

Where the Crime of the Christian Scientist Lies.

The disingenuous methods adopted by the supporters of Christian Science were well displayed in a stormy discussion which, according to press reports, took place at a recent meeting of the Society for Medical Jurisprudence. One of the speakers, pleading for "toleration," is reported there to have said: "Why, the very things they do are done in every Protestant and Catholic church in the country. Go into any of them, and if one of their prominent members happens to be sick, you will hear them praying for his recovery without any regard to whether he has a doctor or not." But when has any objection ever been made to Christian Scientists, or any one else, not only praying for the recovery of the sick, but even bringing to bear the influence of the strongest possible suggestion toward it? The Christian Scientists do *not* pray "without any regard to whether he has a doctor or not," or, as we should prefer to express it, without regard to whether all known material or mechanical aids are used, or not. There could not be the remotest objection to their supplementing material and mechanical therapeutic efforts with any mental process they choose to employ. Every Christian, of whatever denomination, daily utters, or should utter, the simple petition, "Give us this day our daily bread," and that, or a similar tribute of reliance upon the Omnipotent One, is used by many who do not profess to be Christians; but none of them considers that that fact justifies him in sitting down idly and folding his hands, without making an effort to attain that for which he prays. Would any Christian Scientist exonerate the guardian of a child, should the child die of starvation because its guardian withheld all food, on the ground that matter was nothing and only Divine Mind fulfilled the process of nutrition and caused the progress of the being in growth and health? Suppose a Christian Scientist's own child were playing in front of a fast-speeding car, and a man standing by did not even stretch out a hand to drag it away, not believing, forsooth, in material measures, but relying solely on the strength of Divine Mind. We should like to hear the Christian Scientist's opinion of that inhuman creature. No. It is not what the Christian Scientist does, it is what he refuses to do, that constitutes his crime against religion, society, the community, and the individual.—*New York Med. Sour.*

THE road to happiness and content in summer leads to Nature, for the closer we get to the bosom of Nature the closer we get to real happiness, where everything is God-made, where things are fresh and sweet and pure, and where we live and come in daily contact with things that appeal to our finest and truest and highest impulses.—*Edward Bok, in the May Ladies' Home Journal.*