

How Christian Science Heals Sickness and Sin

Lecture Delivered Last Evening by Virgil O. Strickler, C. S. of New York

The following address upon Christian Science was delivered last evening in Society Hall by Mr. Virgil O. Strickler, C. S., of New York: "As it becomes more generally understood that through the ministry of Christian Science people are being healed of sickness, sin, unhappiness, worry, fear, and other discordant conditions, there is an ever increasing desire upon the part of the general public to learn how these results are accomplished. It is the purpose of this lecture to explain how Christian Science does these things. There is no mystery about Christian Science healing, nor is it difficult to understand. It can be stated without any reservation whatever that every person who is willing to do so may learn how to heal sickness and to destroy the desire for sin for himself and others through Christian Science.

In approaching the investigation of this subject one should go to work with an open mind. Christian Science is producing certain very definite and very beneficial results, and it behooves every thinking person to try to understand how they are accomplished. Both in the medical profession and among the clergy there are many such open-minded students, with the result that there are some eminent physicians are now sending to Christian Science practitioners those of their patients who do not recover under medical treatment; while many clergymen are openly declaring from their pulpits that the fruits of Christian Science are good, and not a few of them have left their pulpits to become Christian Science practitioners. These facts are worthy of serious consideration.

If it is true that Christian Science is teaching people how to rise above sinful appetites and desires, and how to be healthy and happy; then surely it is the greatest and most vital thing that can engage human thought. That Christian Science does these things to some extent at least is no longer an open question, and the proof of it is to be found in the practical benefits that have come to its adherents.

Although the healing of physical and mental diseases by spiritual means was widely practiced, both in Old Testament and New Testament times, and was expressly commanded by Jesus, and although Christian Science during the last 50 years has actually healed in this way large numbers of people from all kinds of physical and mental diseases, there are still a great many people who honestly find it difficult to understand how it is possible for the sick to be healed without drugs, and entirely by spiritual means. Even among those who profess to believe in the bible and in the omnipotence of God, there are many who have honest doubts that the power of God is sufficient or available to deliver from sickness, and these doubts often prevent the effort to gain an understanding of the way by which spiritual healing is accomplished.

To all such it can be said that Jesus healed the sick without drugs and, what is more important to us, he taught other people how to do so, thus proving that this method of healing physical disease by spiritual means could be taught to others, and understood and practiced by them. Later these same disciples taught the Principles of spiritual healing, which they had learned from Jesus to their own disciples, and history shows that on down through a period of about ten generations the healing of the sick by spiritual means continued to be a part of the regular ministry of the Christian

Church, and that the dead were raised during the first and second centuries. Moses and the prophets also healed the sick and raised the dead, and did many other wonderful works in demonstration of the power of spirit to meet human needs, and the Old Testament is filled with such instances.

It will thus be seen that the knowledge of spiritual truth, and the method of its application to deliver people from sickness, sin, and every kind of evil human condition, has reappeared upon the earth at many times, and it is claimed for Christian Science that it is the re-appearance of the same generation of the understanding of the same spiritual law that was known and understood in part by Moses and the prophets, and which was perfectly understood and demonstrated by Jesus, and by him taught to his disciples. There is no mystery about it, and the results produced by Christian Science are the results which have always followed, and must necessarily follow, from the apprehension and demonstration of spiritual truth. Christian Science is nothing more nor less than a return to primitive Christianity, and every one who turns to it fairly and honestly will find in it that which will satisfy his spiritual aspirations and meet his human needs.

Mrs. Eddy's Discovery. Mrs. Eddy is acknowledged to be the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, and many people ask what it is that she has discovered. In reply it can be said that she has discovered the Law of Spirit which is Spiritual Truth. Mrs. Eddy discovered the law of Spirit as truly as Sir Isaac Newton discovered the law of gravitation, and this fact should be thoroughly understood. Just as Newton discovered that the movements of material bodies were regulated and governed by this material law, so Mrs. Eddy discovered the Principle that governs the entire universe, including every detail in the lives of men. That supreme, creative, governing, omnipresent Mind or Principle is God, the only Cause, the only Creator, the only Ruler of man and the universe.

Services at Park Baptist

PARK BAPTIST CHURCH. A large congregation assembled at Park Church Sunday morning, and the attendance at the Communion service was the largest since the beginning of the pastorate of the Rev. Wm. H. Wrighton. The subject at the morning service was "The Pathway to Revival" text Malachi 3:10. Mr. Wrighton said these are days of revival and we are all in suspense, fearful lest we should miss the blessing. When the great revival came to India some years ago it seemed to sweep in great tidal waves over the land and one mission station after another was touched by the hand of blessing. At one mission station there was great fear lest the tides of blessing should pass them by—they met for prayer one day floods of blessing descended—the very church seemed to be shaken by a mighty power—strong men wept like children, others confessed their sin—some sought for reconciliation with those

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Tithing is sometimes spoken of as a Jewish law, but it was the custom long before the law was given. Abraham paid tithes, Jacob also, and these men were living long before the Jewish law was given, and not only so, but tithing is mentioned seven times in the Old Testament. Mr. Wrighton gave several instances of the liberality of those who have just come out of heathen darkness into the joy of the Christian religion, but we are not only expected to give money we must give tithes of all we possess. Some have intellectual power and ability for leadership, and this must be laid upon the altar. Then there are men with business ability who can help in the business departments of the church. Some can bring the tithe of sympathy—others have power in prayer. We must give largely of our hearts to the service of the Lord. One class of two hundred and fifty Koreans pledged 2500 days of Christian service during the year.

God awaits the test, and says "Prove me now." The only way we can prove God is by bringing all the tithes to Him. We often get the idea that God is unwilling to bless, but we are the great hindrance. He is waiting to be proved—waiting to be gracious. God promises an overflowing blessing when we fulfil the conditions. He gave a deluge of wrath in the days of Noah—He is waiting to-day to give us a deluge of love and blessing, and will pour floods of blessing in the dry ground of the hearts of sinners when His people bring all the tithes into the storehouse.

The evening subject was one of absorbing interest. Mr. Wrighton spoke on "The Victories of Satan in this War," and said that we were so taken up with defeating the Germans that we had almost forgotten our greater enemy who was seeking with all his might to use this great national crisis for the furthering of his own fiendish purposes. Among the victories mentioned as having been won by Satan during this war were those accomplished through lust, liquor, and lying prophecies. He also called attention to the rapid spread of idolatry during the present war, to the terrible roads that had been made on the sanctity of the Lord's Day. Every time a picture show is opened on Sunday it is a victory for Satan. The national commission in Britain that inquired into the question of running the munition factories on Sunday had decided that it was not in the best interests of the Allies to work the men seven days a week, and yet in our own country—Canada—factories are still running on Sunday and the Lord's day is being snatched from us.

The sermon concluded with an earnest call for prayer on behalf of our men in the training camps and at the battle front, subject as they are to temptations and dangers.

SIDE TALKS

By RUTH CAMERON

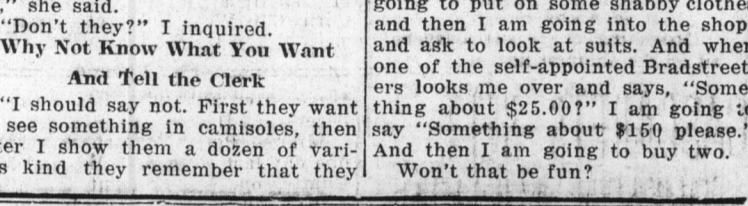
"PLATED."

A rather shabbily dressed middle-aged woman came to a counter where I was the other day. "I want to look at forks," she said. The clerk gave her one swift glance. "Plated?" he asked. If I were the head of a department and heard a clerk do that, I'd take that clerk aside and I'd give him or her a lesson in tact and manners that would save their time and mine. It is often hard for the clerk to pin the customer down to just what she wants. True, the clerk wanted to find out what the customer wanted before she could serve her. And I know just how many needless preliminaries a clerk often has to go through before she can pin her customer down to just what she wants.

The other day I happened to state what I wanted fairly definitely to a girl at the cashmole counter, and she looked up at me gratefully. "I wish people always knew what they wanted," she said. "Don't they?" I inquired. Why Not Know What You Want And Tell the Clerk. "I should say not. First they want to see something in catalogues, then after I show them a dozen of various kind they remember that they

must have all white, and then a few minutes later they decide to tell me that they wouldn't consider anything but Georgette crepe. And when I pick out one all white and Georgette crepe, they say "yes, but that hasn't got ribbon straps over the shoulders." Now, why couldn't they say in the first place they wanted white Georgette crepe with ribbon shoulder straps, in size 38? It would save their time and mine. But to return to the main road, while the silver clerk had to find out what the woman wanted, she didn't have to do it so tactlessly. Two words would have saved the situation. Instead of just "plated," she should have said, "Solid or plated?"

Isn't it Foolish to Care? It is absurd to care what a salesgirl whom you may never see again thinks of you, and yet it is somehow annoying to be looked over and then placed in that lordly way. Some day, when I am rich, I am going to put on some shabby clothes and then I am going into the shops and ask to look at suits. And when one of the self-appointed Bradstreeters looks me over and says, "Something about \$25.00?" I am going to say "Something about \$15.00 please." And then I am going to buy two. Won't that be fun?



BERRY COTTAGES

The little old fairy in the green cloak who had come to the holy island on her airplane stared at the beautiful scarlet fairies that flocked around her. And do you mean to say," she exclaimed, "that this island was nothing but a holy wreath that some one cast upon the water?"

"Nothing more," said the scarlet fairies. "Nothing more. The goblin made it grow, and grow, and we are the fairies who lived in the berries, as we told you before."

The little old fairy, stooped her head. "What good is that to me? I wish wings a foot wide and giant eyes?" they asked.

"That," said the little old fairy, "is a dragon-fly that I have fed upon fairy milk and honey until he grew and grew. But he's as kind as a bird can be and you needn't fear him. Indeed, if you'll let me stay here and live in one of those scarlet cottages that you say are only holy berries made enormous by the magic of the goblin, we'll use him for an airplane."

So the scarlet holy fairies escorted the little old fairy in the green cloak to one cottage that was

a little darker than the others. The berry had withered before the wreath was thrown upon the water and the fairy in it had flown away.

Well, that was the queerest cottage the goblin had and curious little windows that were just holes poked in the berry wall. And big enough, if you please, for the little old fairy who was a foot high to walk right in and stand up.

Now the berry wall had been dried and baked by the sun and there were fire-fly lanterns inside, but the trouble was—there wasn't any furniture.

"That's queer," said the little old fairy. "That's very queer!"

"No," said the scarlet fairies. "It is not so queer, for we are not like other fairies. We have no wings and therefore, we could not leave the island."

"Well," said the old fairy, "my dragon-fly can. We'll have fairy furniture and a lot of it in no time." It is the fairy on the back of her dragon-fly flew and brought back wood and more wood. The forest of holy leaves rang with the clatter of fairy hammers and fairy chisels while those scarlet fairies made fairy furniture for the berry cottages.



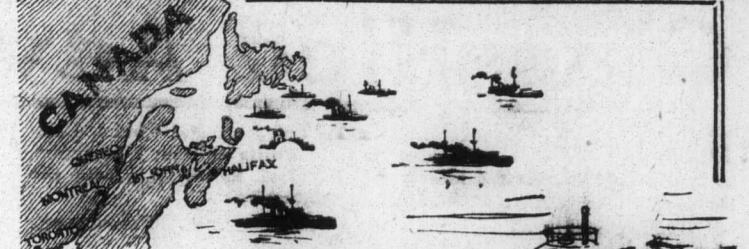
Rippling Rhymes

Walt Mason

THE POOR

"I cannot give the poor a cent," remarks the portly, stuffed gent, who's just consumed a pie; "It turns my Auburn ringlets gray to make ends meet from day to day, all prices are so high. Just glance along that bill of fare, and note the prices ruling there, on canvasback and teal; mark how things cost to beat the band, and then perhaps you'll understand why I can't spare a wheel. Planked steaks with French imported peas, and all such staple things as these, that every man must eat, are costing now so many wheels that the woebegone consumer feels a

coldness in his feet. Without such things as mushroom sauce my vitals are a total loss, and they've gone up in price; I shudder, too as well I may, recalling what I have to pay for bottles on the ice. A man must feed before he thinks of handing out to needy ginks a portion of his kale, and he has little left, I swear, when he has paid for Belgian hare, for oysters stews and quail. I'll help the poor, as well as you, if lofty sentiments would do, instead of silver dimes. Now I must eat a slab of beef, while I deplore the woe and grief of these outlandish times."



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