

titled to, shall be liable on conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace, to a penalty not exceeding \$50. nor less than \$10."

Now, as the practice of the Christian Science healers does not necessarily involve the practice of medicine, surgery or midwifery, in that they do not report the use of drugs, instruments or manipulations, under the above section, I shall try to demonstrate that they do undertake by profession to usurp the prerogative of the medical man. The Christian Scientist when in court claims that he does not administer medicine, nor does he profess to know the properties of medicine or their therapeutics. He simply ignores them as having any virtues and regards them as agencies of evil and error, that their properties are only attributed and their effects produced by mind; thought gives them potency. He believes that through the power of prayer, as he engages in it, disease can be reduced to a minimum, that disease is an error of belief and through prayer and reading selections from Mrs. Eddy's "Science and Health," the Scientist endeavors to induce in the patient's mind an abstract conception apprehending a condition of health adequate to eradicate the consciousness of the symptoms of disease, to give an absolute mental denial to the facts sufficiently potent to overwhelm them. One recognizes in this the basis of all Mental Cure, subjective mind suggestion, but imperfectly understood. And so upon such a plea he evades successful prosecution under such section which may not be as comprehensive as it should be. The Act contemplated and was designed in this respect to put a veto upon quacks or unskilled practitioners, persons practising as physicians would practise, but without the qualifications required by the law for the safety of the public. It defines who are physicians and regulates the terms and methods of practising their profession, and persons not so qualified are excluded from registration, and non-registered persons or persons not so entitled to be registered if practising would be doing so unlawfully and subject to the penalties prescribed.

In the first place consider the theory which they hold concerning disease. Mrs. Eddy's hypothesis is that "the only realities are the divine mind and its ideas . . . that erring mortal views, misnamed mind, produce all the organic and animal action