and, therefore, good; to come to all of this, to arrive at our complete

good, we must, according to the Bible, "believe that he is." In other words, we must have, as Christian Science teaches us, a trustful, constant, firm confidence that all that really is, meaning all that has presence with us, is pure good, intelligence, to enlighten and direct us, in God, and thus good. Is not this the "acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace," and is there any other way in which a trustful, constant, firm confidence in God can be obtained, except through learning that in very truth God is the only Mind, the only cause, as Christian Science declares Him to be?

THE POWER OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TO HEAL AND TO SAVE Like Jesus, Christian Science has "not come to destroy, but to fulfill" the law of God and of His Christ, and thus to fulfill every right, every just law. The right application of the law of God leads to its fulfillment. The law of God is that man, the reflection of God, must be obedient to God, to all that is good; for only in this way can he show forth his pure, perfect, harmonious well-being, and be able to fulfill all right demands upon him. We have seen that God is Mind, and that God is Love. Mind always expresses its law and its power through its idea, through Truth. Christian Science is the idea of God, of Mind and of Love. For this reason it is the law or enforcement of the power of God; and the right application of it accomplishes the works of God,—heals all diseases and saves to the uttermost.

The reflection of any of you here in a mirror must be obedient to you, or it could not be your reflection. Just so, the reflection of God, man,—which means every one of us,—must be obedient to God, to good, in order to be man. Obedience to God, then, that is, obedience to all that is right, and good, and beautiful, and pure,—constitutes the true man, and no one can be, nor is, man without this obedience. It is by the true teaching as to what we really are, that Christian Science encourages and spurs us on to reclaim and to regain ourselves. It not only promises; it fulfills. Learning to be obedient to God, we become higher, become more able, and more free; and through complete obedience to its teachings can that complete freedom for which we long, the kingdom of God on earth, be gained.

REBEKAH CONVENTION SUCCESSFUL

The 17th annual convention of District No. 18, of Rebekahs, comprised of nine lodges of Hood River and one from Astoria, was held at the Hotel Oregon, March 18. Representatives from Dufur, Maupin, The Dalles, Hood River, Mosier, Cascade Locks and Parkdale were in attendance, this also being the official visit of our president to Odell and Parkdale.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a. m. by Hazel lodge, after which it was turned over to the convention chairman, Fannie Leonard, of Hazel lodge; Lula Corey, vice chairman, Laurel lodge; Dora Sexton, secretary, Analla lodge. The committee on courses retired and introduced Sister Mary D. Mason, president of the Rebekah Assembly, and Dora Sexton, warden of the Rebekah Assembly.

Reports of the various lodges were given and all showed a gain in membership. The lodges exemplified the different parts of our work in a very pleasing manner, all of which was instructive and interesting.

The president was presented with two beautiful bouquets, one from the Hazel lodge and one from Hazel lodge. The Assembly warden was also presented with a beautiful bouquet. Hazel lodge receiving the highest number of points, was awarded the district deputy's collar, having won the contest for two consecutive years.

A splendid banquet was served at 6 p. m. at the hotel, which was beautifully decorated in our colors.

In the evening an interesting program of songs and recitations was rendered, after which the Rebekah degree was exemplified in a splendid manner by Laurel Lodge No. 57. The convention closed with a short, interesting and inspiring address by our Assembly president.

In behalf of the members of District No. 18 we wish to extend thanks to Hazel Lodge No. 156 for the splendid way in which they were welcomed and entertained. The truth convention will ever be remembered as one of the best.

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Dr. Nickelson in Hospital Deal The Bellwood hospital, in Portland, was sold last week by Dr. John J. Bellwood to Dr. L. S. Benson and associates for a consideration said to have been approximately \$100,000. Associated with Dr. Benson in the project are his brother, Dr. John Benson, Dr. A. H. Johnson, Dr. Roy S. Stearns, Dr. R. W. Cahill, Dr. G. M. Roberts, Dr. W. Donald Nickelson and Dr. P. E. Hale.

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Recreational News Victor C. Follenius, supervisor of recreation in the city schools, says that a survey of clubs here, such as the Pioneer and Comrade clubs, and the Boy Scouts, has revealed that the city has 142 boys from the ages of 12 to 18 who are so afflicted. He declared that the growth of such organizations is an aid in directing the youthful activity of the members away from mischief. Mr. Follenius said he would like to see the boy clubs increased to the point where all youths of "the dangerous" age were members of such organizations.

Through arrangements by the city school board and J. H. Koberg, Tuesday and Friday afternoons will be reserved at the Columbia bathing beach just east of the city for the free use of children. With the Red Cross cooperating, a competent instructor will be brought here early in the season and the swimming season will be inaugurated by a week of instruction in swimming and lifesaving.

The Hood River high school has begun baseball practice and tentative dates have been scheduled for games with The Dalles and Gresham. The team will also play Dufur, Cascade Locks and White Salmon. The local school has two years sacrificed baseball in order to develop a track team. Mr. Follenius is coaching the baseball players.

Orchardists Under Compensation Law Geo. A. Wood, inspector for the State Industrial Accident Commission, who arrived last week to check over those reporting under the Workmen's Compensation Act, said that the list of orchardists applying the state insurance law to their employer is increasing. He stated that Hood River valley now has more than 300 fruit growers reporting to the accident commission.

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