

of the mortal body . . . rightly understood, instead of possessing sentient matter, we have sensationless bodies . . . whence came to me this conviction in antagonism to the testimony of the human senses? From the self-evident fact that matter has no sensation; from the common human experience of the falsity of all material things; from the obvious fact that mortal mind is what suffers, feels, sees; since matter cannot suffer." And upon this she attempts to build her argument to substantiate her hypothesis and concludes that an understanding of these great facts obliterates the sense of complaint. Bishop Berkeley endeavored to set up a philosophical idealism which denied the reality of matter. Of him Lord Byron wrote:

"When Bishop Berkeley said there is no matter
It was no matter what he said."

Eddyism is something of Berkeleyism gone insane. One of Mrs. Eddy's former students, Dr. Arens, has published a volume called "Old Theology in its application to the healing of the sick," in which he argues that life is the cause of all action and concludes by reasoning thus: "If life is the cause of all action it must be the cause of sickness . . . thought is the first product of life, and as the thought is so will the action be. Life cannot act contrary to the thoughts which are become beliefs or opinions, that is, which have taken root or are become attached to it, unless it acts unconsciously." Dr. Marston, in a book of a similar school, states that "the mental healer does not care by what medical name the distress is known; it may be nervousness, dyspepsia, asthma, fever,—words alike to him, since the effects they denote are simply reflections or registers of wrong thinking," and he says, "the senses say matter can suffer pain; matter is insensible; the senses declare a man sick, but the real man knows nothing of disease." He finally describes the cure thus: "A mental cure is the discovery made by a sick person that he is well."

W. F. Evans, a voluminous writer, formerly an Evangelical minister, then a Swedenborgian, and lately a mental healer, remarks: "The process is essentially a spiritual work; it is held