

science. Read this book from beginning to end. Study it, ponder it, etc." No one can read this chapter without coming to the conclusion that Mrs. Eddy claims that the book which was in the Angel's hand was *Science and Health*; and that the woman in the vision was Mrs. Eddy herself. This is the acme of a grandiose delusion.

Once more from her own book, *Science and Health*. On page 110, line 17, we read: "No human pen nor tongue taught me the science contained in this book, *Science and Health*; and neither tongue nor pen can overthrow it." This should seal the fate of Mrs. Eddy's mental statue. If her followers maintain that she was sane, then they must admit that she was a notorious imposter. There is no escaping the conclusion that she was the one or the other. Our opinion is that she was of unsound mind.

TORONTO STATISTICS.

Only 34 persons died from contagious disease in the city of Toronto last month, compared with 34 in the corresponding period in 1915, and 59 in September, 1916. This is mainly due to the fact that there was a drop of fourteen in the number of victims of tuberculosis. Diphtheria claimed five fewer victims than in September, but one more than in October of last year.

The details as furnished by the city clerk are as follows:

	Oct., '16	Oct., '15.	Sept., '16.
Diphtheria	6	5	11
Measles	0	4	0
Whooping cough	1	1	5
Typhoid fever	2	1	5
Tuberculosis	22	22	36
Infantile paralysis ...	1	0	0
Spinal meningitis ...	1	1	2

A FAMOUS NURSE DEAD.

Sir William Osler, of Oxford University, announcing by cable the death of Miss Louisa Parsons, training nurse, who studied under Florence Nightingale, and was one of the founders of Johns Hopkins Hospital. She also opened the University of Maryland Hospital. Miss Parsons accompanied Lord Wolseley's Egyptian expedition in 1882, receiving decorations from the Khedive of Egypt and Queen Victoria. Contracting typhoid from the expedition, she came to America. She also helped Clara H. Barton in the relief work after the Beaufort, S.C., flood. She also saw service in the Spanish-American and Boer Wars.