

THE TEACHINGS OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

CHICAGO, Oct. 11, 1904.
Editor of Sheridan Road News-Letter;

Dear Sir—The editorial in your issue of the 1st, regarding Mr. Kimball's lecture on Christian Science, contains one statement to which I wish to refer briefly, and I trust you will give this letter space in your columns that your readers may have no misunderstanding of the teachings of Christian Science regarding the divinity of Christ.

I know that it is difficult for a listener to catch and retain all that a speaker may say in a lecture of one and a half hours' duration, and it is a pardonable oversight on the part of our critic that he did not hear Mr. Kimball declare the divinity of Christ, especially in view of the fact that many opponents of Christian Science persist in the belief that Christian Science does not teach the divinity of Christ, and it may be that the writer of the editorial has heard such a report and believes it, and went to the lecture with a prejudice against Christian Science.

The teachings of Christian Science from first to last declare and emphasize the divinity of Christ, and they show why Christ is divine. In confirmation of this permit me to quote from the Christian Science text-book, Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker G. Eddy, page 333:

"The advent of Jesus of Nazareth marked the first century of the Christian era, but the Christ was without beginning of years or end of days. Throughout all generations both before and after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spiritual idea—as the Holy Ghost or Comforter—has come, with some measure of power and grace, to all those prepared to receive Christ, Truth. Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and the prophets caught glorious glimpses of the Messiah, of Christ, which baptized these seers in the divine nature, the essence of Love. The divine ideal, or Christ, was, is, and ever will be inseparable from the divine principle, God. Jesus referred to this unity, saying of his spiritual identity: 'Before Abraham was I am'; 'I and my Father are one'; 'My Father is greater than I.' The one Spirit includes all identities."

Furthermore, Christian Scientists prove the teachings by heal-

ing the sick and destroying sin through the understanding of Christ as divine.

Mr. Kimball in his lectures adheres strictly to the teachings of Christian Science, and I am glad to say that I heard the lecture in question, and I regarded many of his statements as unmistakable acknowledgments of the divine Christ.

Regarding our critic's theory of Christ, we will get into no controversy with him on that point. Christian Science agrees with his statements that "all human beings have sinned," and that "without some forfeiture God cannot pardon the offender." In fact, Christian Science declares that the forfeiture must be complete, a yielding of all that is unlike God. Christian Science, however, does not teach that Jesus was crucified to appease the wrath of a revengeful god. It shows God to be a God of love, and that Jesus permitted the wickedness of this world to crucify him that he might prove to sinning and suffering humanity that life is immortal.

When Mr. Kimball spoke of the fears which dominate mankind he evidently did not mean that fear to offend which should be ever present with God-loving people, and to which our critic refers, but he undoubtedly referred to the abject fear which is holding mortals in bondage, making them afraid of everything on earth and in heaven. Respectfully,
A. V. STEWART.

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The Constitutional Amendment—Voters Should All Cast Their Ballots for It.

It is a very unusual thing to have the Republican, Democratic and Prohibition parties of a state adopt the same plank in each of their platforms. This has occurred in Illinois this year. The plank is one endorsing the pending constitutional amendment, which applies only to the city of Chicago, and, if ratified by the voters in November, will open the way for a new charter for that city. Besides endorsements in their platforms, all of these political parties are instructing their campaign speakers throughout the state to call special attention to the amendment and advise the electors to vote affirmatively for it. It would seem as if this ought to assure its adoption, but as a constitutional measure must have a majority of all the votes cast in the state it is not such a sure thing. Every effort is being made by the Chicago new charter campaign committee to inform the voters as to the purpose of the amendment. There is no opposition, but lack of information and indifference is some times more fatal than antagonism. The proposition will be the first on the special ballot, and should not be overlooked.

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