

We need not comment on the tragedy here narrated. We may, however, call attention to the fact that the patient begged for a physician. As one was not immediately sent for, this might have been thought sufficient to bring the foolish matrons in attendance within the grasp of the law, on the ground of wilful neglect. Tender as the law is in this country (Britain) in its treatment of quacks, it appears to be still more tender in America. In view of the case which has been referred to, it may be interesting to quote the method of conducting childbirth according to the principles of Christian Science, as laid down by Mrs. Eddy in "Science and Health" (page 459):

"Teacher and student should also be familiar with the obstetrics taught by this Science. To attend properly the birth of the new child, or the divine idea, you should so detach mortal thought from its material conceptions that the birth will be natural and safe. Though gathering new energies, an idea should injure none of its useful surroundings in the travail of spiritual birth. It should not have within it a single element of error, and should remove properly whatever is offensive. Then would the new idea, conceived and born of Truth and Love, be clad in white garments. Its beginning will be meek, its growth sturdy, and its maturity undecaying. When this new birth takes place, the Christian Science infant is born of the Spirit and can cause the mother no more suffering. Thus it will always be when truth is allowed to fulfil her perfect work."

If detaching mortal thought from material conceptions be the secret of safe and natural midwifery, the poor girl to whom allusion has been made should not have died, for the women about her had evidently detached their thoughts from anything so material as a suffering sister and her child. Perhaps, however, Mrs. Eddy would say their treatment was meddlesome, as no mention is made by her of the application of a Bible to the abdomen.—*British Medical Journal*.

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## THE MALAYS.

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THE Malays are by far the most important race, not only in the Indian seas, but from Africa to Polynesia. From unknown times they have been enterprising seafarers and colonizers in most eastern ports and coasts. They have thronged East Africa for more than a thousand years, and have a colony even at the Cape of Good Hope. They traded everywhere throughout Madagascar—their Mala-gasa,—and the Mala-dvipas, or Maldives. They colonized 500 miles of the west coast of India, still known as Mala-bar; the great islands of Sumatra and the adjoining mainland, known as the Malacca Peninsula,