

San Francisco Man Lectures Here on Christian Science

Health, abundance, and security belong legitimately to every upright man and woman declared Peter V. Ross, C. S. B., of San Francisco, in a lecture on Christian Science given last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Leslie Gates auditorium at New Trier High school.

Mr. Ross, a member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, spoke under the auspices of the Churches of Christ, Scientist, of Glen-coe, Winnetka and Wilmette.

Referring to the practice of Christian Science from the basis that God is Life and that man is an expression of divine Life, he said:

"Plenty of instruction in the art of healing may be found in the Scriptures. 'Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord.' Witnesses to what? Certainly God's man is not a witness to age, to disease, to weakness; but to that Life which is irrepressible, incorruptible, unconquerable.

Business Affairs

"Man as God's witness reflects divine intelligence—all that is needed for success and usefulness. At this point you may see how readily Science may be employed in the ordinary affairs of life. It makes no difference what you are doing. If you are not getting along so well as you would like, and you are not, the difficulty lies in an apparent lack of ability.

"How may you experience the capacity desired? By reverently recognizing, as many times a day as you will, that in Science man is the reflection of all-knowing Mind, and therefore possesses requisite sagacity and resourcefulness.

"Let the individual in need of employment recognize that man has been brought into being for usefulness, that God has for him an undefeatable purpose, that there is need for him. Then let the individual go out and look for a position, expecting to find it and willing to accept it when found, and he is not likely to long remain unemployed.

"Let the business or professional man recognize that his enterprise has a commendable purpose in the community in that it affords needed employment and produces or distributes needed commodities; let him further recognize that his enterprise is sustained and directed by Principle and therefore that unprincipled forces of greed and rivalry and alarm cannot interfere with a right outcome of the undertaking. Let him insist that Divine Mind is directing him and his associates and hence that mistakes and confusion and inefficiency cannot defeat the project. In such atmosphere failure becomes well nigh unthinkable."

Fullness of Life

Asserting that Christian Science is easy to understand and rather readily applied to bringing about better conditions in life, the speaker continued:

"When we conceive of God as Life, and of man as the expression or reflection of this inextinguishable Life, we at once begin to grasp the scientific unity of God and man, we begin to appreciate the significance of the atonement or at-one-ment of man with God. We associate the atonement with Jesus because he actually proved his unity with indestructible Life. He permitted his enemies to try to destroy him. Apparently they succeeded. Presently he was back alive, the self-same man. He proved that individual life cannot be extinguished, for the reason that individual life is a manifestation of the everlasting Life called God.

"Every time you voice one of these truths you will move toward the same

demonstration which Jesus made. You will prove to some extent that your life cannot be brought to an end, that it cannot be weighed down by years, cannot be frustrated by failure, cannot be tormented by disease.

"It requires courage to talk with one's self in this way, so much indeed that many a time, if not on guard, you may say: 'How old I am getting, how sick I feel, how dreary are the prospects.' And every time you utter one of those untruths you add to the mesmerism which is already weighing you down.

"Then you ask whence comes the

mesmerism of age, of suffering, of failure? Well, do you not dig these things up out of nothingness and hand them to yourself? But you do not have to argue in this devastating fashion. You can stop it today. You can, if you will, as you stroll down the street or carry on your work, talk with yourself of the omnipotence, the permanence, the buoyancy, the purposefulness, the glory of life, keeping in mind all the time that it is your life you are talking about. Thereby little by little, you will break the mesmerism which has been impairing your health, impeding your progress,

even freezing up your existence."

Birth of Science

In conclusion the lecturer reminded his audience that the world has definitely profited by the introduction of Christian Science through Mary Baker Eddy some four score years ago. "She discovered it," he stated; "proved, in healing the sick and troubled through its ministry, the soundness of its teachings; set forth its rules in her extraordinary book 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures'; and finally placed it on a workable, enduring basis by establishing The Church of Christ, Scientist, whose activities have long since reached round the globe."



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