

need be offended; but if he tries to shoot his neighbor because of this belief, then the law must step in and place him in safe keeping.

Just so in medicine. A man may believe in Christian Science, and under this belief refuse to send for a surgeon to look after his broken leg; but if he attempts to treat his neighbor's leg on the Christian Science plan, and thus neglects the simplest duties in such a case, he should be treated as a danger to the public. Suppose, for a moment, the case is one of diphtheria, which is regarded by the Scientist as a mental fear only, a mere illusion, and that under this view no care is taken and many others become infected, there is a clear case of wrong to the public.

There are many who are not capable of judging for themselves on this question, especially children. It is a crying shame that ignorant persons should be allowed to treat diseases of which they know nothing, and charge for such treatment in the name of Christianity. Let us have an end of this vile abuse of medicine and religion.

On the important question of insanity these people hold some very strange notions. "Insanity implies belief in a diseased brain, while physical ailments (so-called) arise from the belief that some other portions of the body are deranged." The person who is suffering from dementia is only the victim of a belief that his brain is diseased. The treatment of such a case, according to Christian Science, is easy, as it yields readily to the salutary action of Truth. One would think that persons holding such opinions would soon require treatment for their own minds.

The prayer for a dyspeptic is an amazing invention. Here is a piece of it: "Holy Reality! We BELIEVE in Thee that Thou art EVERYWHERE present. We *really* believe it. Blessed Reality, we do not pretend to believe, think we believe, believe that we believe WE BELIEVE. Believing that Thou art everywhere present, we believe that Thou art in this patient's stomach, in every fibre, in every cell, in every atom; that Thou art the sole, only Reality of that stomach." Then a lot more such like, and we get this sentence: "That the mortal mind is a twist, a distortion, a false attitude, the HARMATIA of Thought." And so on; but enough!