

restricted to the bona-fide exercise of the tenets of their religion, and they should possess no other right, or immunity from that enjoyed by the clergyman or minister who is called in for the spiritual benefit of a member of his communion, and whose ministrations often react beneficially on physical suffering."

Heavy penalties are recommended in the case of such as attempt to treat contagious diseases and fail to recognize them and report to the health authorities. This is as it should be. Mrs. Eddy, in *Science and Health*, again and again declares that disease is only a delusion of mortal mind, that all disease arises from sin or fear, that all diseases are the same, namely, some maladjustment towards infinite mind. Holding such views, the Christian Scientist, when he undertakes to treat disease, is a most dangerous person; and the commissioner very properly advises that such persons be granted no special privileges, that he be held responsible for his mistakes, and that if he is going to treat the sick for gain he must secure from the Provincial Board of Health a permit stating that he has the knowledge to distinguish contagions from each other, and to recognize them when seen.

This would have a most salutary effect, as very few, if any, of the Christian Scientists could qualify. In order to do so they would have to study diseases practically in the wards of our hospitals, and undergo proper instruction. This would very soon put Eddyism out of their heads. We would expect that the Provincial Board of Health would not issue a permit to any one who could not diagnose the many communicable diseases, such as typhoid fever, smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, tuberculosis, and we hope soon to find on the list, syphilis and gonorrhoea. This would prove a large bill of fare for one whose text-book was Mrs. Eddy's *Science and Health*, with Key to the Scriptures.

2. Chiropractic. Referring to chiropractors, the commissioner says: "That he cannot accept as part of the recognized medical profession a system which denies the need of diagnosis, refers ninety-five per cent. of diseases to one and the same cause, and turns its back upon all modern medical and scientific methods as unworthy to be even discussed."

This is a thoroughly sound and just expression of opinion. The one and only cause of disease with the chiropractor is some displacement or subluxation of the spinal column, causing pressure on some nerve. We have time after time exposed this folly that it only remains now to bury out of sight the corpse of this so-called system, and forgive the use of the word "system". Justice Hodgins' comments must be accepted as finally disposing of this wretched theory of disease and worse than wretched method of treatment. A study of the announcements and literature on chiropractic reveals views that one would not believe to be