

through our digestive organs, of its nutritive value. All these are but qualities inherent in its substance, or its material. This argument about our senses recognizing only qualities is as old as the hills, but it does not do away with the hill. This can only be got rid of by the pick and shovel and much hard work.

Professor Hering states that: "Having seen that all the phenomena of nature are mental, the projection of imperfect human sense, we see that disease is mental and must be healed mentally, and, therefore, it is essential for us to see clearly that body is mental." This is the sort of quagmire into which one lands by following blindly the Berkeley metaphysics to their ultimate conclusions, without checking them up by all our senses, our experiences, and our reason. If one places a small piece of metallic sodium in some ethyl alcohol some active chemical changes take place. The sodium is dissolved, there is the liberation of a great deal of heat, and the resultant compound is strongly escharotic. Here we have a number of phenomena, not one of which is mental, or in the least degree dependent upon any mental state or condition. One sees here how absurd the position of Christian Science becomes when it attempts to explain natural events after such metaphysicians as Berkeley. But the unfortunate part of it all is that Mrs. Eddy and her fellows do not understand Berkeley, and make a wrong application of idealism.

We would urge our readers to study very carefully what Professor Hering says on "Healing a Mental Process." This proves beyond any doubt that Christian Science as a system of healing is a most dangerous error. "Healing", he says, "of both evil and disease is a mental process." Thus, the healing of an intestinal twist, or volvulus, is a mental process. Scarlet fever, being the result of a mental state, could not be contagious. A broken leg, being only a mental state, would not need a splint, for one could not put a splint on an "idea." This is a *reductio ad absurdum*.

Professor Hering quotes from Mrs. Eddy's Science and Health thus: "Sin and disease lose their reality in human consciousness." This means that if we only but think so sin and disease cease to exist. Their reality is gone. Just think so and pneumonia has no reality! But has it ever occurred to the apostles of such teaching that there is no consciousness possible in many illnesses. A blood vessel ruptures in a man's brain and he becomes *unconscious*; another one has Bright's disease and he may be *unconscious*; and a child has meningitis, and it is *unconscious*. These disease cannot "lose their reality in human consciousness," as there is no consciousness in the cases mentioned. How terribly illogical one can become when he blindly follows a system like that of Mrs. Eddy or the mystic metaphysicians!