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## **EDITORIAL**

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AGAIN.

We might not have returned to this subject so soon but for the boldness of this cult of late. Scientists have been putting forth some very remarkable claims for this spurious system of religion and insane system of healing.

Mr. Frank Bell, C.S., of Harrisburg, Penn., delivered a lecture on Christian science in Toronto recently. Among other things he is reported as saying that Christian science takes the fear out of business, thereby removing a prime factor of failure. Then he went on to state that a sound body and a clear head were important assets to one. He then further said that it was essential to remember that clean thoughts and good health were synomymons. Sickness, disease and death were the results of ignorance and erroneous thoughts.

Then recently there was in Toronto a Mr. Walton Hubbard, C.S.B., of Spokane, Wash. He also contended that Christian science was a great aid to business. One paper reported him as saying: "Christian science has brought many prosperous business conditions where before there had been business failures." Then, further, he was reported as saying: "Man is the perfect idea of God, and as an idea of God he has no volition of his own." But he also was reported as saying: "Investigation proves that all sickness is mental, that is, it is sick thought made manifest in the body; and when we are well it is well thought which is made manifest on the body."

This is enough to show what a fool's castle these people live in. Anyone knows or ought to know that a sound mind in a sound body are great assets. In this there is no difference of opinion, and was a recognized truth long, long before the days of Mrs. Eddy.

But when Mr. Frank Bell tells us that clean thoughts and good health are synonymous we must beg to differ. Some of the most saintly per-