

### GIVES LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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evil presence, in any evil power, contingency, or danger, and thus to be freed from fear and from dis-ease of every kind.

But more specifically, what of Christ and of Truth? Jesus, in speaking of himself as the Christ, said, "Before Abraham was, I am," and, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." This very naturally means that Christ always existed, always does and always will exist. It means Christ with us now, here and everywhere,—his eternality. St. Paul, in speaking of the Christ, said that he was a "priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec," who was "King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; (who) abideth a priest continually." Both the Old Testament and St. Paul tell us that Abraham paid tribute to this Melchisedec who was the King of righteousness and peace.

I am sure that, like myself, you are able to see that one without human father and mother, and without human descent, who was the Son of God, of Mind, of Love, without beginning or end of days,—a king, not of any earthly, material kingdom, but a King of righteousness and peace,—was not a human personality, but the spiritual, altogether divine, pure, perfect, right, and true idea of God, and of His universe including man; the divine idea of all right, of all well being, the Christ, the only Saviour; seen perhaps dimly, perhaps more or less effulgently by Abraham, by Moses, by the prophets, and by us, present then and now. I am sure that you are able to see that it was this divine idea of being which came to Abraham at eventide—the even tide of right thinking—and that it was to this idea to which Abraham paid tribute of worship and adoration; that it was this divine idea which revealed itself so fully through Christ Jesus because, more than any one of whom we know, he paid tribute in complete admission, submission, and obedience; worshipping it by applying it to all human needs and demonstrating its power to meet them; thus fully manifesting it. It is the divine, the spiritual, the right idea of being, then, that is the ever present Christ, the true Saviour, and Redeemer,—who is as Emanuel God with us. How wonderfully, how truly, how wonderfully then, has Mrs. Eddy told us of Christ, when in the textbook of this Science (p. 333) she has said that "throughout all generations both before and after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spiritual idea, the reflection of God,—has come with some measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive Christ, Truth."

#### MAN

But Christian Science also shows us the true nature of man and of the universe in which we live, and it is by so doing that it frees us from the ills to which the flesh has been believed to be the heir. The process, like everything in Christian Science, is very simple, but, in order to achieve results, an understanding of the subject and an honest application are required. In an earlier part of the lecture it was shown that primary existence is what the religionist calls God, whom Jesus declared to be Spirit, thus Mind, and what the non-religionist or rationalist would call essential or immaterial conscious power, and thus also Mind,—or, as Matthew Arnold put it, "a power that is not ourselves which makes for righteousness." But by whatsoever name one or another doctrine may designate this power, it is what was in the beginning or, as Mrs. Eddy more correctly states it (Science and Health, p. 562), it was "the only." Being primary, this power was and is the only Principle of existence, being conscious, it was and is Mind; and being "the only," everything must be its product, and must partake of its every property and quality,—a fact which applies particularly to its highest product,—its conscious expression or manifestation,—man. Here, then, we have a rationalistic and incontrovertible statement of the first chapter of Genesis,—that God made all that was made; that He made man, male and female, in His own image and likeness, and that He pronounced all that He made good, very good. It is upon this perfectly Scriptural and perfectly rational basis that Christian Science declares that the only kind of a man there is; is like the only kind of a God there is, and God being Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, and Love, man is a manifestation of the complete good of All, or God.

#### EFFECTS OF RIGHT AND OF WRONG TEACHING

But here it may be objected that what has been said about man is not what we have been taught to mean by man. Very true; and that is why every one is so much the worse for what all have been taught. Let every one be taught, as Christian Science teaches, that man is the manifestation of divine intelligence or Mind, and ignorance and mistaken beliefs of all kinds will disappear; let every one be taught that man is the manifestation of divine Spirit and is spiritual, and materiality and sensuality, with all their be basing, degrading, diseasing results will be overcome; let every one be taught that man is the manifestation of divine Principle, and nothing unprincipled will be done; let every one be taught that man is the manifestation of unending Life, and life will be prolonged until "the last enemy," death, shall be overcome; let every one be taught that man is the manifestation of Truth, and deception and dishonesty will be banished; and let every one be taught that man is the manifestation of divine Love, and selfishness, improvidence, cruelty, strife, and war will cease and the brotherhood of man will become a demonstrated fact.

Yes, Christian Scientists know quite well that all have been taught that man is "a mammal capable of carrying his body upright in locomotion, with a big toe that is not opposable"; that, as one of the ancients defined him to be, man is a mere

featherless biped. But Jesus, who knew what man really is, and who showed forth the God-created, the God-anointed, or Christ-man, said to those who manifested little more than materiality, little more than an erroneous sense of God and man, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it." All of which means that those who entertain a mere material, unintelligent, selfish, sensual sense of being, are the product of destructive falsity, of which they, together with those upon whom they impose and prey, are the victims.

#### APPLICATION AND RESULTS

"Divers measures . . . are . . . abomination to the Lord," we read in Proverbs. To the chemist water is always H<sub>2</sub>O. To the Christian Scientist man is always the image and likeness of God. And just as every chemist knows the truth about water, so every Christian Scientist knows the truth about man. He also knows that just as the chemist by distillation, by a right process of elimination, can restore pure water, H<sub>2</sub>O, so the Christian Scientist knowing that man, the reflection of Mind, consists only of right ideas, can by the purification of thought, and the elimination of superstition, of ignorance, materiality, and their attendant fears, diseases, untruthfulness, dishonesty, greed, malice, envy, hatred, jealousy, revenge, and immorality, restore the true man, "which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness"; that is, in health, harmony, and perfection. Indeed, it is in this way that healing by Christian Science is brought about, and such healing is always reformatory. Every Christian Scientist will tell you that the understanding of the nature of God, of Christ, of Truth, and of man,—the understanding that the kind of man which God made is the only real man, has enabled him to be a better, a healthier, a cleaner, a kinder man than he formerly was; that it has made him freer and happier, and that in thousands upon thousands of cases it has prolonged the span of human life beyond all expectancy.

We have ascertained here in a perfectly simple, logical way that there is only one real Mind; that this one and only Mind is all-good and infinite, and being such,—irrespective of all appearances, irrespective of all that is believed,—this Mind is the only real presence, the only real power, the only real consciousness, and therefore the only true cause of everything that really is; of everything that can be thought, felt, known, experienced. Does it not follow that everything that is really thought, felt, known, and experienced is in conformity with this all-able, and all-inclusive Mind? Ascertained truth is Science. I submit, therefore, that in accordance with this universally accepted definition, by all the rules of logic, by all the rules of common sense, what we have ascertained here is Science, and nothing less than Science.

I think it was Victor Hugo who said, "There is no power like that of an idea whose time is come." It needs no oracle to tell us that everything that has made for progress has been due to right ideas and devotion to them. On the other hand, everything that has hindered our onward and our upward march has been due to the tenacity with which people have clung to wrong beliefs. Now, let every one here take the simple truth of God's aliveness and God's goodness; let him practice what it teaches for a minute, an hour, a day, a week, a month, a year,—yes, let him conform to this all-mastering right idea of being until it takes full possession of him, and then let him, as he is sure to do, tell what it has done for him. I shall tell you now what I am truly able to tell you from my own experience,—yes, from the experience of thousands of others. He will tell you that it has made him a better, an abler, a healthier, a more loving, a more enlightened and progressive man; a man who has life, freedom, happiness, and has them more abundantly than he ever dreamed that he could possibly have them. More than this,—what has been said here about the truth of God, of Christ, and of man,—no matter what your present view of it may be, will never altogether leave you. Sometime, somewhere, when perhaps you need it most, it will come to you and fold itself to you, and help you, comfort you, and free you because it is the truth of God; and the nature of the truth of God is to make free from all that is contrary to God, and so contrary to good.

During the trying years through which the world has been passing, all men and all countries have been looking for some one wise enough, strong enough to save and to deliver them. Christian Science teaches us that the God-anointed or Christ-idea, the image and likeness of God, is the only true man,—the one whom all must emulate. It teaches us that this divine, this spiritual, this right idea of being—the ever present Christ or Truth—is the only one wise enough, strong enough, good enough, compassionate enough, and loving enough to save and to deliver all. It teaches us that this, the only Saviour, has come, and stands knocking for admission; and this idea is none other than Truth, the Light of the World, the Prince of Peace! His name is Christian Science, and he shall rule all people and all nations with the rod of unending and unbending Love.

#### MISSOURI WOMEN SUPPORT MEASURES

Six measures will be advocated in the Missouri General Assembly by the Missouri League of Women Voters, according to Mrs. Luella St. Clair Moss of Columbia, president of the state league.

The measures include: Bill for equalization of educational opportunities; amendments to the child labor laws; acceptance of the terms of the maternity and infancy act by the state; measure to make women eligible to serve on juries in Missouri; support of adequate appropriation for the Missouri Library commission; a standard vice-repressive act.

### ALL SIGNS POINTING TO PROSPEROUS YEAR

FINANCIERS OPTIMISTIC

#### Prospects for 1927 Declared Good By Leading Men in Various Lines; Back Nationalism

Uncle Sam should have a prosperous year in 1927 unless all signs fail. This is the view of the leaders in the business and the industrial world. The Associated Press recently made a survey of the situation and the results show that everywhere conservative Americans are optimistic about the immediate future.

Judge Gary, chairman of the U. S. Steel corporation declared that while no one can be certain about the future, there is no reason why prosperity during the coming year will be seriously interrupted.

Continuing, he declared that "if business shall be seriously diminished during the coming year it will be the fault of ourselves and not the fault of natural conditions or the lack of consideration and fair treatment by the National Administration."

#### High Rate of Production

The manufacturers base their prediction of a good year on the facts that industry is operating at a high rate of production; that there is ample money at reasonable rates, that people are contented and there are gradually fewer labor disturbances.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor is likewise optimistic about 1927 and declares in the American Federationist that conditions are strongly indicative that 1927 will be as good if not a better year than 1926. He adds that another favorable indication is the halt that has been called on communistic activities in New York City, declaring that so completely have the communists been discredited that it will be less easy to impose on the workers in the coming year.

Says Prospects Good "Prospects are good," Mr. Green declares in conclusion, "and our unions should be planning to keep abreast of this progress."

The predictions for a prosperous 1927, barring unforeseen conditions, are therefore well nigh universal. While we are enjoying prosperity it behooves us not to forget the policies which have brought prosperity about. Only a few short years ago we were trying to recover from our path in the most disastrous war in all history.

The American people adopted a program which had for its policy the rehabilitating of the United States along sane and constructive lines and without a deviation from American principles. The principles included with withdrawal so far as possible of the government from private enterprise, the adoption of a protective tariff an adherence to the time honored principle of non-interference in the affairs of Europe, and a determination to have nothing to do officially with bolshevism.

#### Results Are Proof

There was a great outcry against these policies from the internationalists who declares that the principles were short sighted and that they would result in the disintegration of Europe and the consequent impoverishment of the United States.

The results have proved that the nationalists were right. America is today generally prosperous and the future, so far as we can see, is a bright one. Nor has Europe been destroyed. On the other hand, the nations across the water are showing visible signs of improvement. All of them are looking forward to better days in 1927 and most of them feel that they have rounded the corner and come from the shadows into the sunlight.

#### RAIL VALUATION IN COUNTY IS RECEIVED

Total is \$5,290,451; Work of Extending Taxes Begun by County Clerk

County Clerk Lew A. Hendee has received the state valuations for railroads and corporations from the state tax commission and work was started today by his force in extending taxes on Lake county property. The state tax commission for the past two years has been tardy in forwarding these valuations to the county clerk and this year as last year a delay of several weeks in extending and collection of taxes will result. Mr. Hendee said today that the work of getting the tax books ready for County Treasurer Bracher, so that collections can get started, will be completed as early a date as possible.

The total valuation of railroad property in Lake county as assessed by the state tax commission is \$5,290,451, a somewhat higher figure than last year.

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### DIRECT SERVICE TO LIBERTYVILLE, PLAN

North Shore Line Is Reported About to Make Connection Hamlin Is Elected

Establishment of direct railway service between Waukegan and Libertyville is planned by the North Shore line, it is reported from Waukegan. Already work has started on physical changes along the route between both cities, it is said, and it is expected that it will be a matter of only a short time before the new direct service is put into effect.

Great possibilities are envisioned in the new plan as mapped out by the North Shore line in compliance with many requests. One of the great objects as seen at this time is the development of Libertyville as the residential town of the Waukegan territory.

Sun-spots are said to be making trouble, but many of us, after looking at our purses, are more worried by the lack of ten-spots.

Methods of teaching geography have changed, and the former kids will ask if they are getting along now without the old fashioned atlas size books behind which you could read the dime novels.

The town knockers are also joyful, as they can always find plenty of things to crab at.

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