

view of reality taught by Christian Science. But even the crassest materialist ought to be able to see that Christian Science no more ignores disease than mathematics ignores mistakes in the use of figures. As for the nature and existence of what is called matter, the Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, an eminent natural scientist, has declared that the evidence of the senses is not a foundation of belief, and Prof. John Fiske, another eminent natural scientist, has declared that matter has no existence apart from mind. The following quotation from Prof. Fiske furnishes a sharp contrast to Dr. Ferguson's comments on Christian Science: 'All the qualities of matter are what the mind makes them, and have no existence as such apart from the mind.'

"It is to be observed that some medical doctors are outgrowing the belief that mind is subordinate to matter. For instance, Leonard Keene Hirshberg, M.D., F.R.C.S., the well-known medical writer, has said: 'There is no longer any doubt in any experimental psychologist's thoughts that the brain and nerves have no more to do with thinking, with the mind, than have your feet. Physicians will begin to be taught this, and in turn to teach it to the public about thirty or fifty years hence.'

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The first statement we wish to notice is the one in which Judge Smith contends that we were in error when we said that Mrs. Eddy "had improved upon the plan and teachings of Christ." We most decidedly adhere to this view, and, as proof, give the following from the 1917 edition of *Science and Health*. The declaration of Mrs. Eddy is found on page 147, beginning with line 24: "Our Master healed the sick, practised Christian healing, and taught the generalities of its divine principle to his students; but He left no definite rule for demonstrating this principle of healing and preventing disease. This rule remained to be discovered in Christian Science." Then, again, note her modification of the Lord's Prayer.

On page 107, at line 1, Mrs. Eddy tells us she "discovered the Christ Science or divine laws of Life, Truth and Love, and named my discovery Christian Science."

Here it is definitely stated that Mrs. Eddy discovered Christian Science, and it is also as definitely stated that she laid down the "rule" for "healing and preventing disease," whereas "our Master left no definite rule for demonstrating this principle of healing." Surely this is positive proof that Mrs. Eddy improved upon the teaching of Christ.