

Christian Scientist Dedication

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ing the fifth large Christian Science church. All are beautiful buildings, and the church organizations are the outgrowth from the first church on the same principle that bees swarm when their hive is outgrown. The growth and interest in Christian Science everywhere is in line with that in Chicago, but after all the life and impelling force of this great movement in religious thought is not in the material growth seen by all. The source of strength and power manifested is the conviction of every Christian Scientist that their work is to obey the command of Jesus, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect." They know that as "Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need," ("Science and Health,") this likeness which is the true man can be manifested by each individual. As our Leader has said in "Science and Health,"

"The highest prayer is not one of faith merely; it is demonstration. Such prayer heals sickness, and must destroy sin and death. It distinguishes between the falsity of sinful sense and Truth that is sinless." * * *

"The substance of all devotion is the reflection and demonstration of Divine Love, healing sickness and destroying sin. Our Master said, 'If ye love Me keep my commandments.'"

"The habitual struggle to be always good is unceasing prayer." (Science and Health.)

Firmly believing in such statements of Truth as these, of which our text-book is full, Christian Scientists are proving constantly that their work is best of the Father.

The second reader, W. A. Moore, then read a very interesting historical review of the growth of the church at Salem.

Second Reader's Address.

Eleven years ago last March a few students of Christian Science in Salem wishing to know more of the Science as promulgated by the discoverer, Mary Baker G. Eddy, banded themselves together as an association, under the name: "The First Christian Science Association of Salem, Oregon."

The first article in the constitution of the association was as follows:

"We the undersigned students of Christian Science band ourselves together as an association for the study of Science and Health, and the Bible, as a means of growth and advancement in the knowledge and understanding of Divine Science."

"We acknowledge Mary Baker G. Eddy as the discoverer and founder of Christian Science; and Science and Health as the only text-book of Christian Science and key to the scriptures. Because of our perception of the Fatherhood of God, our aim is to bring into demonstration the brotherhood of man by working harmoniously together as the loved and loving children of our Father. The demonstration of brotherhood consists in there abiding in our hearts, forbearance, patience, loving kindness, gentleness, humility and love of absolute Truth."

At the time of the adoption of this constitution it was subscribed to by fifteen students.

For the first three years the meetings were held in private parlors. The attendance increasing a room was engaged in the third story of what at

that time was known as the State Insurance building, at which place meetings were held for some months. In the early part of the year 1896 an opening was found on the ground floor at No. 299 Liberty street, at which place the services were held up to the time of moving into our own building.

In January, 1899, in accordance with a recommendation of Mrs. Eddy, the members of the Christian Science association resolved to organize a church. "For the furtherance and unfolding of Truth." A committee was appointed to prepare articles of incorporation, and rules for the government of the church. On the 17th of the month the committee reported, and the articles of incorporation of the "Salem Church of Christian Scientists" were adopted, and said articles were duly filed with the Secretary of State, as required by law. At this time we had a membership of thirty.

In the month of September following, the congregation having increased so that more room was needed, the matter of enlarging our present quarters or seeking a new location was brought before a special meeting called for that purpose on the 27th. After fully considering the matter it was deemed advisable to enlarge the room at that time used rather than to move. About this time arrangements were made to occupy the upper floor in the same building as a Reading room—and it has been so used since that time.

In compliance with a request of the publishing society, in Dec. 1900, for more uniformity in the church organizations the title of the church was changed to "Second Church of Christ, Scientist."

In the early part of 1900 it was voted to set aside the collections of the first Sabbath in each month to found a nucleus for a building fund.

The question of a location for our permanent church building being suggested and in consequence of our having changed the title of our organization, on March 1, 1902, the trustees filed supplemental articles of incorporation, showing the changes so that no question could possibly arise in the future regarding the legal status of our holdings.

The members then began looking up available building sites, as owing to our increasing congregation, which was taxing our meeting room to its fullest capacity, something would necessarily have to be done. Several locations being in view, and previous notice having been given, on Christmas day, 1901, the members of the church gave a free will offering for the purpose of purchasing a lot upon which to erect a church building. The offerings received at that time amounted with what was on hand to eight hundred dollars—the sum needed to purchase the lot chosen by the members for that purpose. On August first, 1902, at a special meeting of the members, the board of trustees were instructed to secure and submit plans for the construction of a suitable church building. The board acting upon the instructions, in the month of September engaged an architect and had plans and specifications drawn and submitted to the members. At a subsequent meeting voluntary subscriptions were asked for to raise a sum to begin the building of a church home, and the twenty-five members present subscribed nearly \$2500 at that time, and on the 8th of September, it was unanimously voted that we proceed to

build an edifice to cost not to exceed \$2000, as soon as practicable and a committee of five to be known as the building committee was elected to have charge of the plans and construction of the new building and were fully empowered to enter into a contract for the building of the same.

This beautiful house we occupy this Easter day is the result of the efforts of the devoted members of this congregation. The children of the Sabbath school gave the accumulations of their contributions, which purchased the electric wiring and fixtures of the building. Our earnest desire is that they may be as active in future years in extending "That light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." The total cost has been very close to five thousand dollars, and I am happy and proud to say there is not one dollar of indebtedness against it, as it is contrary to the doctrine of Christian Science to dedicate to God what we do not own.

Through the efforts of the Christian Scientists of this city in the last four years the people of Salem and vicinity have been entertained and edified by lectures upon Christian Science by four of its ablest exponents, Dr. F. J. Fluno of Oakland, California; Judge Wm. G. Ewing of Chicago; Dr. A. A. Sulzer of Riverside, and Carol Norton, of New York City.

Our membership at the present time is 50.

I cannot close these chronicles without a word of grateful acknowledgment of the faithful work of the early students, the pioneers, so to speak, of Christian Science in this city. Those who were willing and did take their stand for Truth, and in the face of opposition stood steadfast in the faith unwavering, and today to those of them who are here, this is an occasion for exceeding joy, to know that this beautiful church is the outgrowth of their constancy, zeal and faithful service to the work and their persistency in worshipping God, as our country guarantees them, according to the dictates of their own conscience.

Mrs. Hogue Speaks.

At the close of Mr. Moore's address the first reader introduced Mrs. Blanche H. Hogue, a pioneer scientist of Portland who was present and said in substance:

In coming to you today to bring you loving greetings from the Christian Scientists in Portland, and to rejoice with you in your new church home, our first thought might be one of congratulation to you, did we not know that this edifice represents something far too great for human congratulations, something far beyond the reach of personal commendation or exultation.

Naturally, we ask, "What does it all mean? Why is not a Christian Science church building like any other building which a number of men and women may decide to erect for a purpose in which they may all unite? What does it represent? Why does it mean so much to those who share its sacrifice and its shelter?"

The world has had, in this age, a message. A message which adds nothing to the Christianity of Christ, takes nothing from it, but one which so interprets the life work of the master that to the Christianity of the people an immeasurable degree of the knowledge of God is added and a weight of doubt and fear and misery is taken away.

This message is called Christian

Science. The messenger is a woman of pure and consecrated life who has been given the wisdom to deliver and protect this message. Those who have heard it are striving to be Christian Scientists—Scientific Christians.

First, one or two, or three in a community heard this message, responded to its demands, and received its blessing. As the value of it grew upon them, they gathered together "in His name" to study the Scriptures in the light of this revelation which had brought peace and healing to them. It meant forsaking popularity for a cause, a teaching, which was widely misunderstood, it meant stemming the current of opposition and antagonism from the world at large—and sometimes from the friends most dearly loved, but those who discerned the truth of the message and the worth of the message were undaunted, and one by one other earnest men and women joined them.

The trials of pioneer days strengthened and purified, and out of it all there has grown many companies of happy Christians, who are so enriched and blessed that the upspringing of beautiful church buildings is a natural and spontaneous expression of their joy and gratitude. All over our land these eloquent witnesses have been established, and it is cause for much rejoicing that the faithful workers in Salem are enriching us all by this loving evidence of their fidelity.

Hamilton W. Mabie, the assistant editor of the Outlook, has said in his little book "The Life of the Spirit," that the popular conception of punishment is something which happens to a man, but that under the law of God the punishment is something far more terrible and searching for it is something which happens in a man. And he goes on to the conclusion that as the tendency toward wrong doing is indulged, the treasures of right doing fade from view, and that state of mind is its own punishment, regardless of external conditions.

The Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health," by Mrs. Eddy, teaches us that "the abiding consciousness of wrong doing tends to destroy the ability to do right," and then leads our thought at once to the contemplation of the opposite fact, that the consciousness of right doing is its own reward. So we can rightfully apply Mr. Mabie's statement to the positive side of the situation, and know that the reward of right doing is something which occurs in a man, rather than to a man.

The real reward which is coming to the Christian Scientists in this hour is not in the beautiful church buildings, in the external signs of prosperity which mark the progress of our cause, but in the ever increasing knowledge of God which is coming into the heart and life as the result of sacrifice, obedience and loyalty.

In the lesson we are to hear today, we read that Solomon asked for wisdom and understanding, that he might discern between the good and the evil. He admitted that he was like a little child, who knew not how to go out or come in; and how could he be able to judge so great a people?

And because he had not asked for riches and honor, but for understanding, for the knowledge of good, he was given "a wise and understanding heart," and then these external things were added unto him. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven, and all these things shall be added unto you." Those who are obeying this

dom, in abiding in its safe shelter, in excluding from thought everything unlike that Kingdom, live the real reward, the real joy.

This external building has been "added" because it is the honest fruit of right thinking, right living. It stands as the symbol, the witness not as the thing itself. And so, it means infinitely more than a building which a number of men and women have congregated together to erect.

It is an expression of the months and years of right thinking, right acting, of those who have been, and are, "seeking first the Kingdom."

It bears witness to fidelity, to unswerving allegiance to a perfect ideal, to consecrated toil in the endeavor to make that ideal a living practical reality. It testifies of unflinching trust, in hours so dark that the dear people knew not of themselves "how to go out, or come in," but must needs become as little children and be led of God. It is a testimonial to the meek and consecrated life of our Leader, whose teachings have aroused this generation to a clearer comprehension of the saving healing mission of Jesus the Christ, and it gives glorious evidence that "God is with men," and that the demonstration of His loving redemption of "the children of men" is at hand.

In the presence of this we cannot be proud, we cannot give or receive congratulations; we can only be grateful, and endeavor to live such lives as may be worthy the great trust given to us.

Mr. David B. Ogden's Remarks.

The next speaker was Mr. Ogden, who is chairman of the state publication committee of the Christian Scientists. He said:

In the privilege of sharing the joy of this happy occasion, the question has presented itself—Why is it that we as Christian Scientists come together with such rejoicing at this time? Wherein does the setting apart of this church building to the purposes of God, have special significance to us all? Earnest efforts and loving motives have reared and dedicated places of worship throughout recorded time and wherein is this simple dedication of greater significance to us and to the world? Is it not that the foundation, the very walls within and without, bear constant testimony that God is in very deed omnipotent and today can and does heal the sick as well as the sinful?

Were this not true, did not the glad gospel of Christian Science heal the sick, comfort the distressed, and reform the sinner as practical evidence of the present power of divine Love, no church of Christ, Scientist, would exist, this dedication would not have been possible.

In reply to the query "Where do Christian Scientists come from?" it has been aptly said by one who has found health and strength after years "Most people come to Christian Science because they have been lifted out of a hell of misery." "Most of us came from our graves."

David, the Psalmist-King, in gratitude to Israel's "living God," and perchance in anticipation of the great temple's dedication yet to come, prophetically sang: "Let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified," and because the blessings of their lives give present proof of God's unchanging salvation in every hour of need Christian Scientists repeat this glad refrain in thought and word and deed, and the

church is but an outward evidence that "continually the Lord is magnified."

The counsel that men should "magnify the Lord" appears frequently in Scripture and in the light of Christian Science seems especially significant.

The simplest definition of the word magnify is "to make great or increase," but it is possible to actually add to the magnitude or power of the One who is omnipotent, omniscient and omnibenevolent?

Some three hundred years ago an earnest student of astronomy uncovered the idea of magnifying the moon and stars by a scientific adjustment of lenses, and through the magnifying power of the telescope a clearer and truer view of the whole universe was made possible.

This new perception of the universe which had always existed changed nothing in the universe, but man's own false concept thereof. The magnitude of the sun had been increased but man's ability magnify enabled him to more nearly approximate the greatness thereof in the light of this better knowledge and clearer view of the sun and vast system of which it is the center, man also learned of the true government of the earth.

So long as the universe was measured by the standard of earth, and Ptolemaic theory, the inhabitants thereof suffered the ignorance, their own shortsightedness and absorption, but as man looked above and beyond his earth environment, discovered the facts of the universe, including a knowledge of the law, his own operation and grandeur, his own earth under the perpetual control of a mighty power outside itself.

Christian Science has provided us with that scientifically Christian view of the statements and promises of the Bible by which the eternally harmonious facts about man as the immortal reflection of God are made clear, practical, and in direct proportion he magnifies God, striving daily know more of good, and less evil, making this the one eternal purpose of his life, he is able to give practical evidence of his experience of the worth of Master's promise: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things"—health, happiness, abundance—"shall be added to you."

Christian Scientists have faith that every thought, word or act which fosters selfishness, fear, discontent or doubt also begets disease, would it possible belittle rather than magnify the power of God, and as such suggestions are resisted the desire to magnify good rather than evil, man is blessed accordingly.

Christian Science presents to us a kind of the purest of Spirit truth which the unbroken and harmonious relation of man to God may be termed, and provides an unvarying rule by which the problems of his experience may be successfully solved to the magnifying of God through salvation of man from all that is like His Maker, infinite good.

In surveying the evidences of salvation the establishment and growth of this health-giving Christian Science, Christian Scientists have great reasons for devotedness.

The Mother Church of Christian Science was organized in Boston

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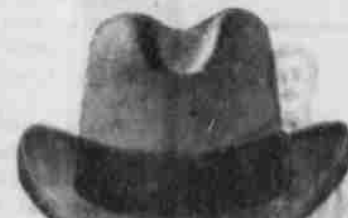
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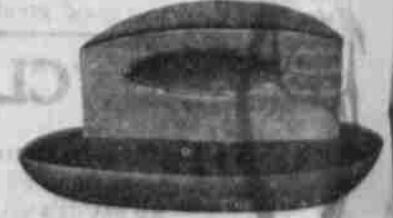
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