

later. The names of the surgeons who examined him after his cure of the hernia are not given, and cannot be given, for there were none.

7. Mrs. Eddy's challenge was a deliberate lie. She had not cured the cases she said she had. Her challenge was taken up by Dr. Reed and she was offered such cases, but she never opened her mouth. Moreover, she did not say who the patients were, nor where they lived, and so her challenge was not a challenge at all, but a coarse kind of "bluff." Suppose someone came from the woods and said he had seen one thousand white deer, and challenged people to disprove the statement, no one would believe it, yet no one was there to disprove it. Mrs. Eddy did not come before any reputable persons and exhibit any of her "cures." All this was a manufactured story by Mrs. Eddy, and is in keeping with bringing out an apple blossom in the bitter winter weather.

8. I do not deny the miracles of Jesus, but I do the mythical ones of the early centuries. I do refuse to grant to such an imposter on religion and science as Mrs. Eddy was the power to perform a true miracle. She may have relieved some nervous cases by the law of suggestion; but the worst sort of a fraud may do this. A claim is made for the charming sort of person Mrs. Eddy was. Take this about her book: "Push the book to as fast as possible completion, it is God's book, and He says give it at once to the people." Yes, but at the exorbitant price of three dollars. No one reads of Jesus charging for His cures or asking \$300 for a few lessons on Christianity. Verily, Mrs. Eddy's whole system was one of money, money, and she even said that God told her how much to charge for her lectures. The claim is made that the mere reading of her book brings such "spiritual understanding" that "fear and despair" is destroyed, and the body is relieved. One could hardly imagine that the stolen and modified opinions of Dr. P. P. Quimby could do such wonderful things. But it is quite evident that Christian scientists take others for fools, and offer us this sort of thing with the hope that we will believe it. If they believe it themselves they are to be pitied. She did put her writings above the Bible, for she states that she gives absolute truth, and that the Bible was not complete till her writings came. Mrs. Eddy says: "Our Master . . . left no definite rule for demonstrating His principle of healing and preventing disease. This remained to be discovered through Christian science."

9. An attempt is made to defend Mrs. Eddy's position on the sale of her books and the punishment for neglecting to sell them. The announcement is so plain that there can be no doubt. "It shall be the duty of all Christian scientists to circulate and to sell as many of these books as they can. If a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, shall fail to obey this injunction, it will render him liable to lose