

she is now frank enough to say that she never healed anyone of any real disease or serious indisposition in all that time, and doesn't know of any other healer who did."

In the *New York Sun* for 16th December, 1898, Mrs. Eddy made this statement in a letter: "I challenge the world to disprove what I hereby declare. After my discovery of Christian science, I healed consumption in its last stages, that M.D.'s, by verdict of the stethoscope and the schools, declared incurable, the lungs being mostly consumed. I healed malignant tubercular diphtheria and carious bones that could be dented by the finger, saving them when the surgeon's instruments were lying on the table ready for their amputation. I have healed at one visit a cancer that had eaten the flesh off the neck as to expose the jugular vein so that it stood out like a cord." This declaration by Mrs. Eddy is a trump card with the Christian scientists. Just look at the brazen impudence of this challenge. She gave no names or addresses, and in this way escaped the investigation she seemed to invite. But this is in keeping with Mrs. Eddy's cunning and impudent methods in other things. But in the *New York Sun* for 1st January, 1899, Dr. Charles A. L. Reed, of Cincinnati, a well-known physician, published a challenge to Mrs. Eddy that he would furnish her with such cases as she said she had cured, and that, if she cured them, he would proclaim her power. Silence as deep as death rested on Mrs. Eddy's lips, and Dr. Reed never heard from her.

And this is the thing that seeks the legal right to treat people and charge for the same! Never has the medical profession seen born into existence a more hideous monster than Christian science when we speak of it as a healing cult. No chemistry, no anatomy, no physiology, no bacteriology, no diagnosis, no medicine, no hygiene, all, all a great nothing; for there is no matter, and all disease is an illusion, a mere myth; yet the Christian scientist wishes to treat this illusion, and charge for doing so! This is a dragon that the St. George of the medical profession must boldly encounter. We fight for truth, these various cults for error; but remember the words of Bryant:

Truth crushed to earth shall rise again;  
The eternal years of God are hers;  
But Error, wounded, writhes in pain,  
And dies amid her worshippers.

Optometry is only a small piece of ophthalmology, and this, in turn, only a portion of the whole field of a medical course.