

FREE LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Continued from page 2

less a Glossary of terms commonly used in Christian Science, and finally, the chapter on Fruitage, which contains the testimonies of many who were healed through reading the textbook.

Christian Science is a clear, comprehensible revelation of the truth. It is demonstrable, for it is the only religious teaching which is solving the problems of mankind and overcoming the beliefs of evil and matter scientifically.

If you wish to know what Christian Science is and how it operates, let me earnestly commend you to a study of this book. In order to appreciate its full meaning, read it carefully, ponder its statements, apply them to your problems, and in the degree that you are receptive to the truth elucidated in this book, you will find yourself experiencing freedom from whatever has seemed to distress you. Moreover, you will be found entertaining a different and more loving attitude toward God and your fellow-man. Science and Health is not a book one can read through quickly and lay aside as one would a novel. It can be thoughtfully perused from cover to cover times without number, and each reading unfolds new and clearer meanings of passages which may have seemed obscure on a previous occasion.

This textbook not only sets forth Christ Jesus' method of the treatment of disease and sin, but, as its title indicates, it is a "Key to the Scriptures." With this key we unlock the door to a vast storehouse of hitherto hidden treasure of spiritual illumination. The Bible is full of passages of exquisite beauty, and when illuminated by the light of spiritual understanding, these divinely inspired utterances become our refuge from evil, our assurance of heavenly protection, our strength in times of stress, and our consolation in the hour of sorrow.

The Bible is sometimes mistakenly made that Christian Scientists have a Bible of their own, a different Bible from that generally used in Protestant churches. The Bible always used in our churches is the same King James Version which has been studied and expounded by Bible students since the days of the Reformation. It was to this Bible that Mrs. Eddy turned in her search for the great discovery which later she denominated Christian Science and to which she makes reference on page 126 of the textbook as follows: "I have set forth Christian Science and its application to the treatment of disease just as I have discovered them. I have demonstrated through Mind the effects of Truth on the health, longevity, and morals of men; and I have found nothing in ancient or in modern systems on which to found my own, except the teachings and demonstrations of our great Master and the lives of prophets and apostles. The Bible has been my only authority. I have had no other guide in the straight and narrow way of Truth." And in the tenets of Christian Science we read: "As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal life" (Science and Health, p. 497). At every service in Christian Science churches, the congregation listens to passages from the Bible, followed by correlative selections from the Christian Science textbook.

Although many books have been written attacking the Bible, and many efforts have been made to destroy it and to prevent people from reading it, the Book of books has not only survived all opposition, but it is to-day the most popular book in the world. Christian Scientists have contributed not a little to the steadily increasing popularity of the Bible, for there are no people more devoted to the daily study and contemplation of its sacred pages, and who depend more upon its promises for spiritual food and guidance.

Healing The healing which takes place in Christian Science is a mental process whereby our erroneous belief that life, substance, and intelligence exist in matter gives place to the understanding that man is spiritual and therefore subject alone to divine control. We have been mistakenly led to regard man as possessing a material body made up of hands, feet, eyes, ears, internal organs, and so on, including a mass of cells located in the cranium where he is supposed to do his thinking, in spite of the Scriptural assurance that God made man in His image and likeness. Now chemists tell us that the human body is composed of chemical elements such as water, lime, salt, iron, sulphur, and so on. When the cause of pain or inflammation has appeared, we have been taught to pour something disagreeable into the material ment we learn to penetrate more and thereby defend ourselves successfully from its attempts to enter quickly the subtle disguises of error our consciousness.

Now when one is under the intoxicating delusion that there is pleasure in sin, he is not ready for deliverance therefrom. There comes a time, however, when false sense is satiated; when one fails to experience any satisfaction whatever in the supposed joys of a material, sensuous world. It matters not how long the decision to take a stand for righteousness has been postponed. When the cup of sinful living has been drained to its bitter dregs and the heart yearns for peace and the joy of right living, he who has sinned and who reaches out to God for deliverance, finds awaiting him a tender welcome from the God of love, who is "the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

There never was a moment in our experience when salvation was not

at hand; it only rested with us to make the effort to be saved, for a tender, merciful, compassionate Father-Mother God is always waiting for the children at sea to awaken from their delusion of life in matter to the consciousness of true being. I once heard a story of a man who dreamed that he was a prisoner. He did not know why he was confined; yet there were the iron bars, the stone walls, the barred steel door, the tiny window, and it all seemed very real to the dreamer. As he pondered the situation, endeavoring to find a reason for his imprisonment, a wave of righteous indignation at the injustice of it welled up within him and, as he started to beat his fist against the wall, it all fell away, and he awakened to find himself free.

Christian Science teaches, and it can be proved with mathematical certainty, that the bondage to false material sense is a dream from which we can be awakened and set free, just as the sleeping dreamer can be roused from a nightmare. All that is necessary for our release is first the desire and then the determination to know God aright, followed by the consistent living which proves our gratitude for release from evil. Sin is forgiven only as it is abandoned. Salvation depends upon our steadfast, devout consecration to the things of God and a constant striving for increased spirituality. Just as the healing of the sick, as accomplished by Christian Science, proves the reality of God as good, so the redemption of the sinner proves the unreality of sin.

Prayer It is doubtful if any chapter in the textbook, Science and Health, has attracted more attention or has been responsible for satisfying more people of the practicality of Christian Science than the chapter on Prayer with which the book opens. In the first sentence of this chapter we read: "The prayer that reforms the sinner and heals the sick is an absolute faith that all things are possible to God—a spiritual understanding of Him, an unselfed love" (p. 1). Just a few lines farther on the author says: "Desire is prayer; and no loss can occur from trusting God with our desires, that they may be moulded and exalted before they take form in words and deeds" (p. 1). Could anything be more simple or yet more sublime? Could anything capable of expression in words bring us closer to God, the great heart of Love? It is to such prayer that we can resort when we enter into our closet and shut the door with the assurance that as we pray to our Father in secret, He will reward us openly. We enter into this closet, "the secret place of the most High," as we rise above the arguments of material sense and realize that we are alone with God. No audible words, no human intermediary, no particular posture is necessary for such prayer to be heard. We only need the deep and abiding sense that we are in the presence "of Him whom to know aright is Life eternal" (Science and Health, Pref., p. vii). It matters not how difficult a condition may seem to be, it cannot interfere with our right to appeal to our loving Father-Mother God, nor can error prevent us from hearing the "still small voice" of Truth in answer to our desire.

It is this silent prayer of understanding of the allness of God, of man's oneness with Him and the consequent nothingness of evil which banishes and destroys the manifestations of the supposititious opposite, whether it argues to us as sin, sickness, or death. Jesus made quite clear the difference between those who prayed in the streets or synagogues to be heard of men, or who employed vain repetitions, or who made long prayers expecting to be heard because of their much speaking, and the silent prayer with which we approach our heavenly Father in the quiet of our closet, or mental home.

Right here it might be well to say a word about absent treatment, which is not always understood by those unfamiliar with the teachings of Christian Science. As we begin to understand the allness, the infinitude of God, the human, limited sense of time and space lose their imaginary power, and it is proved that prayer under such conditions is quite as efficacious whether the patient is in the same room or thousands of miles away. Why think it incredible that healing should result from absent treatment? Remember that when Jesus was at Capernaum, he healed instantaneously the sabbath's son who was sick at Capernaum, several miles away; again, when our Master came into Capernaum after his exalted experience on the mountains, he healed the centurion's servant who lay at home sick of the palsy. If God is omnipotent and omnipresent, there is no place where He is not, nor can we by any chance or possibility be separated from His presence or power. Our limited, finite sense of space is being rapidly overcome. You recall that on one occasion, after Jesus fed the five thousand, the disciples were returning by boat to Capernaum. A high wind arose and they were not making much headway, when Jesus appeared, walking on the water. As soon as he came aboard, immediately the ship was at the other side. Compared with this demonstration, our achievements body, or to rub something upon it, in order to make it more comfortable, not realizing that it actually has no more sensation or intelligence than a log of wood or a bag of meal excepting for the so-called mind of which the material body is the externalization. In other words, a mortal body is only the manifestation of mortal mind. Now as nearly all of you know, the word "mortal" is derived from the Latin *mors*, *mortis*, death—from *mor*, to die; hence it is the erroneous, mortal concept of body which gives us so much concern and which is said to finally return to the dust of which it was made. It is from this false concept that

proceeds all the pain, sickness, and distress from which mankind cries out for deliverance.

If the expected relief from bodily discord is not forthcoming as the result of the use of drugs or other material remedies, it is not infrequently happens that a change of climate is resorted to. As a geographical location could have any more effect upon the elements contained in the physical body than if they were contained in a bottle. In every such case, the cause and effect are predicated upon the same fallacy of intelligent matter, but, may I ask, how would the drugs or medicinal treatment affect the same matter after the so-called mortal mind had left it?

We have no evidence that Jesus ever employed drugs in order to effect a cure; yet he healed countless cases without the aid of any material means. Paul said, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind," therefore it is the human mind that must be educated out of its false beliefs, and that is the basis upon which Christian Science operates.

Shakespeare uttered a truism when he said that "there is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so." If our premise is wrong, it naturally follows that our conclusions and results will likewise be wrong. If the patient who believes in the efficacy of drugs and the physician who depends upon drugs fail to accomplish the anticipated results, the discouraged patient wonders if there is any relief possible in some other direction. Here enters Christian Science with its message of hope, declaring that there is a way out; that the way of salvation which Jesus made clear is still open and unobstructed, and that the promises he made—with which the Scriptures abound—were not limited to his immediate hearers but to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear. Mrs. Eddy tells us in her book "Retrospection and Introspection" that "the mortal body being but the objective state of the mortal mind, this mind must be renovated to improve the body" (p. 34). When the afflicted one begins to realize that the promises are true and applicable specifically to him, the shackles of fear and doubt begin to loosen, he ceases the meager contemplation of material, bodily conditions, and there dawns in his consciousness a gleam of hope which expands into spiritual understanding which acts him free. Neither human will power, suggestion, nor the hypnotic control of one human mind by another has brought about this demonstration.

How can we doubt that the same God who led the children of Israel through the Red Sea and guided them through all the years of their pilgrimage to the promised land, who delivered Daniel from the lions' den, whose protective power enabled the Hebrew children to walk unscathed through the burning, fiery furnace, is able to deliver His children to-day from the mental, moral, and physical disorders with which they seemingly have to contend?

Christian Science is proving hourly that all things are possible with God, and therefore there is a very lively hope for the so-called hopeless. The healings which Jesus accomplished are beautifully described by Mrs. Eddy in Science and Health (pp. 476, 477) as follows: "Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick." Christian Scientists are striving to follow the example of Jesus by healing the sick in this same way, and the opportunity for such an attainment is open to all.

Salvation The salvation of which mankind is to-day so sorely in need is to gain the right idea of God and man. Salvation Continued on page 6

Classified

AUTOMOBILE SUPPLIES



CADILLAC - LA SALLE OFFICIAL SERVICE
Garage - Overhauling - Accessories
GREEN BAY AUTO STATION
500 N. Green Bay st. Tel. H. P. 233

BLACKBURN WELDING CO.
ELECTRIC ARC and ACETYLENE
Cracked motor blocks welded without removing from chassis
In rear, 20 N. Second St.
Night Service
Phone H.P. 2684 Phone H.P. 2881

32 N. First St. Tel. H. P. 1234
Opposite Northwestern Depot
LARSON BROS.
GARAGE and CAB SERVICE
Automobile Street and Repaired
Batteries Charged

HIGHLAND PARK AUTO BODY & FENDER WORKS
Tel. H. P. 2146 4 Central Court
Near of telephone bldg.
OPEN FOR BUSINESS
Supervisory our foundation
A Real Body Shop
Tires, Drums, Fenders, Glass for all models
Wrecks Rebuilt

Haak's Auto Supply Co.
TIRES FRESH TUNES
AUTO ACCESSORIES - BATTERIES
Phone H. P. 281 22 E. SECOND ST.
Batteries Recharged, Rebuilt and Repaired

Telephone Highland Park 542
JAMES COLLINS
Auto Painter
LETTERING - MONOGRAMS
High Grade Work
516-518 Laurel Avenue

MOTOR CAR ELECTRIC SERVICE
AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRICIANS
Starting - Lighting - Ignition
Generators, Stators, Spark Plugs Replaced
Electric Overhaul, Rebuilt and Repaired
Antenna, Buses, Delco, Battery, Dynamo, Switches
Phosphor Bronze Gold Inserts
TEL. H. P. 255 515 LAUREL AVE.

Telephone H. P. 2774 513 Elm Place
Highland Park Auto Radiator Shop
Repair or Rebuild Any Make of Radiator
Takes Drums and Dents out of Your Auto Body and Fenders
Drive your car in and get estimate

BEVERAGES
HIGHLAND PARK BEVERAGE CO.
Manufacturers of Carbonated Beverages
Order a case of Highland Club or Golden Spike Ginger Ale to-day
420 North First St. Tel. H. P. 1700

JOHN ZENGELER
Cleaner and Dyer
25 North Sheridan Road
We Operate Our Own Plant in Highland Park
Telephone H. P. 169

Now Is the Best Time for Planting
Our nursery is located at Prairie Avenue, Highwood. Come to the nursery and see our growing stock before you buy.



Charles Landscapes
Landscape Gardening
We have fruit shrubs and trees, ornamental shrubs and trees, and the best evergreens for this climate. Stop in and look at them, or telephone and let us tell you about them.
Telephone H. P. 233 PRAIRIE AVENUE, HIGHWOOD

PROFESSIONAL and BUSINESS Directory

BUTTER AND EGGS
Telephone Highland Park 57
Lake Shore Creamery
C. B. Hanson
BUTTER - EGGS
HOME DRESSED POULTRY
685 Central Avenue

GEORGE TUCKER
BUTTER AND EGGS
FRESH DRESSED POULTRY
TO ORDER
519 Oakwood ave. Tel. H. P. 1129

CEMENT CONTRACTOR
Telephone Highland Park 1482
P. UGOLINI
Cement Work & Grading Contractor
Concrete Sidewalks, Cement Floors and everything in the Cement Line. Estimates furnished on Request. All kinds of Grading.
217 North Green Bay Road

DECORATORS
BRAND BROS.
PAINTING AND DECORATING
Paints, Wall Paper, Glass
Window Shades, Auto Glass
Painters' Supplies
Central & Second St. Tel. H. P. 949

Telephone Highland Park 1240
DANIEL A. FAY
Painting
Paper Hanging - Interior Decorating
First Class Work Estimates furnished
Formerly with Henshaw, Stull, Chicago
E. A. Maxwell Wall Paper Patrons
638 Skokie Avenue

FRANK MOWERS
PAINTING - DECORATING
PAPERHANGING
649 Vine Ave.
Phone Highland Park 1261
HIGHLAND PARK, ILL.

DENTISTS
Office Phone Highland Park 2769
C. V. NICHOLS, D.D.S.
SHERIDAN BUILDING
Highland Park, Ill.

DR. G. G. POSTELS
DENTIST
319 Railroad Ave. Tel. H. P. 2186
Opposite C. & N. W. Depot, Highwood
New Olander & Brown Bldg.

DR. A. L. BERG, DENTIST
314 Railroad Ave., Highwood
Phone Highwood 2151
Hours 9 to 12-1 to 5
Evenings by Appointment

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS
RADIO AND ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

VETTER ELECTRIC SERVICE
Contracting and repairing
Attractive line of fixtures
PHONE HIGHLAND PARK 2222
"Vetter and Better All the Time"

APPLIANCES WIRING
Authorized Radio Dealer
HIGHLAND PARK ELECTRIC SHOP
John Kelly, Prop.
EVERYTHING ELECTRICAL
Radio Troubles - We Fix 'em
PHONE 212 529 W. CENTRAL AVE.

EXCAVATING
Tel. H. P. 2971
Mrs. Mezzini & Son
Flowing, Excavating, Gravel, Sand,
Block Dirt, Manure
Railroad Ave. Highwood, Ill.

FLORIST
"Say It With Flowers"
ERWIN F. DREISKE
FLORIST
Artistic Funeral Designs
53 South St. John's Avenue
Phone Highland Park 982

GENERAL CONTRACTOR
ALEX. S. BURGESS
MASON - GENERAL CONTRACTOR
Prices right and work satisfactory
Phone Zim 266-M receive charges
Zim, Illinois

NICK BRANDONISHO
General Building Contractor
622 Railroad Ave. Highwood, Ill.
Phone H. P. 2782

INTERIOR DECORATIONS AND FURNISHINGS
683 Central Ave. Tel. H. P. 989-2929
W. B. FREBERG
Interior Decorations, Window Shades
Lamp Shades and Draperies
Furniture Painting and Decorating
703 Deerfield Ave. Tel. H. P. 2443-989

MOVING & EXPRESSING
EXPRESS AND MOVING
W. E. CUMMINGS
122 Wendale Ave. Highwood, Ill.
TEAMING, EXPRESSING AND FURNITURE MOVING
Telephone H. P. 265

Office Telephone Highland Park 24
F. D. Clavey
Ravina Nurseries
Established
EVERGREENS TREES SHRUBS
Highland Park, Ill.

PLUMBING & HEATING
When you are contemplating building or remodeling, consult—
M. A. FRANTZ
PLUMBING and HEATING
Phone 219-R or 219-J Deerfield, Ill.

Telephone H. P. 993
GUST OSTRAND
PLUMBING and HEATING
Durant Oil Burners
217 Burchell Ave. Highwood, Ill.

PLASTERING CONTRACTORS
OFFICE 225 BLOOM STREET
Peter H. K. Grimson
PLASTERING CONTRACTORS
Ornamental and Domestic Plastering
Telephone Highland Park 599

SIGNS
S-I-G-N-S
ANY AND ALL KINDS
W. B. Freberg
702 Deerfield Ave. Tel. H. P. 2028-999

TAILOR
E. NELSON
Dry Cleaning - Pressing
Tailoring and Repairing
Garments called for and delivered
Tel. H. P. 495 35 S. St. John's Ave.

UPHOLSTERING
Highwood Upholstering Shop
A. Carlson, Prop.
Furniture Repairing and Upholstering
Will call for and deliver
Sewing Machines adjusted and cleaned
289 WASHINGTON ST. PHONE 2287
Highwood, Ill.

HIGHLAND PARK UPHOLSTERING
Joseph Krany, Prop.
Upholstering and Repairing; Slip
Covers made to order; Mattresses
Renovated
Work called for and delivered
388 Central Ave. Phone 2412

17 North Second Street
J. STONEWALL
For a REAL UPHOLSTERY JOB
SLIP COVERS - WINDOW SEALS
Mattress Encasing - Furniture Repairing
Call
Telephone Highland Park 573

When your furniture needs repairs
CANNERY WORK - REFINISHING
ENAMELING and DECORATING
Phone H. P. 2976
H. P. STANLEY
664 Deerfield Avenue
Any wood work repairs inside your home

MISCELLANEOUS
CHARLOTTE D. WORTH
CRITIC
Announces the opening of a winter series of fiction technique classes. Consultation by appointment. Information on request.
Tel. H. P. 1423 or State 699