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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE THE LIGHT OF TRUTH

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ed them." Many persons have been perfectly and permanently healed of chronic cases of so-called incurable disease by studying the Christian Science textbook. It will be seen that since it is divine Truth that brings freedom from human error, it matters not whether Truth comes to the individual through silent treatment, through the spoken word, or through reading and study. The essential thing is that it comes to the one who is receptive. When it does come to such an individual, it is as certain to displace in consciousness everything unlike itself, as that light will destroy darkness. And what happens when there is a case of Christian Science healing? Merely this: the light of Truth or divine intelligence penetrates the consciousness of the individual sufficiently clearly to displace, at least in part, the darkness of ignorance, superstition, fear and sin, and the body responds to the changed state of consciousness. The body cannot do otherwise, for it does not of itself have any power to be sick or to be well. The human body is grasped by, and held in, thought, as surely as the doll or the rubber ball is held in the hands of a little child. How important it is, then, that our thoughts should be controlled by Truth instead of error, by Life instead of death, by Spirit instead of matter. For as Mrs. Eddy says on page 425 of Science and Health, "Consciousness constructs a better body when faith in matter has been conquered."

Jesus, the Christ

What was it that enabled Jesus to heal "all manner of sickness and all manner of disease" among the people of his time? What did Jesus mean when he said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"? Surely he could not have meant that there was anything peculiar to the personal Jesus that could give rest and cure! For he later said, "the works that I do shall be also." Must he not, then, have meant this: "Come unto the Christ, the true understanding of God, which I declare and teach and that will give you rest!" It was the Mind of Christ that healed, that Mind which "was also in Christ Jesus," and it is that same Christ-mind which heals today in Christian Science. There is no other redeemer or savior but the one eternal, immanent, always available, omnipotent, divine Christ. Christ is the way, Jesus was the Wayshower. It will not be seriously contended that Jesus the Christ used drugs in healing, or that he depended upon matter to facilitate his cures. The gospel record shows that he healed the sick, reformed the sinner, raised the dead by the power of God, divine Spirit alone. If this spiritual method was God's way of healing in the time of Jesus, it must be His way now, for God is unchanging. If, on the other hand, the use of drugs is God's way, why did not Christ Jesus use them? If the combined use of prayer and medicine is God's way, why did not Jesus combine them in his practice? It is obvious that if medicine is of itself able to heal, prayer is not a necessary adjunct of the healing art. If prayer is efficacious, medicine is not needed. Christian Science teaches that God's "grace is sufficient" at all times and that His hand is not "shortened that it cannot save." But Christian Scientists do not claim that they never fail in their application of this infinite Science. They realize that they are just beginning to understand and demonstrate Christian Science. In spite, however, of persecution and misrepresentation it has been proved in hundreds of thousands of instances that Christian Science is demonstrable and adequate.

Immortality of Works

The life of Christ Jesus makes safe the conclusion that he put his work above his words. Although Jesus had sufficient faith in what he said to declare "though heaven and earth pass away, my words shall not pass away," still he also said: "If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe me not, believe the works." Perhaps no other figure in history stands out so distinctly as the exponent of the doctrine of works, but in all ages great men and women have been immortalized because of what they did for the human race, rather than because of what they said in doing it. For example, the utterances of Abraham Lincoln have not been excelled in beauty and truth by those of any man of modern times. Yet if the words of Lincoln should be forgotten, he would continue to live in what he did for a stricken race and for a nation whose very existence was threatened. No modern movement more strongly emphasizes the importance of works than the movement which has been built upon the discovery of Christian Science. One cannot be a Christian Scientist unless he is willing to do the works of Christian Science. The way of Christian Science is not a flowery pathway leading to distant Elysian

fields of ease and peace. The way of Christian Science is the straight and narrow way of Principle. It leads directly to that harmonious mental activity which constitutes the kingdom of heaven within—right here and now. The life of the genuine Christian Scientist is a life of constant service, and he learns that in serving God and his fellow men he is laboring in the field of eternal life. The very foundation of the Christian Science church was laid in healing works. Before the Christian Science textbook was published, its author and her early students had already demonstrated the propositions afterwards laid down therein. Since then students of that book in all parts of the world have been able to prove the truth of its teaching by removing sickness, poverty, and other ills from their experience according to definite rules of practice. This book is building for itself and for its author a monument of good works which cannot be destroyed, but which will endure to the end of time as an encouragement to those who are in distress.

Ultimate Acceptance of Truth Undeniably, however, the tendency of the human mind is to resist—that which in any manner differs from the existing order of things. Thus it stands in the way of its own progress. When Marconi announced that he had discovered a method of transmitting telegraph messages without the use of wires, he was scoffed at; as a dreamer; but he had faith in his discovery and perseverance in perfecting it, so that, in spite of the erstwhile skeptics, the transmission of wireless messages is now an hourly occurrence.

When Mary Baker Eddy announced that she had discovered the Principle and law of primitive Christian healing, and that because of this discovery it would become universally possible for the sick to be healed by divine power as in the time of Christ Jesus, her announcement met with ridicule and scorn. But Mrs. Eddy too had faith in her discovery. Yes, more than faith—she had the absolute conviction and confidence begotten of understanding and demonstration. Therefore, she was not dismayed by the storm of doubt which beat in upon her as the result of her proclamation to mankind. Because she knew her discovery to be genuine, she had the courage and faithfulness to perfect it and give it to humanity in the form of a textbook of demonstrable Science. Little by little, scoffers and skeptics were compelled to admit that there is a power on earth today which heals sickness and sin as it did centuries ago. When the works of Christian Science thus compelled recognition, effort was made to discredit Mrs. Eddy as its discoverer; but this too signally failed. Today, when there are in different parts of the world more than seventeen hundred Christian Science organizations founded upon the rock of Christ-healing, Mrs. Eddy is justly acknowledged not only as the Discoverer of Christian Science and the reverend leader of the Christian Science movement, but as one of the world's greatest religiousists. And Christian Science is gradually coming to be recognized as the re-establishment or restoration of primitive Christianity. As this understanding becomes more general and convincing, the resistance to Christian Science—Mind-healing lessens, distracting conditions of human existence will continue to be ameliorated until they finally disappear. Each case healed in Christian Science practice makes humanity's burden lighter; and even now, through its beneficent ministrations, those who still feel obliged to doubt are being brought nearer to the light.

Mrs. Eddy has said of her discovery and of its reception, "I have never supposed the world would immediately witness the full fruitage of Christian Science, or that sin, disease, and death would not be believed for an indefinite time; but this I do aver, that, as a result of teaching Christian Science, ethics and temperance have received an impulse, health has been restored, and longevity increased. If such are the present fruits, what will the harvest be, when this Science is more generally understood?" (Science and Health, p. 348).

Uphold Nation in War

If this Science were more generally understood and more perfectly lived we would not now be involved in the greatest war the world has ever known. But because it is not, and because the great majority still look at all questions from a more or less material point of view, we find the nations resorting to the sword in the settlement of their disputes. War cannot be regarded as the ideal or Christian, way of adjusting differences, but it may be thought a lesser evil than to submit to wrong. Therefore we, as loyal citizens, are glad to uphold our Government in the stand it has taken on the side of liberty and humanity.

We have thus come face to face with the necessity for deciding how we can most effectually serve our country and our fellow men.

There are many kinds of service. All should do something. The inspir-

ing motive should be service rather than safety. You may be privileged to serve in one way, I in another. But there is at least one form of service in which we can all unite, and that is the service of fervent, righteous prayer, which the apostle James says "avalleth much." This prayer consists in casting out of human consciousness all thoughts of hatred, resentment, revenge, avarice, greed, and fear—those thoughts which cause and perpetuate war and strife. In so doing we shall not only free our own thinking from confusion, but we shall by that much lessen the sum total of the world's belief in evil. You can, if you wish, enlist in this warfare of right thinking today. And who shall say that your service in this cause will be unavailing. It took but one man, conscious of the power of prayer, to still the tempest on the Sea of Galilee. And have we not a right to hope and expect that the teachings of the Master will yet prove adequate to still the turmoil that is in the world today and establish a righteous, honorable, and enduring peace?

LOBERT FASTEST ON BASES

Holds Record of 14.4-5 Seconds for Trip Around Path

John Lobert, better known as Hans, erstwhile utility infielder for the Giants and now a baseball coach at West Point, holds the record for circling the bases, 14.4-5 seconds, made in 1910.

Although he is 35 years old, Hans still retains his speed, as a thrilling description of a freak race at the Oriental track, Havana, recently given by John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants, testifies.

It was a contest of man versus horse, automobile and motorcycle, and Lobert was the man in the race. The speedy infielder was placed on the 535-yard mark. Two thoroughbreds, Little Nephew and Cuddie Up, with their jockeys and full racing outfit started three-quarters of a mile from the tape. Behind them, seven-eighths of a mile from the finish, were two motorcycles, the "scratch" men with a flying start. The other contestants had a standing start. "The race was most exciting," said McGraw. "Forty yards from the tape Lobert looked rather winded, but the motorcycleists were away up at the head of the stretch and he seemed safe. Fast as he came they simply ate up the track, and he only won by making a baseball slide across the tape. The judges gave him the race by two feet. He won about \$400 on his stunt."

GOTCH TAMED TERRIBLE TURK

Karakoff Was Easy for the Great American Wrestler

There have been a number of "terrible Turks" in the wrestling game, and one of the best of them was the giant Karakoff. This particular subject of the sultan had been touring America, posing as the world's champion grappler, until 12 years ago when he was introduced to an Iowa farmer who answered to the name of Frank Gotch.

The meeting took place in Montreal on April 6, 1906, and the ceremony of introduction lasted less than a quarter of an hour. Then the "Terrible Turk" went away from there totally disillusioned as to his ability as a wrestler. Gotch and the Turk met during the course of an international wrestling tournament held in Montreal, and the disciple of the prophet had been eating "fat" alive until Gotch appeared on the scene. With his appetite whetted for more infidel meat, the Turk went at Gotch hammer and tongs. He didn't know a lot of English, but he had mastered the word "enough," and soon had occasion to use it. That victory demonstrated Gotch's right to the world's championship, for the Ottoman was a grappler of the "rough house" type, and Gotch had made him look like a novice at his own game.

Two years later, almost to a day, Gotch won a clear title to the world's championship by defeating Hackenschmidt in Chicago. He held this title until his recent death.

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