

ataxia. Morphine had been used a good deal, and at last chloroform had to be employed. A Christian Scientist was now called in, and in three days the woman's mind was quite clear, and in less than a month she was out riding. This sort of story carries conviction against the side using it.

There is a lengthy attack on the use of vaccines and serums. Here Mr. John D. Works makes an effort to show that such agencies have no value or even do harm. It is too late in the day for such views to check the onward march of science, or stay the use of the preventive and curative means.

6. With regard to the sixth item in the letter, dealing with diagnosis, we would state that the making of diagnosis is a most difficult part of the practice of medicine. It calls for thorough training, and the employment of many means of arriving at the truth. Mistakes are inevitable. But just think of the condition under Christian Science, where there is no distinction of disease. All conditions are the same, and the treatment is the same. With regard to diagnosis one must remark that many cases reported by Christian Science as being of a certain kind, the diagnoses are not proven. They are merely asserted. Consequently the alleged cures are of no consequence. To state that a given person had disease and consulted a number of eminent doctors is of no moment. What would be of value would be the genuine diagnosis by competent men of blindness due to optic nerve atrophy, and the cure of the same by a Christian Scientist; but there is none forthcoming. We look in vain for the cure by Christian Science of an unmistakable example of tumor of the brain. And so one might go on indefinitely. The whole situation comes to this: Some errors in diagnosis are made; some patients make the diagnosis for themselves; some patients state certain diagnosis as having been made that were never made; and many cures are claimed that are not cures, such as the arrest of the activity in tuberculosis, the disappearance of nervous symptoms, the subsidence in the size of some tumors. All such events are common enough without treatment of any sort. With regard to sending relief to the sufferers at Halifax, all one needs to state is that it was a most praiseworthy act, and shows that Christian Scientists are still materialists enough to believe that we must have food, shelter and raiment, notwithstanding the teaching of the non-existence of matter and that all is mind. This event is rather a good argument against their own cult.

8. When one hits the teachings of Christian Science rather hard it is retorted that it was a caricature on it. This is a very simple rejoinder, but it is not an answer. Mrs. Eddy declares again and again