

(Rud. Divine Science, p. 2-3). "God is not person," (S. H. 646). "God as a principle, not a person saves man" (616). And the climax is reached by this "final revelation" in these words: "Of God as a Person, human reason, imagination, and revelation give us no knowledge" (No and Yes, p. 29).

What does all this amount to? Principle, Love, Life, Truth are not things which exist in the abstract. They cannot even be conceived apart from personality. You cannot have love without a lover, nor thought without a thinker, nor truth without a consciousness, nor life without a living being. An impersonal father is simply unthinkable. No one in his senses thinks of God as a bodily, physical Being, but He is a Spiritual Personality. And this Mrs. Eddy flatly and repeatedly denies. If she is correct the whole Bible is a delusion and Christ's mission, in the New Testament, is null and void. If God is nothing but principle, then the God of Christian Science has no existence apart from the mind that thinks about Him. Mrs. Eddy positively asserts this. "Man is God's image and likeness," and "God without the image and likeness of Himself would be a non-entity or mind unexpressed (p. 199). On p. 466, she still more emphatically makes the very existence of God depend upon man. In short, the Eddyist God is a cold, dead abstraction, the very contradiction of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ as revealed to us in the New Testament. Such scriptures as Matt. 6:26-34; John 14:17; I. Tim.: 3-16; Hebs. 1:1-3, &c., reveal the Christian God as a living, loving Personality who is a Father, knowing all about us, thinking, caring, feeling for His children, loving them and bearing their burdens and sorrows upon His heart, who in all their affliction was afflicted, and of whom we can truly say:

"Speak to Him thou for He hears, and Spirit with Spirit can meet; Closer is He than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet."

But Eddyism denies all this and proves its own un-Christian character in denying the personality of God.

II.—After defining God as Principle, Mrs. Eddy proceeds to demolish the Christian doctrine of the Trinity with a few strokes of her inspired pen. Like "Pastor" Russell, she wilfully perverts the teaching of all the Churches on this point, but transcends him in the audacity with which she claims for her own production a place in the Divine existence. In one characteristic sentence she puts three attributes of God for God Himself, and enthrones her text-book in the eternal Godhead. "Life, Truth and Love constitute the Triune God, or triply divine Principle. They represent a trinity in unity, three in one—the same in essence, though multiform in office: God the Father; Jesus the type of Sonship; Divine Science, or the Holy Comforter" (p. 227). To make assurance doubly sure she elsewhere