

We would recommend our readers to examine carefully what Professor Hering has to say in the part of his lecture entitled "How Truth Heals." It will be noticed that there is a disclaimer to the effect that Christian Science is not suggestion or hypnotism. The solemn fact is that it is nothing else than suggestion. That suggestion will act through the mind upon the body in some nervous conditions is a well known fact, but suggestion is absolutely helpless to arrest the progress of cancer of the stomach, or the march onwards to a fatal termination of a case of paresis. But the statement is made that Christian Scientists know from experience that the declaration and realization of Truth will establish harmony in thought and will heal all aches and pains. This "Truth" so much vaunted can then cure the cancer and restore the softened brain.

Professor Hering tells us, under the heading, "Divine Love the Real Healer," about "the consequent perception of the unreality of matter and evil." If there is anything taught in the Scriptures it is that both matter and evil are very real things. Neither of them can be brushed away by any process of thought.

Under "World Healing" we are told that "Christian Science is messianic." Indeed, Mrs. Eddy claimed that she was Commissioned to Complete what Christ had left unfinished. But Professor Herring goes on to state that "Christian Science healing being contrary to the teachings of physical science, the thinker finds that it cannot be interpreted on a physical basis, that it can be understood only as he gains a metaphysical or spiritual viewpoint." Just so, just so! If one can so becloud his reason as to come to the conclusion that some metaphysicians have arrived at that the world is only an aggregation of ideas, then such teachings as those found in Christian Science might be accepted by such a person. But the part of Christian Science teaching that appears to break down is that Scientists take sick, suffer pain, and die as those who are not Scientists; and of the same diseases. Must we conclude that they can cure others and not themselves.

Further on Professor Hering eulogizes Mrs. Eddy, and speaks of Christian Science as a revelation to her "because of her preparedness." The eulogy on Mrs. Eddy is misplaced. The real life she lived proved her to be cruel, vindictive, greedy, deceitful, ignorant, untruthful, and unscrupulous. A number of writers who have studied her life carefully state that she seemed incapable of telling the truth. But Mrs. Eddy in her writings tells us that the study of anatomy and physiology and the speaking about disease has the effect of increasing and promoting sickness. This is the sort of teaching that wishes the right granted them to go on "healing" the sick. The Good Samaritan, whose action is so highly