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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ON CREAKING CRUTCHES.

Two gentlemen called upon us a few days ago and left the following with the request that we publish it. This we do, and accompany it by our criticism, as we informed these gentlemen would be the case, and to which they agreed. They also left with us a copy of the speech of Senator John D. Works in behalf of Christian Science. For the convenience of reference, we have numbered the paragraphs in the letter we have been requested to publish for convenience in reference.

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Editor, *The Canada Lancet*;

1. "In your attempted castigation of Christian Science in your issue of November, 1917, you have written lightly but not wisely of a godly man, Doctor Fluno, who has witnessed a good confession for many years, and who at an advanced age is engaged in preaching the gospel of healing from the lecture platform.

2. "Those M.D.'s who have turned to Christian Science, investigated it, demonstrated its truth and enrolled themselves among its practitioners, are not of the sort who take short-cuts to cheap degrees, but men who aim to be worthy of their high calling.

3. "Saying that Christian Science corrects the world of such a thing as sickness is another way of saying that Christian Science presents the principle of healing all manner of diseases, the principle of which Christ Jesus is the Master exponent, who declared: 'The Son can do nothing of himself, but what He seeth the Father do; for what things whatsoever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.' (John 5:19). In the words of St. Paul: 'Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?' If the healing of diseases pronounced incurable by material methods, healing substantiated by such evidence as no unbiased man should deny, were claimed as done by human ability, you might well object to the claim; but when it is the power of God that is invoked, who dare put limits to the result? Why should any manifestation of life and restoration to health be deemed strange when the Almighty is relied upon? Our Master said that with God all things are possible, 'all good is possible to spirit', as Mrs. Eddy has put it in *Science and Health*, with Key to the Scriptures, page 232.

4. "This healing is accomplished by the understanding of the operation of spiritual law, and benefits accrue to all mankind by this