

We are told of the wonders that Christian Science can do, such as doing away with divorce, the creation of happy homes, the raising of the sick to health, the raising of the healthy to a still higher standard of health, the restoring of sight to the blind, the deaf are given their hearing, the lame are made to walk, and Christian Science not only heals mortals of sickness, but it corrects the world of such a thing as sickness.

If this was true, it would be most delightful; but it is not true. It is a gross falsehood to say that one who is blind because of optic atrophy can be made to see, or that one who is lame because of destruction of his spinal cord can be made to walk. But greater feats than these were claimed for Christian Science. We are told that it can lift the mentally unbalanced and insane to sanity and mental balance. In the face of such pretensions as this why do not some kind and well-disposed Christian Scientist go to the asylums for the insane and say to this one, your delusion that you have a glass neck is gone, and to another, that you are no longer damned, but a sinless creature, and to a third that your notion that people are persecuting you has taken its departure? The entire six hundred or more inmates are restored to "their right mind", and go about their former occupations.

You see the insane cannot exercise faith in Christian Science, and all this would be working miracles on those people. It would be telling them be sane and they become sane. Who ever read of Mrs. Eddy going to the Massachusetts General Hospital and saying to the superintendent, "Show me your most hopeless case of cancer, or paralysis, or consumption, that I may cure them, and thus prove my power over disease."

From time to time Toronto is favored with visits from Christian Science teachers, and they take pleasure in telling the public what marvellous cures Christian Science can perform; but we have not heard of a single instance where any of these teachers have applied for the privilege of addressing any learned body, or appeared in the wards of any of our hospitals. One would think that the Hospital for Sick Children would appeal to them, and they would hasten there to restore these little sufferers to health, and more health, and still more health.

Now, why is this not done? For the very simple reason that Christian Science cannot cure organic disease. There are some neurotics that may, for the time being, be influenced by suggestion, and feel better under the impressions made by claimants of special power. Along with Christian Scientists may be ranked Doweyites, Latter Day Saints, Faith Healers, Divine Healers, Magnetic Healers, etc. Gregory Rasputin was one of the worst villains of history, and yet he had great hypnotic power, and possessed extraordinary suggestive influence over other people.

Let us tell a story that sets forth the viewpoint of many Christian