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EDITORIAL

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ONCE MORE.

The following letter is the excuse for returning to this subject. We give the letter in order that all may judge for themselves. We are confident what that judgment will be. It cannot be any other than the severest condemnation of anyone who can say: "As Christian Scientists are healing disease without a course of medical study, and as such study would be a positive hindrance instead of a help to them, why should they be forced by those who do not understand Christian Science to undergo any such course?" But, please read the entire letter.

Toronto, April 1st, 1916.

Editor,

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Dear Sir,

In the editorial article entitled "The Irregulars" in your issue of March, there is an evident effort to belittle the work of Christian Scientists in the healing of the sick. Christian Scientists do not claim to work miracles, but that the sick are being healed by its ministrations is beyond question. Nor are the cases thus healed confined to the simple ailments specified in the article named. There were prepared and presented to the Medical Commissioner, Mr. Justice Hodgins, a number of declarations duly attested, of persons who had been healed through Christian Science treatment of various diseases. The list of diseases healed included cancer, tuberculosis, impaired sight, insanity, stomach trouble, tumors, and many other troubles. In many cases the individuals making the declaration had been given up by the "regular" physicians. In almost all cases the names of the physicians who had attended the patients were supplied with the original declaration.

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