

lawyer of high standing. Mr. Hellmuth is reported as having said: "What Christian Science deals with is suffering and disease of a spiritual nature; it in no way deals with it in a physical or mental nature." Now, to the medical man this does seem monstrous nonsense. He further said of these people: "In reality we do not practise either medicine or surgery." In reply to questions by the commissioner it came out that these people claim divine power to heal and the divine understanding so that a person can put themselves in communion with the Almighty and that He will do for them what Christ did for the sick. But this leads at once to a *reductio ad absurdum*. The person needing treatment may be unconscious, or insane, or too young to understand. It would not be possible for such persons to put themselves in accord with the scientist who offers to treat him. Under these circumstances the Christian Scientist would be working direct miracles. But all disease with them is only "a delusion of mortal." They admitted that they charge for their prayers; and it does not require much of a college course to learn a few prayers. It came from the lips of a Christian present that before any one can practise Christian Science he must furnish affidavits showing that he has cured three cases. *Mirabile dictu!* Number one is a case of mild chicken-pox, number two is a trifling bruise of finger, and number three is headache from too heavy a dinner! These are *cured* and forthcome the affidavits, and the board of the church says well done, you are entitled to practise! They are seeking that this sort of thing may continue.

Then we turn from this humbug on science, and travesty on religion, to chiropraxy. Here we meet with a vile and spurious form of treatment that claims that all ailments can be righted by twisting, pulling, manipulating the spine. Any law that would permit this sort of thing to be let loose on the community, should be resisted by every known means. Here is a case of bronchitis, give the spine a twist; there is a case of pleurisy, give the spine a twist; yonder a case of tonsillitis, give the spine a twist; now a case of synovitis, give the spine a twist; and, once more, a case of appendicitis, just give the spine a twist. This sort of abomination, too, is seeking legal recognition. Eye diseases, ear disorders, mental distortions, broken bones, tumors everywhere and of any kind, all yield to the modern wonder who knows how to administer to the spine the proper sort of a twist!

Then the osteopath and the optometrist come along. These practitioners can work wonders, too. They, by marvellous genius, can learn in a few weeks how to diagnose and treat the most obscure conditions. They have no need for drugs. All the researches of chemistry go for naught! What use have they got for morphine, or quinine, or mer-