

declares that the real man is perfect; that he never has sinned and never can. Well, how could he? He is only a reflection in a mirror that does not exist. Even if God could sin the reflection could not, for it has no moral quality of its own. But take Mrs. Eddy at her own word and suppose that the real man is perfect. Since there is no other man in the universe but the real man, why do we bother about the other fellow? Why do we have Christian Science churches, at large cost, and well paid lecturers making fervent appeals to the people to accept Christian Science in order that they may thus destroy sin, sickness, and death, and realize the perfect man? One of these lecturers recently said that "the Gospel shows us how we may attain to this perfect life." If the real man never knew any other than the perfect life, and if there is no other than the real man, who are the we that are to attain and what is the attainment? Whatever responsibilities your moral nature may involve, thank God that you are a man or woman made in the image and likeness of God, and not an impersonal mimicking reflection.

Sin.

We have already spoken of the fact of sin. But so important is it, and so emphatic is Mrs. Eddy's denial of it, that it deserves still further consideration at this time. Let it be remembered that we are not dealing with the nature of sin, nor with its origin, but simply with the facts of sin.