

alarmist statements, calculated to frighten young men, and holding out to them the benefits of some wonderful cure. There are many serving in Kingston whose records are clean compared with such persons. We trust that at the next session a stringent amendment will be adopted, prohibiting the use of the mails for such literature. In the meantime, we hope Sir William Mulock will continue in his present laudable purpose.

AN OBJECT LESSON IN CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Some years ago Christian Science was introduced into this country from the United States. In Toronto, the followers of this belief have a church on Simcoe street, the late, Mr. J. H. Stewart having been an active spirit in it. He died on 9th August, after an illness of some months. He had received some injury, but how far it caused his illness we do not know. Here we have a leader of the Christian Science cult meeting with an accident, becoming ill, steadily growing worse, and finally dying.

Let us now quote a few passages from the writings governing the sect: "Have no fears that matter can ache, swell, and be inflamed, from a law of any kind, when it is self-evident that matter can have no pain or inflammation. Your body would suffer no more from tension or wounds, than the trunk of a tree you gash, or the electric wire which you stretch, were it not for mortal mind."

And again: "When an accident happens you think, or exclaim, 'I am hurt,' your thought is more powerful than your words, more powerful than the accident itself to make the injury real. Now reverse the process. Declare you are not hurt, and understand the reason why; and you will find the ensuing good results to be in exact proportion to your disbelief in physics, and your fidelity to God." Once more, "You say that accidents, injuries and disease kill man; but this is not true. The life of man is mind. The material body manifests only what mortal mind admits, whether it be a broken bone, disease or sin."

In the case of the late Mr. Stewart, a leader of the Christian Scientists, several interesting questions arise. Is the entire Christian Science practice a failure? Or did Mr. Stewart lack faith in what he taught to others? Or why did his mortal mind admit disease to be present in his body? Or did he die without disease but as the result of an admission of his mortal mind? If he died as the result of disease, then, according to his own teaching, it could only be in his body as an admission of his own mind. But why did he admit the presence of any