

of damage was done to the roof. There were 98 aged women in the institution at the time. Many of these were very old and feeble. A strenuous effort was put forth and the entire number removed to some place of safety.

This fire accentuates once more the need for using fire-proof material in the construction of every building in which the aged, the sick, or the insane are to be housed. There must be no trifling with this question. Stringent legislation should be placed in the statute books calling for this type of building from this date onwards.

A fire-proof building may cost more at the time of erection, but they last longer and are so much safer that in the end they prove less costly than buildings that are perishable by fire. Let us act according to knowledge.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Quite recently a Toronto audience was treated to a lecture upon Christian Science by Bliss Knapp, C.S.B., and the press gave a fair amount of space to what was said. The lecturer was none other than a "member of the Board of Lectureship of the mother church, the First Church, Scientist, in Boston, Mass." We may conclude that what was said was authentic as to the real beliefs of the Christian Science Church on the subject of disease and its treatment.

"It is time that orthodox Christians generally accept this teaching as it relates to temptations of sin, but Christian Science accepts the same teaching as it relates to temptations to sickness. That is to say, we recognize that health is just as much a characteristic or attribute of God as are honesty and goodness, and therefore the individual makes the same mistake who believes that his health is a personal possession as he does who believes that his goodness and honesty are personal possessions. We save our health through the recognition of its divinity—that it is the gift of God—and that God has no more purpose to withdraw it than He would honesty and goodness. Therefore, one's health can no more be destroyed or impaired than can God Himself."

To anyone who is not Eddy mad this is madness pure and simple. No matter how men become honest or dishonest we know that there are such. In like manner we know that there are the sick and the well. But our Christian friends are confounding things that are not alike and then go to work to reason from their false premises. Honesty is a moral quality; disease is a physical condition. It is true that Christian Scientists claim that all disease is only a mental state.