

Is the opposition of the "regular" schools to the "irregulars" wholly disinterested? Is the effort to prevent their work entirely in the interests of the public?

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"The list of disease healed included cancer, tuberculosis, impaired sight, insanity, stomach trouble, tumors, and many other troubles." Mr. J. Edgar Fielding states that evidence was submitted to Mr. Justice Hodgins that the foregoing diseases "had been healed through Christian Science treatment." In the first place, we have a right to ask who made the diagnosis of these cases; and who furnished the proof of their cure? We make bold to state there never has been cured in this way a true case of cancer. We know that there are some sores or tumors that are regarded by the ignorant concerning such things as cancer, which are not, and in time disappear or heal. Such persons would declare that the most common sort of ointment they may have used brought about their recovery; or, likewise, if a Christian Scientist, that it wrought the cure. This is nothing better than a child playing with fire, or the blind with two-edged swords.

But Mr. Edgar Fielding states that "in many cases the individuals making the declaration had been given up by the 'regular' physicians." Now, this is an old story. Many persons making such statements consulted a doctor on some occasion; and had some such a statement made to them as that this disease might be of a cancerous nature, and should be kept under close observation, with the view of verifying, and clearing away any doubt. This is not a final opinion; but is often taken by those who do not weigh carefully what is said to them as if it were a definite statement. In this way it is quite common to meet with persons who will say they were informed they had cancer, or tuberculosis, whereas the real truth was that they had only a tentative expression of opinion, and were told that they must wait.

If one will take the trouble to carefully read "Science and Health," the text-book of the Christian Scientists, as we have done, he will come to the conclusion that the people who accept such teachings are to be sincerely pitied. Well might the words be quoted, "Lord forgive them, for they know not what they do." Mrs. Eddy's teachings are most abominable hodge podge of misconstrued scripture, misunderstood science, and misapplied religion that was ever put before suffering and gullible humanity. From the beginning to the end of her book one meets with one gross, monstrous misstatement after another, until it becomes