

a marvel that anyone could ever be led away by such crudities, and insane metaphysical vaporings. Anyone who will study the life of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, the religious monomaniac who founded Christian Science, will come to the conclusion that her system is an unmitigated fraud, and she the victim of a delusion; for she held that her system was a direct revelation from God, and she the equal with Christ; and she commercialized her system so as to accumulate a vast fortune before she died, and all this was got from those who took up the huge absurdity, that *commercio—religio—metaphysico—biblico—scientifico—medico—system* which she put before the world. Her religion is not religion, her science is worse than vulgar superstition, her medicine cannot be called anything but the compound essence of ignorance, her metaphysics are only mysticisms, and the interpretation she puts on Bible passages bears no resemblance to them.

But just look at her life for a moment. When young she married Glover. He died in about three months, but much as she said she loved him, there is nothing to mark his grave, which to-day is unknown. Then she married Patterson, with whom she spent twenty rather unhappy years, and he ran away, and she secured a divorce. Then she married Eddy in 1877, giving her age as 40, though she was really 56. Well, we are told that she brought him back from death twice; but the third time she did not intervene, and he remained dead. By this time she had attained to great eminence as a Christian Science healer, and the marvel is she did not heal Mr. Eddy of his heart disease. She got over this difficulty by stating that he did not die of heart disease, but of arsenical poisoning, mentally administered to him, by enemies. But she took unto herself a fourth husband, in the person of the one who drove her around, Mr. Calvin Frye.

But look at some of her wild claims. In that portion of the Book of Revelation dealing with the figure of the "woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars," and then she claims: "the woman clothed with the sun, Mary Baker G. Eddy." Further on she claims that the little book in the hands of the mighty angel mentioned in the 10th chapter of Revelation was "Science and Health," of God's authorship, but copyrighted by her, Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy. In a poem she published in 1894, there is a picture representing Jesus seated on a stone holding the right hand of Mary, while in the left hand she holds a scroll bearing the words "Christian Science." Around the head of each there is a halo. But it is needless to give any more on this phase of the case.

Now, let us look at some of the teachings set forth, and credited to God as a revelation. "The condition of the stomach, bowels, food,