

**INTERESTING LECTURE
ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**

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spiritual basis. The form of government thus instituted required the Board of Directors to administer the By-laws of the church, a procedure which simplified the whole question and safeguarded the business affairs of the church, as well as the spiritual welfare of all its various activities, while at the same time requiring of all its members, support of its provisions and individual demonstration of the church as "The structure of Truth and Love" (Science and Health, p. 582).

Mrs. Eddy prepared the By-laws of The Mother Church with great care. They were not provided in advance of the needs they were formulated to meet, but were the result of experience. They sprang from necessity, the logic of events,—from the immediate demand for them as a help that must be supplied to maintain the dignity and defense of our Cause" (Church Manual, p. 3). The By-laws were proposed, adopted, amended, removed, published or not published, just as Mrs. Eddy's wisdom, inspired by prayer and spiritual demonstration, dictated.

We see, then, that The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, which was organized and established by Mrs. Eddy, is still governed by her through the By-laws in the Manual, and is the church in which the Christian Science movement is anchored.

The Branch Churches
Owing to geographical limitations it is not possible for all Christian Scientists to attend one church. Therefore, Mrs. Eddy made provision for local churches. The government of these organizations must be purely democratic since each one is distinctly a local demonstration.

The connection of these branch organizations with The Mother Church is, however, of special interest. Mrs. Eddy has provided for a Lesson-Sermon, to be prepared by a Bible Lesson Committee, which is the Lesson-Sermon read in The Mother Church, as well as in all branch churches and societies.

She has also provided that the Readers of all branch organizations shall be members of The Mother Church and thus be amenable to its provisions and discipline. These Readers are, therefore, local representatives of The Mother Church, governed by it through its By-Laws, and mouthpieces through whom The Mother Church Lesson-Sermon is given out. Here is a definite metaphysical connection, by which the branch becomes a channel or arm, and by means of which The Mother Church is extended throughout the world notwithstanding the fact that these branches are organically independent and self-governed.

The appreciation of this spiritual extension or representation of The Mother Church throughout the world is a point of vital importance in understanding Mrs. Eddy's great Cause and must be obtained by Christian Scientists in order that their efforts to further the Cause may be successful.

Teachings of Christian Science
The teachings of Christian Science on which the movement is founded, which are the basis of its practice and promises, and which have been the cause of its tremendous growth, are clearly set forth in the textbook of Christian Science, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy. Mrs. Eddy has also written other books, all of which emphasize, elucidate, and amplify these teachings in a variety of forms. Anyone can learn what Christian Science teaches by reading and studying these books.

On account of the necessary brevity of this presentation of the subject, it must suffice to call attention to the fact that Christian Science is based fundamentally upon God, that consequently we need to consider for a moment what Christian Science teaches regarding God. Mrs. Eddy defines God as "The great I AM; the

all-knowing, all-seeing, all-acting, all-wise, all-loving, and eternal; Principle; Mind; Soul; Spirit; Life; Truth; Love; all substance; intelligence" (Science and Health, p. 587). Divine Principle is one of the synonymous names employed in the Christian Science textbook for God, and the Bible is full of this thought when it speaks of God as Creator, as "just and right," as governor, judge, law, thus defining Him as basis, foundation, cause, etc., which Principle is.

It is not a difficult step from Principle to I AM, the name God is recorded to have given Himself in answer to Moses' inquiry. The frequent records of the voice of God to patriarchs, prophets, and others indicates God to be Mind, the infinite intelligence, or omniscience.

Spirit is the name for Deity which is used perhaps more than all others in the Bible and which makes plain His omnipresence and almightiness, and that the divine creation is wholly spiritual, for only immaterial substance is indestructible and eternal.

All Christendom is familiar with the God of Truth who is Life, of whom the Bible teaches, and which teaching Christian Science reaffirms and demonstrates, proving the omnipotent actuality which God really is.

Finally, we find the greatest definition of God in the repeated declaration made by St. John, that "God is love" (I John 4:16), the saving, preserving, guiding Father-Mother, all-knowing, all-wise, all-harmonious, thus completing the perfect correlation with the Bible of Mrs. Eddy's scientific definition of God's nature and character.

So also do the teachings of the Bible and of Christian Science coincide regarding man who was made in the "image and likeness" of God, and the universe which God pronounced "very good."

Redemption Includes Healing
It should next be seen that Christian Science is the Science of Christianity, namely, the exact systematic, demonstrable knowledge of the Christ teachings and their application to human redemption. When we understand the mission of Christ Jesus we see that his teachings were intended, by saving mortals from the misery, wretchedness, and ungodliness of material living, to bring to them salvation,—redemption from the world's evils.

It is evident that this redemption includes healing,—moral, mental, and physical. A record of Jesus' life and works, as given in the New Testa-

ment, shows that he always attributed the healing results he obtained to the power of God. Indeed, in Jesus' work the healing was done to call attention to divine power and to awaken the sufferers to a right belief and faith in God.

Mrs. Eddy called Christian Science the Science of Mind-healing, metaphysical healing, spiritual healing, etc., and the fact that its healing is accomplished by the power of God, through spiritual understanding, is established beyond doubt to-day.

Therefore Christian Science is truly divine Science, the Science of divine Being, the Science of the Principle of all existence and of its operation. This operation includes the inter-relationship of all God's creation; and when applied to the solution of human problems, it means the redemption of mortals, through divine power.

Christian Science Healing
Since the healing of sin, disease, and all other earthly misery is an essential part of the world's redemption, and since Christian Science brings about this healing, let us consider this question for a moment, for it involves a subject that is greatly misunderstood.

It is, of course, a fact that in Christian Science the healing is done mentally, which has led some who are unfamiliar with Christian Science to believe that its healing is accomplished through a form of mental suggestion. It is also believed by some that Christian Science heals only cases of nervousness and hys-

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**WILMETTE ARCHITECT
GETS FLORIDA AWARD**

Secures Contract to Erect Huge Club House at Miami Beach; Cost Millions

James Roy Allen, 32 Crescent place, Wilmette, well known Chicago architect, has been awarded the contract for the erection of a \$5,000,000 club house at Miami Beach, Fla., to be known as the Royal Palm club, or "Florida's club de luxe."

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one-half acres of land on north Miami Beach fronting on the ocean and extending through to Biscayne Bay. The building program, it is explained, included an 800-room residential club, constructed on the unit system; a beach club on the ocean front; a yacht club and a fishing club, as well as a yacht basin on Biscayne bay. The club and all its properties

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