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With regard to what is quoted from her message to the Mother Church in 1902, all we have to say is that if her followers follow her only so far as she followed Christ, they would not have far to go. Mrs. Eddy made strife where she thought she would gain by making strife, she was mercenary on all occasions that she could be mercenary. She bitterly hated and pursued rivals whenever the opportunity came her way; she lied when lying pleased her better than to tell the truth, and she copyrighted her so-called discovery for gain. On her methods no criticism can be too severe. She was even told by a revelation to charge \$300 for her lectures.

With regard to the reference from the Encyclopedia Britannica about materialism, we wish to say that it has no bearing upon the case. We have not the time to discuss materialism with Judge Smith, and it is not suitable for a medical journal. All we feel called upon to state is that running through *Science and Health* is abundant evidence that Mrs. Eddy rejected the belief in a material world. In this respect she tried to follow Bishop George Berkeley, but it is perfectly clear that she did not understand that subtle reasoner. Much of Berkeley's philosophy has been set aside long ago, but, even where it had merit, Mrs. Eddy failed to see it, making an ignorant mess of the whole statement regarding mind and matter; and not in harmony with Berkeley's teachings.

Judge Smith goes on to state "that Christian Science no more ignores diseases than mathematics ignores mistakes in the use of figures." Let us look into this for a moment. We shall put Mrs. Eddy on the stand by quoting from Science and Health.

On page 79 we are told, "The act of describing disease is not scientific." On page 120 we read, "Health is not a condition of matter, but of mind." On page 153 this appears, "You say a boil is painful; but it is impossible, for matter without mind is not painful." Then on page 159 we come upon this nugget, "Ignorant of the fact that a man's belief produces disease and all its symptoms, the ordinary physician is liable to increase disease with his own mind." Turn to page 176 and you will find this, "All disease is the result of education, and disease can carry its ill effects no farther than mortal mind maps the way." On page 177 we meet with the astounding statement that "mortal mind and body are one," and in the same page that "human mind produces what is termed organic disease." On page 188 Mrs. Eddy declares that "What is termed disease does not exist. It is neither mind nor matter." On page 393 we have this, "Man is never sick, for mind is not sick and matter cannot be." On page 395 this turns up, "It is mental quackery to make disease a reality." On page 417 note this, "To the Christian Science healer, sickness is a dream from which the patient needs to be