

THE ORIGIN OF MATTER.

IN her remarks on "matter" Mrs. Eddy says that matter is not real, everlasting, indestructible; that it is an emanation from mortal mind; that the myriad forms of mortal thoughts are made manifest in matter; that matter is an error of statement; that this error in the premise leads to errors in the conclusion in every statement into which it enters; that nothing we can say or believe regarding matter is true, except that matter is unreal, and is therefore a belief, which has its beginning and ending; that it is that which mortal mind sees, feels, hears, tastes, and smells only in belief; that it is ever non-intelligent; that it has no propagating power of its own; that the intelligence of matter is impossible, that it is neither self-existent nor is it produced by Spirit; that it is the primitive belief of mortal mind, because this so-called mind has no cognizance of Spirit; that the theories she combats are (1) that all is matter, (2) that matter originates in Mind, and is as real as Mind, possessing intelligence and life.

Mrs. Eddy in several instances has put up straw men and then has gone at them with hammer and